

# DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

## AUGUST 21, 2014 – 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 R. Mosca, Vice-Chairman; K. Williams, Secretary; Board Members; T. LeGrand and D. Petrovits; Agency Staff, W. J. Calogero, D. Walsh and C. Tamney; Agency Counsel, A. Odierna; D. Leibnitz and R. Scott Mills, HDR; L. Carille, Dutchess County Deputy Commissioner, Division of Solid Waste Management; and V. Langone, Wheelabrator Dutchess County LLC.

1. **Regular Session** – Vice-Chairman R. Mosca called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.
2. **Operating Report** – D. Walsh reported that the Facility received 12,730 tons of waste in July which was close to the budget estimated amount of 12,670 tons. The year-to-date incoming tonnage is currently 7,500 tons over budget.

W. Calogero reported that there were 163 people that attended the August 2, 2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection event in Poughkeepsie. There was also 102 pounds of household pharmaceuticals collected that day. To date, the Resource Recovery Facility has disposed 2,450 pounds of medications.

3. **Engineer Report** – D. Leibnitz reported that starting on July 1, 2014 the Facility has been operated by Wheelabrator Dutchess County, LLC (Wheelabrator). The Facility is being operated at approximately 89.5% of the permit limit as various mechanical and electrical systems in the Facility are inspected. In July, the Facility processed approximately 12,720 tons of MSW. Full Facility outages for more detailed inspections and repair activity on Units 2 and 1 are scheduled starting September 15 and September 22, respectively. Presently the pit contains approximately 1000 tons of MSW.

The Facility performance in July, pursuant to the calculation methods of the new Service Agreement, has been as follows:

- Electrical Generation Efficiency – 263.6 net kWh/ton versus the guarantee of 307 net kWh/ton. Covanta's performance in the first 6 months of 2014 was 275 net kWh/ton
- Ferrous Recovery – 4.24% recovery versus the guarantee of 4.0% Covanta's performance in the first 6 months of 2014 was 4.03%
- Wet Ash Residue – 32.86% versus the guarantee of 32%. Covanta's performance in the first 6 months of 2014 was 34.28%

This initial disrupted operational mode was anticipated and incorporated into section 2.3 ( c) of the new Service Agreement, which forgives any performance penalties for the first 90 days of operations. Major work activities in July included repairs to one failed ACC fan gearbox and coupling; motor, gearbox and belt replacements for fly ash conveyors; boiler tube leak repairs; replacement of the bottom ash belt drive roller; fly ash conditioner refurbishment; the west refuse crane brake assembly replacement; RO pump rebuild; Unit 2 gas burner rebuild; replacement of ram feeder controls; reprogram Moore controllers (caused black plant); replacement of ACC rupture disc (caused black plant); repair/replacement of main vibratory conveyor structural clips; springs and rockers, etc. amongst other items.

The Agency continues the process of submitting formal documents to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to establish Wheelabrator as the new operator. The Agency is resubmitting the interim Operations and Maintenance Manual updates to the NYSDEC. The NYSDEC has agreed to allow the testing on Unit 2 to be repeated and to invalidate the Unit 2 test runs from May. The rescheduled test program is scheduled for the week of October 28<sup>th</sup>. May 2014 Unit 1 test results will be reported concurrent with October 2014 Unit 2 test results.

The Agency is in the process of qualifying all pending 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> semi-annual compliance certification reports for potential recordkeeping requirement deviations due to files being removed off-site by Covanta.

HDR is assisting Wheelabrator in the return of documents removed from the Facility by Covanta, many of which are required by NYSDEC and USEPA regulation to be kept on site at all times. Covanta has become very uncooperative regarding the return of documentations to the Facility.

4. **Agency Financial Report** – C. Tamney presented the payables in the amount of \$1,116,860.86. A motion was made by T. LeGrand, seconded by D. Petrovits and unanimously approved to pay the bills as presented for \$1,116,860.86.
5. **Committee Reports** – There were no committee reports.
6. **Public Comment** – L. Carille reported that the County of Dutchess has adopted new rules and regulations for Solid Waste Management, Local Law No. 3 of 2014. Basically it updates who has to be licensed and solidifies the County's enforcement process, which was considered not enforceable previously. The Resource Recovery Agency Board no longer has to make a recommendation on potential haulers. The Resource Recovery Agency's Board recommendation from last month, AAA Carting, is now licensed in Dutchess County.

Also their division has purchased 30 clear containers, which they will be doing a recycling loan program. If anyone is having a short-term event, four days or less, they can loan these recycling containers for free to use for recycling at their event.

7. **Executive Session** – At 5:30 pm a motion to move into Executive Session was made by T. LeGrand, seconded by K. Williams and unanimously approved for the hiring or firing of particular companies and for general attorney/client discussions.
8. **Regular Session** – The meeting resumed back into public session at 6:05 pm.

**Resolution No. 791 – Directors and Officers Insurance Coverage**

The Executive Director has requested that Brinkerhoff & Neuville, Inc. canvass the market for quotations for the Agency's Directors' and Officers' insurance coverage which is currently set to expire on August 23, 2014, and advised the Agency as to the quality of the available coverages. The Executive Director has reported the results of that inquiry to the Board of Directors. After considering Brinkerhoff & Neuville, Inc.'s recommendation, the Agency Board authorizes Brinkerhoff & Neuville, Inc. to procure for the Agency Directors and Officers liability insurance coverage for the 2014-2015 coverage year at the cost not to exceed \$22,610.00, to be provided by RSUI, and that the Executive Director is authorized to sign any necessary contracts, agreements or other documents as directed by the Agency Board to effectuate such an insurance policy. A motion to approve Resolution No. 791 was made by T. LeGrand, seconded by K. Williams and unanimously approved.

With no further business to discuss, a motion at 6:15 pm to adjourn the meeting was made by T. LeGrand, seconded by K. Williams, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Calogero  
Executive Director