

DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

MAY 17TH, 2012 – MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency convened at 5:00 p.m. at the offices of the Agency located at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, New York. Those present included E. Mills, Chairman; R. Mosca, Vice-Chairman, D. Nestler, Treasurer, and Board Member E. Kinkade; Agency Staff, W. J. Calogero and D. Walsh; Agency Counsel, J. Nelson; D. Leibnitz, HDR; J. McCarthy and M. Cavaliere, Covanta Hudson Valley Renewable Energy LLC; and L. Carille, Dutchess County Solid Waste Coordinator.

- 1. Regular Session** – Chairman E. Mills called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
- 2. Minutes** – Chairman E. Mills presented the minutes of the April 19, 2012 board meeting. A motion to approve the April 19, 2012 board meeting minutes was made by E. Kinkade, seconded by D. Nestler and unanimously approved.
- 3. Operating Report** – D. Walsh reported that the budget set for incoming waste tonnage for the month of April was 13,016 tons and the Facility received a total of 13,340 tons. The year-to-date tonnage continues to remain ahead of budget, running more than 9,000 tons over budget.

The MRF received 287 tons of recyclables for the month of April and had \$9,858 worth of revenue from the recyclables.

The May Household Hazardous Waste Day was held at in Pawling. There were 57 attendees. The Event ran smoothly. A large volume of chemicals were collected at this location along with a reasonable amount of electronics. This Event was advertised in the “Mid-Hudson, Our Towns” section of the Poughkeepsie Journal newspaper.

- 4. Engineer Report** – D. Leibnitz informed the Board that from April 19, 2012 until May 16, 2012 the Facility has operated with an average availability of 95.8%, 100.0% and 99.1% on Unit Nos. 1, 2 and the Turbine-generator, respectively. The outage on Unit No. 1 was for a boiler wash. Short outages on the Turbine-Generator were due to a utility breaker trip for four hours and a control air malfunction for two hours.

During a brief control room inspection at 2:00 pm, the Facility was running at a normal rate. Unit Nos. 1 and 2 were producing 92,000 pph of steam and generating approximately 7.7 MW of power. The pit presently contains approximately 1800 tons of MSW.

The updated Performance summary sheet was presented. In April, the Facility processed MSW at a Capacity Utilization of 104.5%. The high capacity utilization is due to high processing rates as well as relatively high waste HHV most likely caused by the recent dry weather. The overall availability was 93.6%. The Facility processed waste at an average daily

throughput of approximately 464 tons per day and produced 69,074 kilo-pounds of steam. Efficiency was measured at 323 net kWh/ton.

The annual emissions compliance test was completed on April 27th and the results are due in from the testing firm shortly.

HDR received, from a professional engineer in New York, the signed and sealed roof repair drawings from Covanta. HDR conducted a brief visual inspection of the membrane portion of the repaired roof area and found the quality of work to be satisfactory.

HDR, the Agency, and Covanta continued with weekly meetings to resolve the annual reconciliation documents of 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, among other topics. All four reconciliation documents have been brought up to date and resolved with the exception of a few remaining issues.

5. **Agency Financial Report** – W. Calogero presented the payables in the amount of \$1,199,576.06. Chairman E. Mills inquired about the fee listed for the SWANA conference. W. Calogero replied that it is the charge for attending the conference for one day at the Sagamore resort.

A motion was made by R. Mosca, seconded by D. Nestler and unanimously approved to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,199,576.06.

W. Calogero spoke about the delinquent account of Robisons Refuse. There has been no effort by Robisons to pay their outstanding debt. Agency counsel will begin further collection efforts.

There were no further questions regarding the financials.

6. **Committee Reports**

Finance Committee

Chairman E. Mills requested the Finance Committee contact Toski and Company (the Agency's auditor) either by a conference call or by a personal meeting to further discuss the net service fee and the host community benefit issues.

Governance Committee

Chairman E. Mills asked if the Agency is current with its postings and filings with the public authority along with its postings for the Agency's website. W. Calogero replied that it is current and all up to date.

7. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

- 8. Executive Session** – At 5:25 pm, a motion to move into Executive Session for discussions relating to contractual matters was made by E. Kinkade, seconded by R. Mosca and unanimously approved.

The meeting resumed back to public session at 6:35 pm.

- 9. Other Business** – W. Calogero recommended to the Board that a letter be sent out to licensed haulers limiting the amount of construction and demolition (C&D) debris coming into the Facility. There is a need to discourage non-combustible C&D from entering the Facility because of the adverse effect on the emissions and its effect on the operations and overall efficiency of the Facility. A motion was made by D. Nestler, seconded by R. Mosca and unanimously approved to have Agency counsel assist in composing the correspondence in which notification will be sent out to the licensed haulers, the County Solid Waste Coordinator and the Facility Operator over incoming C&D debris material.

Ash Residue: The current contracts with the ash vendors expires the end of 2012. Based on the Agency Procurement Policy, Chairman E. Mills stated that the staff will need to begin developing an RFP to select ash haulers and disposal sites. A motion was made by E. Kinkade, seconded by D. Nestler and unanimously approved to proceed with the development of an RFP for ash haulage and disposal.

Agency Counsel was directed by the Board of Directors to reaffirm the Resolution that the Resource Recovery Agency does hereby elect to provide the additional pension benefits of Section 41-j of the Retirement and Social Security law, as presently or hereafter amended, and that the effective date of such a benefit program shall now be the first day of June 2012. A motion to grant approval was made by E. Kinkade, seconded by D. Nestler and unanimously approved.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Calogero
Executive Director