

# DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

## JULY 20, 2023 – MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency convened at 12:00 pm at the offices of the Agency located at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, New York. Those present included W. Nussbickel, Chairman and Board Member D. Michael. Agency Staff, K. Russell and D. Walsh; S. Tinkelman, Treasurer and Board Member J. Miccio via Teams Video Conferencing.

1. **Regular Session** – Chairman W. Nussbickel called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.
2. **Minutes** – Chairman W. Nussbickel presented the minutes of the June 15, 2023 board meeting. A motion to approve the June 15, 2023 board meeting minutes was made by W. Nussbickel, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously carried.
3. **Executive Report** – K. Russell spoke about the reduced performance of the Facility. Boiler No. 1 was down four days and Boiler No. 2 for fifteen days. Win Waste continues to address the shutdowns, bringing in contractors for repairs; however, they have been unsuccessful in running both boilers consistently. She recently learned that not all tubes were replaced during the maintenance outage, only 20 percent. Funding for that project was used for other repairs deemed more important. Board members voiced concern over the quality and performance of the plant and would like the Agency's legal counsel to be notified and briefed over the situation. K. Russell informed the Board that County Executive W. O'Neil and Win Waste Vice President Peter DiCecco do have upcoming discussions precisely over the matter. She will inform the Board over the outcome.

Diversions continue by Royal transporting waste directly from their facility to Win Waste Westchester Facility and Voyager Trucking hauling waste out from this Facility.

The turbine/generator came back from repairs and was installed successfully on July 14th. The plant is generating electricity on one boiler only. Boiler No. 2 is down with tube leaks.

There was a main water pipe break July 10<sup>th</sup> on Sand Dock Road that forced the plant to shut down receiving trash for 2 ½ days due to the high pit volume, the lack of water and safety concerns.

4. **Agency Financial Report** – The payables were presented in the amount of \$367,838.93. S. Tinkelman inquired about the Central Hudson bill for \$10,909.27. D. Walsh replied that it is the routine monthly bill that pertains to the cost of the interconnection equipment at the Sand Dock substation. Once a year, every July, the metering portion of the bill increases. He also asked about the two bills from Mackey Butts & Whalen. D. Walsh replied those charges were for the legal work requested by Win Waste on revising the Win Waste service agreement to a bond

from a letter of credit. The one bill contained charges for work done in May and the second bill in June. There were no further questions regarding the Financials. A motion to approve the payables for \$367,838.93 was made by J. Miccio, seconded by S. Tinkelman and unanimously approved.

There continues to be no net service fee. S. Tinkelman asked if the Agency has a target on how much money can be kept in the cash accounts and D. Michael asked if the Agency has a max cap that can be held in reserves. Chairman W. Nussbickel replied that he does not believe that applies here since this is a quasi-public agency. Staff agreed and will verify with the Agency's accounting firm, RBT.

- 5. Balance Scorecard** — K. Russell stated that the month of June the plant accounted for 12,837 tons of waste. From that tonnage, 4,040.54 tons had to be diverted and/or bypassed due to the high volume inside the pit. To date, Royal alone has diverted over 11,000 tons of waste to Westchester. That tonnage does count towards the Agency's 140,000 yearly contractual tonnage guarantee to Win Waste. Westchester management has been very helpful in accepting additional waste from Dutchess. Daily monitoring of the pit and planned notifications regarding waste flow are still necessary from the Agency.

The quality of metals improved this month. Conversations are still necessary to establish a weight limitation for the Contractor's debris deductions. Debris from every metal container is returned back to the Facility at no charge. Chairman W. Nussbickel will contact Baroni Recycling.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reconciliation with Win Waste had performance penalties of \$432,521.95 for the inability to generate electricity and \$78,068.80 for the reduced percentage of recovered metals.

Royal Carting has been notified over the ash proposal and is drafting the contract for the transportation and beneficial use of ash to begin January 1, 2024.

There were no violations reported from NYSDEC.

- 6. Public Comment** — There was no public comment.

With no further business to discuss, at 12:40 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by D. Michael seconded by S. Tinkelman and unanimously carried.