

DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

OCTOBER 21, 2021 – 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; 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 4:30 pm.
2. **Balanced Scorecard Report** – L. Carille stated that September waste volume was high and the pit full. Waste had to be diverted for the first two weeks in October. Boiler No. 1 was down for a brief time due to a tube leak. The scheduled planned outages have been reduced to 48 hours rather than 6 days on each boiler. The Operator's 3rd quarter performances resulted in an electric penalty of \$82,212.10 and a metals penalty of \$27,102.26. There was also an ash guarantee penalty in September for \$24,821.28. The submitted invoice for \$792,665.29 is considered complete and approved for payment to WIN Waste Innovations.
3. **Agency Financial Report** – The payables were presented in the amount of \$1,102,898.62. L. Carille stated that D&B Engineers has been currently working on an issue under the permit renewal. The renewal was submitted to the NYSDEC on time and ok'd; however, before final approval is granted, more information is requested under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act which became effective January 1, 2020. It deals with statewide GHG emission limits. Information requested includes formulas of how the emissions from this Facility will be mitigated or reduced consistent with the forthcoming requirements.

There were no further questions regarding the Financials. A motion to approve the payables for \$1,102,898.62 was made by D. Michael, seconded by J. Senft and unanimously approved.

L. Carille stated that there was no net service fee this month. The year-to-date net service fee remains in the black, a balance of (\$658,762). There is a sufficient amount of funds in the cash account to be able to pay the \$1,359,625.00 bond payment due January 1, 2022.

4. **Committee Reports**

Resolution No. 868 Retention of Auditor

After review and consideration the Agency Board found the proposal of RBT CPAs, LLP the most responsive to the Agency RFP and will provide the best value to the Agency and taxpayers of Dutchess County. The Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract for audit and supplemental services for audit services beginning March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2025 with RBT CPAs, LLP on terms acceptable to the Agency Board and consistent with

the Agency's RFP. A motion to approve Resolution No. 868 Retention of Auditor was made by D. Michael, seconded by S. Tinkelman, and unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 869 2022 Budget Adoption

After a review and discussion over the Agency's 2022 Budget by the Finance Committee and Executive Director, the proposed 2022 Budget was submitted with no changes to the Board of Directors. A motion to approve Resolution No. 869 2022 Budget Adoption was made by D. Michael, seconded by J. Senft, and unanimously carried. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to forward the 2022 Budget to the County of Dutchess and Authority Budget Office.

- 5. **Other Business** — L. Carille informed the Board that she was notified by Verizon that the transmission line running from the Facility to the substation will be replaced from copper to fiber optics and a decision of whether it will be switched over or stopped needs to be made by November. This is a live line which backs up the circuit breaker at the Facility. After discussions with Central Hudson and Verizon over the logistics, it was decided to purchase two converter boxes instead of a new receiver and transmitter. This will cost approximately \$2,700.00. Verizon will replace the line and Central Hudson will do the installation and testing of the converter boxes at both the substation and the Agency's Facility. The monthly Verizon invoice for this new transmission line will increase from \$165.00 to \$189.00.

A discussion developed over the volume of garbage in the County and how it has significantly increased. More discussions will follow.

There were no violations reported from NYSDEC.

- 6. **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 D. Michael, seconded by J. Senft and unanimously carried.