



**Minutes of the March 16, 2022, Board Meeting of the
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority
Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Zoom**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

John Phetteplace called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Michael Uργο	North Stonington Representative	A
	East Lyme Alternate			North Stonington Alternate	
Kevin Seery	Representative	A	Don Hill	Representative	A
Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P	Patrick McLaughlin	Norwich Representative	P
				Norwich Alternate	
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P	Brian Long	Representative	A
			Sandra Allyn-		
Joe Lozier	Ledyard Representative	P	Gauthier	Preston Representative	A
	Ledyard Alternate				
Steve Masalin	Representative	A	Jim Corley	Preston Alternate Representative	P
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	P	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	P
	Montville Alternate				
Donald Bourdeau	Representative	A	Paul Copenhagen	Sprague Alternate Representative	A
	New London			Stonington Representative &	
Brian Sear	Representative	P	John Phetteplace	Board President	P
	New London Alternate				
David DeNoia	Representative	A	Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	P
				Waterford Alternative	
			Daniel Matheson	Representative	A

P = Present, C=Call In (Audio), A=Absent

Quorum present

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director; Robin Cano, SCRRRA Administrator; Christopher Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; SCRRRA Legal Counsel Richard Barger & SCRRRA Consultant Jim Bolduc, Michael Gavagne with Simione, Macca &Larrow

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.

(Motion by Pat McLaughlin, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed December's Finance Report
(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Joe Bragaw)

6. PRESIDENT'S / STAFF REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. 2022 Legislative Update

Mr. Aldridge asked to refer to the copy of the Legislative Report produced for us by TCORs Capitol Group, our lobbyist and copies of three bills dealing with the MIRA WTE facility transition. Two of the bills deal with the formation of a task force to develop recommendations for transitioning to a new process for the disposal of MSW and to review the State's total capacity for MSW disposal. The third bill, SB104 proposes the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$330 million to provide a "grant-in-aid" for MIRA to make upgrades to their existing facility. Mr. Aldridge finds the legislation concerning as we have seen in the past that what happens in Hartford has a direct link to what happens in the rest of the State, in particular influencing the market price for disposal and recycling.

II. Organics Update

Plan of Action

Mr. Aldridge told us that SCRRRA is initiating a regional leadership solution in developing and managing a food waste Municipal Waste (MSW) disposal strategy For its member Cities and Towns. To accomplish this SCRRRA will:

- 1- Pursue reducing SCRRRA's current MSW disposal cost by finding a least cost alternative for food waste.
- 2- Pursue an environmentally acceptable alternative for food waste being disposed at a waste to energy incinerator and/or landfill.

Motion to Enforce Organics Compost Facility Plan of Action Statement

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2nd Stacey Leitch)**

SCS Proposal

Mr. Aldridge refers to a proposal from SCS Engineers for a compost facility feasibility study. We have determined that our available feedstocks will produce a salable compost product. We have identified two potential sites, our Preston property and a Site owned by Casella. Next, we should consider the financial viability of a product and determine if the two sites we are considering would be suitable and validate that the investment will achieve the goals noted in the Plan of Action. The proposal includes several deliverables:

- 1- Provide a conceptual process design criteria for a suitable operation
- 2- A conceptual layout on the property we are considering and
- 3- A financial proforma that would consider construction cost, operating cost, expected revenue and the expected ramp up of the facility

Mr. Aldridge has reviewed this with the Executive Committee, and they agreed to move it forward with a few adjustments that have now been incorporated. If approved, while this project is being completed we will begin work on zoning review for these two sites.

Motion to Approve Contract with SCS Engineers

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed

(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2nd John Phetteplace)

Motion to go into Executive Session

Time in: 3:20 PM

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed

(Motion Joe Bragaw, 2nd Gary Schneider)

Motion to come out of Executive Session

Time out: 3:43 PM

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed

(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2nd Brian Sear)

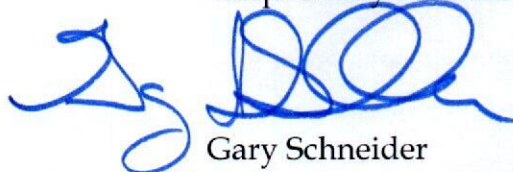
New Business

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary