

DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

OCTOBER 19, 2023 – MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency convened at 4:30 pm at the offices of the Agency located at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, New York. Those present included W. Nussbickel, Chairman; S. Tinkelman, Treasurer; Board Members D. Michael and J. Miccio; Agency Staff, K. Russell and D. Walsh; and E. Wrafter, Dutchess County Commissioner of Planning & Development.

- 1. Regular Session** – Chairman W. Nussbickel called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.
- 2. Minutes** – Chairman W. Nussbickel presented the minutes of the July 20, 2023 board meeting. A motion to approve the July 20, 2023 board meeting minutes was made by J. Miccio, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously carried.
- 3. Executive Report** – K. Russell along with E. Wrafter updated the Agency Board over their meeting with the New York State DEC regarding regulations pertaining to the Agency's Part 360 and Title V Permits renewals. Their many questions remain unanswered. The state could not give any guidance or solutions on how they plan to implement the new regulations under the CLCPA. The state would like to see the Agency's two permits align with one another. Their recommendation is to begin working on the Part 360 Permit next year. The Agency should submit the paperwork before the April 2025 expiration date and once received, they will accept it, review it, and hold on to it until the Agency's Title V permit expires in March 2027. By that time they should have all the regulation standards in place. They will list the Resource Recovery Facility's Part 360 permit on their website as "under review". The Agency Board added that there also should be a similar notification on the Agency's website.

E. Wrafter spoke about the Local Solid Waste Management Plan. The Plan is done every 10 years and is the sole responsibility of Dutchess County, not the Resource Recovery Agency. The Resource Recovery Facility was mentioned as an operator and not the manager of the plan. The Facility was a small component of the overall plan; however, some constituents focused solely on the Resource Recovery Facility, zero waste and the need to shut down the facility and achieve zero emissions. Many had referenced articles and web searches. Discussion ensued.

After clarification and answers to the public questions, the Plan was adopted by the Dutchess County Legislature and sent to the New York State DEC. A summary of the Local Solid Waste Management Plan will be provided for the Agency Board to review.

- 4. Balance Scorecard** – K. Russell spoke about the Facility's performance in September. Boiler No. 1 had 88.5% uptime availability. Boiler No. 2 had a 15.4% uptime availability. Boiler No. 2

was in the process of undergoing the full retubing. S. Tinkelman asked why the scorecard lists 100% performance rates for both boilers and how come the percentages aren't reduced knowing there will be scheduled outages. K. Russell replied that it is a worksheet for Board review only. She could reduce the percentages, estimate what the boilers downtimes would be for the year; however, it ties in with the yearly budget and to the amount of waste that is projected to be incinerated for the year. Electrical generation and metals recovery was down in September as the waste continued to be transported out and not processed. The pit level is now down and the bypass of waste ended October 14th. Both boilers are in full operation.

The annual Facility inspection was conducted by D&B Engineers on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. The Engineer remarked over the Facility's downtimes and K. Russell explained the extensive repair work Win Waste did with the boilers and to the turbine/generator this year initiating from Central Hudson's unexpected power outage last year.

Win Waste will have a new senior manager in place in a few weeks. The Agency's contact presently is off site, D. Jones, VP of Operations.

There were no violations reported from the New York State DEC.

5. **Agency Financial Report** — The payables were presented in the amount of \$1,310,288.41. There were no further questions regarding the payables. A motion to approve the payables in the amount of \$1,310,288.41 was made by J. Miccio, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously approved. There is a net service fee shown for September due to the payments made to Win Waste from their invoice corrections. There continues to be no net service fee for the year-to-date.
6. **Committee Reports** — The Finance Committee and staff met to review and discuss the proposed 2024 budget. J. Miccio briefed the Board on the proposed 2024 Budget. The budget was done in a conservative manner based on processing a minimum of 145,000 tons of waste. The budget includes zero reserves and a zero net service fee. The proposed budget was submitted to the Board with no changes.

Resolution No. 884 2024 Budget Adoption

The 2024 is hereby adopted and the Agency's Executive Director is hereby authorized to forward the same to the Authority Budget Office and the County of Dutchess. A motion to approve Resolution No. 884 2024 Budget Adoption was made by D. Michael, seconded by S. Tinkelman and unanimously carried.

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

With no further business to discuss, at 5:30 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Miccio, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously carried.