

DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

JUNE 21, 2018 – 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 W. Nussbickel, Chairman; D. Petrovits, Vice-Chairman; D. Denisoff, Secretary; and Board Member J. Senft; Agency Staff, L. Carille and D. Walsh; and Agency Counsel, J. Mackey.

1. **Regular Session** – Chairman W. Nussbickel called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.
2. **Executive Session** – A motion at 5:21 pm to move into Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation was made by J. Senft, seconded by D. Petrovits and unanimously carried.

The meeting moved back into public session at 5:40 pm with no decisions made during Executive Session.

3. **Minutes** – Chairman W. Nussbickel presented the minutes of the May 17, 2018 board meeting. A motion to approve the May 17, 2018 board meeting minutes was made by J. Senft, seconded by D. Petrovits and unanimously approved.
4. **Balanced Scorecard Report** – There was no waste diversion in May. Both boilers and the turbine ran at 100% in May. The Net Agency Tons (NAT) for the month was 13,373.30. The net energy conversion performance rate in May was 195.5 kWh/NAT. The electric recovery guarantee was not met in May. The ferrous recovery in May was calculated to be 4.06%. The metal guarantee was met. The official wet ash residue was calculated to be 37.23% which exceeded the 32.0 percent guarantee which resulted in a credit back to the Agency of \$28,542.97. The value of the submitted invoice for \$898,492.28 to Wheelabrator is considered complete and approved for payment to Wheelabrator.

L. Carille stated that even though the plant has received a high volume of dry waste the problem continues with the combustion. The burn has not been great which causes the energy performance for the plant to be poor. The Operator recently did maintenance work on the boilers thinking the performance would improve but it did not. In the upcoming July scheduled outage, the plan is to take Boiler No. 1 down to do more extensive work on the combustor and the same for Boiler No. 2. Since the waste has not maintained a steady, continual burn, they have not been able to catch up on the overall volume of waste inside the pit. The pit level continues to remain high. The Agency did divert waste in June and most likely will continue through July for the upcoming July 9th outage. The Operator is currently in discussions with bypassing the waste to other locations.

Permission was granted by the NYSDEC to dewater the ash. There were several conditions imposed including some costly upgrades to the transfer station bypass area. Temporary

measures have been allowed until those conditions can be satisfied. Quotes are expected back soon for the work involved.

There were 2 responses received back from the Ash Request for Proposal; Riccelli Enterprises and Royal Carting. Riccelli Enterprises proposed to use three landfills all at a cost of \$86.00/ton. Royal Carting proposed four landfills with costs ranging from \$51.67 - \$66.40/ton. Prices increase annually by 3% and subject to a fuel surcharge for each renewal year. The present landfill the Agency uses now had made several conditions to the quality of ash along with only accepting the material seven months out of the year. The new contract will need to take effect July 1, 2018. Discussion continued.

After evaluation of the proposals, the Agency Board decided to contract with Panichi Holding Corp. d/b/a Royal Carting to transport and dispose the Agency's ash residue to Ontario County Landfill, Chemung County Landfill and Hyland County Landfill where it will beneficially be reused.

Resolution No. 844 – Contract for Hauling and Re-Use of Ash

The Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and execute contracts with Panichi Holding Corp. d/b/a Royal Carting for an eighteen month initial term price of \$66.40 per ton for ash disposed at Ontario County Landfill, \$57.40 per ton for ash disposed at Chemung County Landfill and a no more than \$66.40 per ton cost for ash disposed at the Hyland Landfill. All landfills have four one-year COLA and fuel price adjustments along with the options to extend the contract on the terms presented and discussed. A motion to approve Resolution No. 844 – Contract for Hauling and Re-Use of Ash was made by D. Petrovits, seconded by D. Denisoff and unanimously approved.

5. **Agency Financial Report** – The payables were presented in the amount of \$1,100,899.13. Chairman W. Nussbickel asked about the healthcare benefits monthly bill of \$7,821.97. It does include the cost for the Agency's retirees and there is a portion that is contributed back, depending upon the retirees years of service, which is approximately a total of \$2,000.00 each month. J. Senft asked if the bills from D. Abrams were finished. L. Carille replied that there is one possibly two more bills to follow. With no further discussion, a motion to approve the payables for \$1,100,899.13 was made by D. Petrovits, seconded by D. Denisoff and unanimously approved.
6. **Other Business** – L. Carille stated that A. Page, the County's consultant, is still involved with the negotiations for the Agency's Central Hudson contract. He did mention that the goal for his next meeting with the President of Central Hudson was to either continue with the Agency's present contract for an additional amount of years or have the utility company agree not to send a letter to the Agency stating that they will terminate the agreement. She will continue to update the Board with any further meetings or discussions.

L. Carille spoke about the Agency's current engineering firm, GBB. They are a great company to work with; however, do not employ a NY State licensed engineer, do not have any personnel located in NY State, and have had to contract out to other engineering firms for the

past two years. In addition, they were not knowledgeable with the compliance reporting the Agency is required to submit. L. Carille suggested the firm of D&B Engineers and Architects since they already work with the Islip Resource Recovery Facility and have extensive experience in waste-to-energy. A proposal was presented to the Board. After reviewing the tasks and estimation of labor and expenses, it was unanimously agreed that it would be in the Agency's best interest to have an engineering firm with the necessary specialized and specific qualifications in order to provide all required engineering services.

Resolution No. 845 Authorization for Professional Engineering Consulting Services

The Executive Director is authorized to hire D&B Engineers and Architects, PC for the required annual general Facility inspection report and other engineering services as needed. The initial contract is from August 1, 2018 to January 31, 2020 under the presented and attached fee schedule. A motion to approve Resolution No. 845 Authorization for Professional Engineering Consulting Services was made by J. Senft, seconded by D. Petrovits and unanimously approved.

There were no violations reported from NYSDEC.

There was no public comment.

With no further business to discuss, at 6:25 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by D. Petrovits, seconded by W. Nussbickel and unanimously carried.