

# DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

## JULY 16th, 2009 – MEETING MINUTES

Amended 8/20/09

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. Conners, Chairman; D. Nestler, Treasurer; R. Mosca, Secretary; Board Members, E. Mills and T. E. LeGrand; Agency Staff, W. J. Calogero, D. Walsh, and C. Tamney; J. Nelson, Agency Counsel, R. Chance, MDLLC; D. Leibnitz, HDR, and C. Chale, Vice Chairman participated via telephone.

1. **Regular Session** – W. Conners called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.
2. **Minutes** – W. Conners presented the minutes of the June 18th, 2009 Board Meeting. The minutes were deferred for approval until next month's Board Meeting.
3. **Operating Report – D. Walsh**

D. Walsh informed the Board that our monthly budget for June was 13,860 tons, and the actual tonnage received was 13,040 tons, 800 tons under budget for the month. The ytd tonnage is under by 1,440 tons. We still remain 6,000 tons ahead of last year at this time. There was some additional waste from Waste Management as their transfer station closed in Kingston. W. Calogero commented on how extremely well the plant has been running. The electricity generated for June was 4,202,980 Kwh resulting in revenue dollars of \$252,178.80.

Also requested from the last Board Meeting was a worksheet indicating the incoming volume of recyclables being delivered to the MRF for the past three years. W. Calogero noted the commingled tonnage this year that Hudson Baylor is transporting over to the facility to keep it operating. As indicated from the numbers, the carters are clearly bringing their materials over to other facilities. E. Mills asked if the worksheet could also include the tipping fees that are being charged each month. C. Chale agreed as well. D Walsh will revise the worksheet and include the requested information.

E. Mills asked for an update on the recent Household Hazardous Waste Day, July 11, 2009. W. Calogero remarked of the excellent turnout, 224 attendees. E. Mills came over to help out that day and his efforts were greatly appreciated. W. Calogero suggested that we begin to put more people in the allotted time slots, so that we may have a constant steady line of cars and they can follow one another. This would help eliminate confusion from motorists on where to enter or exit during the event. Nevertheless, the event still went very smoothly with cars spending an overall time of approximately ten minutes.

#### **4. Clean Air Update – D. Leibnitz**

Covanta Holding Corporation of Fairfield, New Jersey entered into a definitive agreement to purchase the north American assets of Veolia Environmental Services, specifically all the Montenay facilities in the USA and Canada, with the exceptions of Charleston and Pinellas at this time. The new fly-ash conditioning system is complete. The operations procedures are in progress and training will begin as soon as the operations supervisor, D. Blackmore, returns from the Pinellas County facility.

M. Groom of New Jersey has been hired to replace the failed siding on the south side of the boiler building and is scheduled to start work on Monday.

The facility has started operating at a reduced targeted average steam production rate since the waste delivery has slowed down in the last two weeks. This will guarantee that enough waste will be available in the event of further waste reductions and also ensures that enough waste is available when the facility enters into its Fall outage program scheduled for September 16, 2009. If the incoming waste stream builds up again, the operations will return to normal.

Downington Engineering Consultants is presently working with Montenay to design supplemental access penetrations in the base of the stack. This will allow the stack repairs to be performed in a more economical manner early next year.

The software modifications implemented last month by the Islip I & C Supervisor have been working very well. The improvement in baghouse inlet temperature control appears to have had beneficial effects on the overall operations of the plant.

Modifications to the Maintenance and Operations Manual are anticipated to be submitted to NYSDEC by August. HDR has completed the quarterly and semi-annual Title 5 certification reports and two Department of Energy reports. One Report #EIA-923 has been returned with comments that HDR will be addressing. The first semi-annual ash sampling report for the Agency is also being submitted to NYSDEC.

#### **5. Agency Financial Report – C. Tamney**

C. Tamney presented the payables in the amount of \$1,140,639.18. There were three additional bills added to the list from her e-mail; Drake, Loeb, Heller bill, the payroll tax bill and the HDR bill. A question was asked regarding the Drake, Loeb, Heller bill. C Tamney responded that it pertains to the Town of Poughkeepsie. W. Calogero added that this is the firm that is looking into the host community benefit matter and the billing that is going back and forth. A motion to approve the payables for payment in the amount of \$1,140,639.18 was made by T. E. LeGrand, seconded by D. Nestler and unanimously approved.

W. Calogero noted that under the Clean Air Act Budget all of the completed tasks are now listed in one area, and that CO #9 and #16 are the only two items that remain open. D.

Leibnitz has been periodically reporting on CO #16, which will be coming to a conclusion very soon.

T. E. LeGrand made a motion to accept the financials, seconded by R. Mosca, and unanimously approved.

## **6. Other Committee Reports**

W. Conners, along with W. Calogero, talked of their visit to the Reading Barn in Millbrook. They received an invitation from E. Dyson that runs a summer school program for children. They were asked to speak about what happens to the garbage in the County. They spoke of landfilling versus burning and also of recycling. There were questions and answers. Parents as well were in attendance. They handed out the Dutchess County recyclable bags. It just so happens that the children are sent home each day with a paper shopping bag, which now can be replaced with the Dutchess County recyclable bags. Overall it proved to be a good session not only for recycling but to recognize waste-to-energy and the facility we have here.

T. E. LeGrand spoke of the negativity the Agency has been experiencing from the recent press release stories in the Poughkeepsie Journal. He would like someone to look up and bring back the original stories on the public outcry for the creation of this facility. There was a garbage crisis back in the early 1980's. Dutchess County, under a Democratic County Executive and a Democratic controlled Legislature, made the decision to invest in this type of plant. Cost was not a consideration. The consideration was to have the waste handled in an environmentally assessed fashion. They did not want landfills nor did they want ashfills. Discussion continued.

T. E. LeGrand emphasized the importance for the Agency to respond. The public has only heard a one-sided story and they need to know the facts. He also mentioned that once the information on the original stories are found and put together, he would like to see it sent to this Agency Board and two leaders of the Legislature.

E. Mills informed the Board that on June 1, 2009 the Governance Committee met. He and C. Chale looked at the charter responsibilities of the Committee. There are a few items that need to be addressed and some policies to look over. They will be working on it and will be bringing it to the Board's consideration in the next couple of weeks.

E. Mills left the meeting at 6:05 pm.

W. Calogero mentioned how he was asked by this Board to get information on the scrap metal market price indexing. R. Stephen Lynch was to gather the information for him. He has not received anything back yet from him.

## 7. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

A motion to move into Attorney/Client Session at 6:10 pm to discuss a particular person or corporation was made by R. Mosca, seconded by D. Nestler and unanimously approved.

Resumed regular session at 6:20 p.m.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Calogero  
Executive Director