

**ONONDAGA COUNTY
RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2009
BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Board Members Present:	Jake Barrett, Jeffrey DeRoberts, Esq., Mark Donnelly, Roger B. Eidt, Jonathan Y. Kelley, Lee Klosowski, P.E., Donald Lawless, Rachel May, Ravi Raman, P.E., Michael J. Reilly, CPA, Richard Smardon, Ph.D.
Board Members Absent:	Dereeth B. Glance, Gwendolyn Raeford, Robert R. Ripberger
Also Present:	A. T. Rhoads, William J. Bulsiewicz, Esq., Warren Simpson, Andrew Radin, Kristen Lawton, Maria Cirino, Amy Lawrence (Joseph Fontanella – out ill)
Guests:	none

The Board Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Mr. Donnelly reminded Board Members that the required Public Authority Accountability Act (PAAA) course for Board Members is scheduled for October 23rd at the Ramada Inn. Prior registration is required. Cathy Strong will be happy to register you for the course, if you have not already taken it.

The August 12, 2009 Minutes of the Board were accepted as presented, and filed.

The TREASURER’S REPORT was presented by R. Raman. Copies of the report were distributed to Board Members. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the Budget, the Series A/B Bonds, and Covanta in Year 2015.

The EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT was presented by A.T. Rhoads. Copies of the report were distributed to Board Members.

The AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by R. Eidt. Copies were distributed to Board Members. Following are highlights of the Audit Committee Meeting:

- The Committee informed management that presentations from the top three CPA firm candidates for the Professional Auditing Services contract were heard. The Committee went into Executive

Session to discuss the presentations. The Committee recommended Testone, Marshall and Discenza to be retained to perform the 2009, 2010, and have an option for the 2011 Agency audits.

- The Genesis Pro Software Controls Audit final report, Agency Drivers in NYS LENS Program Audit final report, 2nd Quarter 2009 Incentive Payout Review interim report, and the IA Status Report were provided to the Committee and Management for their review.

Resolution # 1675 — Resolution Authorizing Contract for 2009, 2010, and Option for 2011 OCRRA Audits was moved by R. Eidt and seconded by J. Barrett. The Resolution was adopted: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (J. DeRoberts and R. Raman).

The OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by J. Kelley, and copies were distributed to Board Members. Following are highlights of the Operations Committee Meeting:

- The Committee Chair postponed the scheduled Strategic Planning discussion for C&D Recovery and Disposal to the September Meeting.
- All other information items were covered in a lengthy discussion regarding cost-cutting measures already implemented and possible future cost reductions.
- Amy Lawrence highlighted the Engineer's Report and answered questions regarding the ongoing Title V Permit renewal process.
- The Committee approved a change order that is within the discretionary authority of the Executive Director for the Roofing and Siding Project for Ley Creek.
- The Committee entered Executive Session to discuss Union Contract Negotiations.

Resolution # 1676 — Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Suspend Use of Biodiesel Fuel in Agency Transfer Operations was moved by J. Kelley and seconded by J. Barrett. The Resolution was adopted: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

The ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by D. Lawless. Copies were distributed to Board Members, and following are highlights of the Committee Meeting:

- The Committee reviewed the Administration Budget Lines for 2010, as well as some current 2010 budget amounts. The Committee recommended \$641,500 in cuts, and is proposing Resolutions regarding cuts in the Public Education, Non-Profit Recycling Grant, and Non-Profit Monthly Credits. The full list of Committee 2010 Budget recommendations was distributed to Board Members. Including the \$3,366,000 Board reduction in Electric Revenues from the low case estimate from ZE Power Group for 2010, our budgetary deficit for 2010 currently stands at about \$4,433,000.

- The Committee went into Executive Session to discuss Labor Agreement Negotiation issues.

Resolution # 1677 — **Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Suspend Recycling Pilot Grant Program** was moved by D. Lawless and seconded by R. Raman. A discussion followed. It was stated that more of an explanation was needed on this Resolution. This Resolution was voted upon, and did **not** pass: 2 ayes, 8 nays (DeRoberts, Eidt, Kelley, Klosowski, May, Raman, Reilly, and Smardon), 0 abstentions.

Resolution # 1678 — **Resolution To Go Into Executive Session** for the purpose of obtaining legal advice was moved by R. May and seconded by J. Barrett. This Resolution was adopted: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Executive Session began at 6:30 p.m. and concluded at 6:55 p.m.

Resolution # 1679 — **Resolution Authorizing Agency's Executive Director to Suspend Recycling Credit Program for Non-Profit Groups** was moved by D. Lawless and seconded by J. Barrett. R. May proposed that this Resolution be amended to state in the Resolved paragraph, "not-to-exceed \$20,000". The Board consented to the amendment. The Resolution was adopted with the amendment: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Resolution # 1680 — **Resolution Amending Proposed Agency Budget to Reduce Allocation for Recycling Media Placement** was moved by D. Lawless and seconded by J. DeRoberts. An amendment was proposed to "*its fiscal 2010 preliminary budget to decrease the allocation for public education media placement promoting recycling in our community during fiscal 2010 from \$340,000 to \$12,000*". As amended, this Resolution did **not** pass: 7 ayes, 4 nays (Donnelly, Kelley, Lawless, and May), and 0 abstentions.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by C.M. Strong.

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