

# DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

## OCTOBER 17, 2019 – MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency convened at 4:30 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; S. Tinkelman, Treasurer; Board Members, J. Senft, V. DiMaso, and D. Michael; Agency Staff, L. Carille and D. Walsh.

1. **Regular Session** – Chairman W. Nussbickel called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.
2. **Minutes** – Chairman W. Nussbickel presented the minutes of the June 20, 2019 board meeting. A motion to approve the June 20, 2019 board meeting minutes was made by D. Petrovits, seconded by J. Senft and unanimously carried. Chairman W. Nussbickel presented the minutes of the September 19, 2019 board meeting. A motion to approve the September 19, 2019 board meeting minutes was made by D. Petrovits, seconded by J. Senft and unanimously carried.
3. **Balanced Scorecard Report** - L. Carille stated there was a decrease in incoming waste in September from last month, approximately 1,000 tons less. She is certain that the 140,000 ton yearly guarantee to the Operator will be met. The 154,000 tons established for the Agency budget is running 1,100 tons short of its target. The electrical guarantee was met for September but has resulted in a quarterly penalty of \$11,912.27. The metals guarantee was met. The prices for metals has seen a significant drop in October. Ash penalty for September totaled \$23,133.80. Boiler No. 1 came offline to repair a travel grate failure. Boiler No. 2 ran the entire month with no issues. Concrete repairs to the tipping floor have begun. This is the last project to be completed under the ash dewatering process. There will be two scheduled outages for each boiler during that time. The value of the submitted invoice for \$1,082,429.79 is considered complete and approved for payment to Wheelabrator.
4. **Agency Financial Report** – The payables were presented in the amount of \$1,082,429.79. There were no further questions regarding the bills submitted. A motion to approve the payables for \$1,082,429.79 was made by S. Tinkelman, seconded by V. DiMaso and unanimously approved. L. Carille stated that the net service fee has a current yearly balance of \$216,744.00.
5. **Other Business** – The annual Facility inspection was conducted by D& B Engineers on Wednesday. This annual inspection is required by the NYSDEC and the bond holders and must be done by a NYS certified engineer. The Report will be submitted within the month.

L. Carille stated that the Agency has hired a current part-time weigh scale operator that will begin work on Monday. The position was advertised on Indeed. There were four candidates interviewed for the position. There were over fifty applicants although many of those that applied were over qualified or fit for other working conditions.

There were no violations reported from NYSDEC.

L. Carille spoke about an article that was released a few months ago about waste-to-energy facilities around the country. The article made no comparisons to landfills or any other outlets for trash disposal. It listed the EPA particulate emission numbers dating back from 2014 from all over the country. In 2014 this Facility had a high mercury number; therefore, it was named as one of the worse pollutants. It was a year when homeowners started replacing fluorescent bulbs with LED lighting and from the volume of trash received the Facility emitted 16 pounds for that year. That number is still well within the EPA allowable standard set air emission levels. Looking over this Facility's records, the number is normally no more than 7 pounds per year. Burning garbage does not cause mercury. This Facility controls the air pollution with equipment that includes a spray dry absorber for acid gas control, fabric filters for particulate removal, and a carbon injection system for mercury and total dioxin control.

6. **Committee Reports** – The Finance Committee met last month to review the Agency's 2020 proposed budget. J. Senft highlighted some key categories and changes from the previous year. Under Revenues, there is a 20 percent reduction in special income items which are the health care reimbursement fees received from retirees. This reduction reflects the current costs. Under Expenses, there is a 3 percent salary increase for the staff, which is the standard increase for the current economy. Health insurance has a 4.3 percent decrease from last year which reflects the current costs over the duration of the year. Central Hudson electric fees, the charges of interconnection equipment and metering, has a 6.1 percent increase. The metering fees increase every year and are passed on to the Operator and taken off their monthly invoice to the Agency. The ash residue haul and dispose has a 7 percent contract increase considering the CPI index and disposal being at the same landfill. The professional engineering services has a 30 percent reduction from last year based on the current engineering requirements.

After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the 2020 Agency Budget was made by S. Tinkelman, seconded by J. Senft and unanimously carried.

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

With no further business to discuss, at 4:57 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Senft, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously carried.