

**ONONDAGA COUNTY  
RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY**

**APRIL 13, 2011  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**



<b>Board Members Present:</b>	<b>Jake Barrett, John P. Copanas, Hanah Ehrenreich, Scott Gerharz, Lee Klosowski, P.E., Donald Lawless, Rachel May, Ph.D., Ravi Raman, P.E.</b>
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	<b>Khristopher A. Dodson, Jonathan Y. Kelley, Michael J. Reilly, CPA, Richard Smardon, Ph.D.</b>
<b>Also Present:</b>	<b>A. T. Rhoads, William J. Bulsiewicz, Esq., Andrew Radin, Joseph Fontanella, Kristen Lawton, Maria Cirino, Amy Miller Warren Simpson (On Vacation)</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	

The April 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

Board Minutes of March 9, 2011 were accepted as presented and filed.

The TREASURER’S REPORT was presented by D. Lawless, and copies of the report were distributed to the Board.

The 2015 COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by L. Klosowski. Copies of the report were distributed to the Board Members. This report was written as “confidential”; suffice to say that there were several Board discussions regarding various scenarios and alternatives related to Year 2015.

The GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by J. Barrett. Copies of the report were distributed to Board Members. Following are highlights from the Governance Committee Meeting:

- Board vacancies were discussed. The Recruitment and the Retention of Board Members. Mr. Barrett said that there is a functional need for having a full complement of Members in order to have a quorum when voting.

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- Regarding Legislation, the Committee discussed Committee assignment of any future legislative proposals. The question was, “Which Committee should pursue legislation and update OCRRA’s Enabling Legislation?” The Board Members concurred that the **Administration Committee** is the proper Committee to pursue OCRRA’s Enabling Legislation.
  - The Agency’s Vision and Mission Statements were discussed and fine-tuned by the Committee. The Authorities Budget Office (ABO) requires that a Mission Statement be submitted; and the ABO also requires that it be annually reviewed.
  - The Committee discussed a new Committee meeting format – the possibility of combining a couple of meetings or scheduling them on a back-to-back basis in order to alleviate Board Members from making so many trips to OCRRA for various individual meetings.

The RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by R. May. Copies of the report were distributed to Board Members. Following are some of the highlights from the Recycling Committee Meeting:

- The February Recycling Figures are as follows:

Mandatory Recycling:	16,700 tons
Mandatory & Voluntary Recycling:	40,000 tons
Total Waste Reduction through Recycling:	66%

- OCRRA has been recognized with a 2011 National Award from the American Forest and Paper Association (AF&PA) for **Excellence in Community Recycling**, based on a competitive application process evaluating depth of program, public education and outreach, and program results. The American Forest & Paper Association is the National Trade Association of the forest products industry, representing pulp, paper, packaging, and wood products manufacturers, and forest landowners. AF&PA has posted a case study of the OCRRA Recycling Program on their website. Please visit [http://paperrecycles.org/case\\_study/2011/community/case\\_ocrra.html](http://paperrecycles.org/case_study/2011/community/case_ocrra.html)
- Soft cover books recycling began on April 1, 2011.
- There was a 47% waste reduction in 2010 through commercial and residential recycling of “mandatory” recyclables (vs. 2009: Also, 47% waste reduction through recycling). The OCRRA Facility Permit Conditions (for Transfer Stations and WTEF) **requires a 40% recycling rate.**
- 234,500 tons of “mandatory” recyclables, resulting in **avoided waste disposal fees of over \$15 million** (vs. 2009: 245,000 tons of mandatory recyclables).
- The Committee discussed potential changes to the 20-year old County Source Separation (recycling) Law, identifying sections which may be ripe for revision/update; recommendations would be

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provided to the Board, and ultimately to the County Legislature in contemplation of revised legislation. The Committee will discuss this topic further.

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

Mr. Rhoads discussed a goal for the year; the topic, "Diversify and Align Revenue Stream with Mission"; and he asked, "What are some other revenue mechanisms, or mechanics, that might be a good way for the Agency to diversify or align its revenues with the Agency's Mission?" Criteria for Assessing Revenue Strategies document was distributed to the Board Members for their review, as well as the revenue tools described in New York State's Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Rhoads encouraged the Board to create OCRRA's own assessment criteria, and also develop perspectives on the overarching considerations in how a revenue strategy might be implemented, or how it might perform.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by C.M. Strong.



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