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RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION
BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

9:00 A.M.

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Johnston, RI 02919

In Attendance

Jeanne Boyle, Treasurer and Finance Subcommittee Chair
Joseph White, Governance Subcommittee Chair
Lori Ann Pezzullo, Recycling Subcommittee Member
Michael DiBiase, Governance and Finance Subcommittee Member
Judith Kawa, Recycling Subcommittee Member
Charles Lombardi, Finance Subcommittee Member (arrived at 9:05)

Absent

Michael Sabitoni, Chair and Ad-Hoc on all Subcommittees
Geoffrey Kirkman, Vice Chair and Recycling Subcommittee Chair
Geri-Ann DiPaolo, Governance Subcommittee Member

Staff Present

Michael OConnell, Executive Director
Brian Card, Director of Operations and Engineering
Chris Jocelyn, Human Resources Director
Mike McGonagle, Director IT and Business Analysis
Julie Azanon, Human Resources Specialist
Dean Huff, Chief Financial Officer
Lori Perron, Purchasing Director
Russell Amato, Security Officer
Joe Rotella, Special Waste Manager
Krystal Noiseux, Education and Outreach Manager
Katherine Hypolite, Communications Coordinator

Others Present

Ron Ronzio, Allied Court Reporters
Joe McGair, Petrarca & McGair
Michael Hogan, House Policy
Jonathan Hedlund, SCS Engineers

Call to Order

Acting Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Pledge of Allegiance.
Commissioners Boyle, DiBiase, Kawa, Pezzullo, and White present.

Agenda Items

1. Good and Welfare for the Audience

None.

2. Board Subcommittee Reports

None.

3. Executive Director Report

Michael OConnell reported that the Transparency Act Audit is on-going, as was reported in the Governance subcommittee meeting earlier in the day.

RIRRC met with representatives from the city of Providence earlier in the week regarding the tremendous amount of contamination in the city's recycling loads, at a cost to the city of about \$700,000 per year. This translates to about \$600,000 in cost to RIRRC in cost and lost revenue. The city's poor execution of the new cart program, as well as a number of challenges including multi-family housing, remote landlords, and language barriers, contribute to the extreme contamination. RIRRC will work with the city to brainstorm solutions and a plan to rectify the issues. Commissioners questioned whether we should be investing resources to resolve the problem since the cost to Resource Recovery is so high. Representatives from the city will attend the November board meeting.

Mediation in the Restivo case did not result in any movement or resolution. The case will be appealed by Restivo in RI Supreme Court in late 2017.

Maketa will make a presentation at the October meeting with an update on the landfill trust funds.

In November RIRRC will review data and finances associated with establishing the new municipal rate and will present this to the full board at the December 7 meeting. RIRRC must publish the new rate to the cities and towns by December 31.

We have begun the first phase of landfill capping with closure turf.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve regular and executive session meeting minutes from 8/3/16 made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Pezzullo. Passed 6-0

5. New Contracts

a. Perimeter Litter Fence

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement for RFP #730, Perimeter Litter Fence, with Net Connection, LLC of Birmingham, AL for an amount not to exceed \$227,403 for approximately 1,200 linear feet of litter fencing. This award shall also include an approximate 10% contingency in the amount of \$23,000 and shall only be used with prior

written approval by the Executive Director. The total amount requested for approval is \$250,403. The contract term will commence upon signing of the contractual documents and continue until August 30, 2017. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Kawa and seconded by Commissioner White. Passed 6-0.

6. Contract Increases or Extensions

a. Electronic Waste Collection and Recycling Services

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director increase the contractual amount of RFP #721-1 by \$320,000 for a revised total contract of \$520,000. Motion to approve made by Commissioner DiBiase and seconded by Commissioner White. Passed 6-0. There will be a follow up presentation to the board next month explaining the statute and how it works and why it is now causing RIRRC to bear those incremental costs.

b. Phase VI Area 1A

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to increase the contractual amount for IFB #148, Phase VI Areas 1A and 2 Baseline Project, with JH Lynch & sons, Inc., by \$376,414, bringing the new contract amount to \$15,722,936, with the contingency amount remaining the same at \$1,222,345. The new total project amount is \$16,945,281. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Kawa and seconded by Commissioner DiBiase. Passed 6-0.

7. Other Business

a. Board Election of Officers

Deferred to October meeting.

c. How is My City or Town Doing?

Krystal Noiseux provided an in-depth explanation of the data contained in the "2015 How is My city or Town Doing?" Noiseux described how each of the different numbers is derived, what they mean, and how they relate to each other. There was also a discussion around contamination in recycling loads and the cost to the city or town for having to divert contaminated loads to the landfill.

8. Next Regular Meeting Date

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DiBiase and seconded by Commissioner Kawa. Passed 6-0.

Adjourned at 10:00 A.M.