

DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

NOVEMBER 19, 2015 – 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 J. Small, Chairman; W. Nussbickel, Treasurer/Secretary; and Board Members, T. LeGrand, D. Petrovits, and R. Frost; Agency Staff, W. J. Calogero, and D. Walsh; Agency Counsel, J. Nelson; D. Leibnitz, HDR; and L. Carille, Dutchess County Deputy Commissioner, Division of Solid Waste Management.

- 1. Regular Session** – Chairman J. Small called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.
- 2. Operating Report** – The Facility received 13,484 tons of waste in October. This is 1,540 tons over the set monthly budget. The actual yearly tonnage received to date is 128,186 tons, just 500 tons short of where the yearly budget puts the Facility for October. J. Small asked if the Treated Regulated Medical Waste (TRMW) started to come in yet. W. Calogero replied that it has. Shipments began on November 16th.
- 3. Engineer Report** – In October, the Facility ran well with 100% availabilities on Units #1, #2 and the turbine/generator. The performance of the Facility, based on Net Agency Tons, was as follows:

Total Net Agency Tons (NAT): 13,480.39 (an average of 435 tons per day)
Electrical Production Efficiency: 321.34 kWh/NAT
Ferrous Metal Recovery: 4.52 percent of NAT
Ash Residue Ratio: 38.08 percent of NAT

Units #1 and #2 continue at 100% availability to date. Phil Schwer, the New Plant Manager, will be on site November 23rd. Wheelabrator conducted a one day outage of the turbine generator on November 3rd to inspect and then replace the rotor's forward thrust bearing because of high vibration and temperature. Elliot also corrected a restriction in the main turbine inlet valve (V-1). A full report is pending from the Elliot technicians that performed the work. At the present time it has been reported that the turbine is running with less vibration and is able to accept more steam than it had previously. It is expected that an increase in electrical revenue will result.

HDR conducted the annual Part 360 Facility inspection in mid-October, which is approximately one month earlier than usual. This report was submitted to the DEC.

HDR, along with Wheelabrator, the Agency (and their attorneys) was able to provide the USEPA requested information by the deadline on November 9th. The missing information removed from the Facility by Covanta was identified in the response package and a separate request was sent by the USEPA directly to Covanta. Available digital information was reproduced into electrical media and the needed paper documents that were available were scanned. A total of 16,714 paper sheets were manually scanned and sent to the USEPA.

HDR/Agency coordinated the approval of the TRMW source to the DEC Central Office and submitted the Part 360 Permit Modification to DEC Region 3. HDR continued discussions with the Region 3 related to the receipt of TRMW. Region 3 requested additional modifications on October 14th. A meeting on site with Region 3 took place on October 21st followed by the submittal of a specific TRMW handling procedure. Region 3 came back with a second set of restrictions and another revision to the procedure was submitted on November 2nd. E-mails and telephone calls were exchanged on November 5th. Region 3 requested and received a third modification to the procedures on November 9th. Region 3 then allowed the Agency to receive TRMW. The first load was received on November 16th.

HDR was on site when the DEC conducted a half-day surprise inspection of the Facility on October 29th related to its Hazardous Waste Contingency Plan implementation. As a result HDR/Wheelabrator needed to make modifications to the plan and notify all first responders of the changes.

4. **Minutes** – Chairman J. Small presented the minutes of the August 20, 2015 board meeting. A motion to approve the August 20, 2015 board meeting minutes was made by W. Nussbickel, seconded by T. LeGrand, and unanimously approved. J. Small presented the minutes of the October 15, 2015 board meeting. A motion to approve the October 15, 2015 board meeting minutes was made by W. Nussbickel, seconded by T. LeGrand and unanimously approved.

5. **Agency Financial Report** – The payables were presented in the amount of \$1,219,299.39. Chairman J. Small remarked on the energy sales this month and how it was significantly more than the budget. D. Leibnitz replied that there was 100% availability on both boilers in October. Discussion ensued over a turbine bearing that had not been changed since 2006. The cost estimate of such a bearing is \$10,000 not including labor for removal and installation. Chairman J. Small remarked about the ash removal amount paid by Wheelabrator and asked if any ash penalty fees could be shown separately on the Profit and Loss Statement.

A motion to pay the bills as presented for \$1,219,299.39 was made by R. Frost seconded by W. Nussbickel and unanimously approved.

6. **Other Business** – Chairman J. Small announced that R Mosca is resigning from the Agency Board effective immediately. The reason for his resignation is that he has chosen to move to Indiana to be with his family. He has been on the Agency Board since 2006, has given great financial advice over the years, and was wished all the very best.

7. **Executive Session** – A motion to move into Executive Session was made by W. Nussbickel, seconded by R. Frost and unanimously approved for discussions on contractual matters and ongoing litigation.

8. **Regular Session** – The meeting resumed back into public session at 6:40 pm.

With no further business to discuss at 6:42 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by D. Petrovits, seconded by W. Nussbickel and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Calogero
Executive Director