

DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

DECEMBER 21, 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, J. Miccio, G. Baright; and Agency Staff, K. Russell.

- 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 August 17, 2023 board meeting. A motion to approve the August 17, 2023 board meeting minutes was made by Chairman W. Nussbickel, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously carried. Chairman W. Nussbickel presented the October 19, 2023 board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the October 19, 2023 board meeting minutes was made by Chairman W. Nussbickel, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously carried.
- 3. Executive Report** – K. Russell reported that the Facility will go through another stack test in January as the preliminary results from Montrose indicated that Unit No.1 did not meet the dioxin limit during stack testing in October/November. They believe the results are non-representative based on the low results over the last several years as well as Unit No. 2 results being well below the limit. As testing progressed on Unit 1, results diminished, and the last test run was well below the limit. The higher results for the first two runs were due to the unit not being at full operating temperature and a possible air preheater problem that they were not aware of. Testar is scheduled for retest on Unit No. 1 the week of January 8, 2024, the first available date for any of the stack test vendors. Win Waste will be submitting a preliminary test report for the October/November testing within the next week. A final test report will be submitted after the January retest has been completed and results can be incorporated. The Agency's Engineer will be included in the reporting and notifications.

The Ash Contract with Royal Carting using MBI Trucking has been finalized and will go into effect January 1 2024.

The CPI adjustment factor increased 2.9 percent. The Agency's gate rate will increase to \$108/ton, Municipalities will increase to \$103.55/ton; Royal Carting's contract rate will increase to \$101.49/ton and all certified destruction waste will increase to \$175 for every ton of destruction.

K. Russell requested that D. Walsh be paid out for 10 vacation days that remain unused and that are unable to be rolled over to the new year. A motion for approval was made by Chairman W. Nussbickel, seconded by J. Miccio and unanimously approved.

4. **Balance Scorecard** – K. Russell spoke about the Facility's performance in November. Incoming tonnage was 10,170 tons. Boiler No. 1 had an 89.8% uptime availability. Boiler No. 2 had a 76.5% uptime availability. The turbine ran well, 98.1 % availability. Waste continued to be processed with no need to bypass or divert to other locations. Metals recovery was down as Baroni continues to deduct for the excess debris and ash mixed in with the metals. Chairman W. Nussbickel will contact Baroni over their large weight deductions. It is anticipated that there will be no net service fee again this year.
5. **Agency Financial Report** – The payables were presented in the amount of \$1,371,830.28. There were no further questions regarding the payables. A motion to approve the payables in the amount of \$1,371,830.28 was made by J. Miccio, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously approved.
6. **Other Business** – The Agency received two responses to the RFP for Professional Engineering Services. The companies that responded were D&B Engineers and TRC Companies. After Board review and discussions involving the scope of work, terms, conditions, costs and relevant experience, it was decided to hire TRC Companies.

Resolution No. 885 Retention of Professional Engineering Services

After consideration and contractual experience with waste-to-energy facilities, the Executive Director is authorized to enter a contract for three years with the option for extension of three one year terms with TRC Environmental Corporation. Resolution No. 885 was presented by Chairman W. Nussbickel, seconded by J. Miccio and unanimously carried.

The Agency's 2024 Board meeting dates were established and presented in the Board Member packets.

Chairman W. Nussbickel conveyed on behalf of County Executive W. O'Neil his gratitude to the Board for their service and support to the Resource Recovery Facility and how once again it performed financially sound without the need of any assistance from the County of Dutchess.

Chairman W. Nussbickel informed the Board that Allan Page has been appointed to the Agency's Board. He will replace the resignation of D. Petrovits.

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.