



**Minutes of the July 23, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting of the  
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority  
Held at the Gales Ferry Office**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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|----------------|--------------------------|---|------------------|---|---|
| Joe Bragaw     | East Lyme Representative | P | Denise Dembinski | Sprague Alternate Representative            | A |
| Gary Schneider | Groton Representative    | P | John Phetteplace | Stonington Representative & Board President | P |
| Joe Lozier     | Ledyard Representative   | A |                  |   |   |

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

**Quorum Present**

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director; Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator; Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; SCRRRA Legal Counsel Richard Barger, and SCRRRA Consultant Jim Bolduc

**3. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 28, 2020**

Majority was in favor, none were opposed.  
(Motion by Joe Bragaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Schneider)

**4. FINANCE REPORTS:**

Chris Roman reviewed July Finance report.

**Motion to authorize a transfer from the Tipping Fee Stabilization Investment Account to the SCRRRA Operational Account at Citizens for \$1,100,000.00**

Majority was in favor, none were opposed  
(Motion by Joe Bragaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Schneider)

**5. PRESIDENT / STAFF REPORTS:**

**I. FIA Investment Review**

Kevin O'Brien provided an overview of SCRRRA'S investments.

**II. Update on Covanta Tonnage**

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, Dave Aldridge was informed by Tim DeVivo that the Preston plant had suffered a catastrophic mechanical failure. The next day Mr. Aldridge received a call from James Belden, business manager for Covanta, that indeed an Induced Draw Fan had failed and needed to be replaced. He requested that we reroute as much tonnage as possible. On Monday he quantified that request as 250 tons per day, about 50% of the entire SCRRRA volume. Mr. Aldridge contacted Tim DeVivo who

agreed to take 50 tons/day. Mr. Aldridge also called Brian Sear who agreed to reroute his MSW trucks to WWP. Mr. Aldridge called John Horgan, the General Manager of the Lisbon plant, and he hadn't heard anything about the Preston issue and then informed Mr. Aldridge that his plant was close to its permitted capacity. Mr. Belden had told Mr. Aldridge that he already made agreements to move this 250 tons, when in fact he hadn't spoken to anybody. Mr. Aldridge also found out that Covanta does not consider him essential personnel, so he is not even allowed on site. Everything he was telling Mr. Aldridge he was getting second and third hand. Mr. Aldridge asked Mr. Horgan to take what tonnage he could. To better understand the seriousness of the Covanta situation, Mr. Aldridge contacted HDR and got John Clark's opinion. Mr. Clark stated that the failure of an Induced Draft Fan would cause a 50% reduction in capacity by disabling one boiler. He also stated that the part is one that was critical and there should have been a replacement on site. Since then, Mr. Aldridge has not heard anything from any hauler, town or WTE facility until he received an itemized list of rerouted loads from Mr. DeVivo listing 258 tons in total that had been redirected. Tuesday, Mr. Aldridge received an email from Mr. Belden asking for trucks to be rerouted back to Preston effective the next day because the fan had been replaced. He also asked for a schedule for loads that we will begin rerouting back to Preston to make up our shortfall against the minimum commitment. Mr. Aldridge is asking Mr. DeVivo to reroute all Norwich tonnage to Preston and has asked New London to refrain from going to Lisbon. That combined with Mohegan Sun will get us well on the way to our number without impacting other towns. We will monitor the situation monthly and advise of any other changes that may be necessary. Mr. Aldridge expects that when he gets the final list of diverted tons from Mr. DeVivo, there will probably be about 600 tons which will be deducted from the commitment to Covanta. Our shortfall now is around 6900 tons and Mr. DeVivo is very comfortable stating that he could manage us to the number we need.

### III. Update on MSW Billing

Mr. Aldridge informed the committee that the total Transportation Subsidy this year was \$240,861., which is \$6,027 or 2.4% less than last year. The tonnage was 5,695 or 4.3% less than last year. We will take Board action at our next meeting to accept the report and will immediately distribute the funds out to the towns upon its approval. Mr. Aldridge stated we will need to establish to 2020-2021 subsidy so we can begin prorated deductions off MSW bills from the town. The timing is such that we will have to decide how we do that because we are able to get the final tonnages and run this report in July, so we are actually in month 2 for deductions. We can decide as a Board how best to do that. We can divide it up into 1/11ths instead of 1/12ths and the money at the end of the year is the same if we want to do that or we can figure out another way, but we can certainly make sure everyone is whole.

Gary Schneider brought up the issue of wood grinding. He said that he would like to have GPS installed on the Committee member's phones so they can track usage. Mr. Aldridge responded that he has a fundamental issue with this request. He goes on to explain that the Board is responsible for fiscal oversight and policy oversight, but for them to get into managing day to day operations is Board oversight and one step further than is appropriate. Mr. Aldridge went on to say that he can incorporate GPS data in a report in a format that will satisfy the Board's needs. Mr. Aldridge stated that he will work with Chris Roman to put together the reports they want. He also stated that the GPS data is only part of the picture. It only gives information when the machine is running. There is a lot more that goes on besides running the grinder. Mr. Schneider asked for the Grinder Report. Mr. Aldridge told him it was not ready yet and that was not acceptable. Mr. Schneider asked if we had an updated contract with Paraco. Mr. Aldridge assured him that all of our vendor contracts were up to date.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

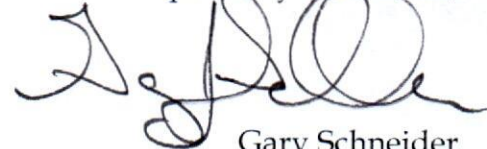
7. NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

John Phetteplace asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was made by Gary Schneider and seconded by Joe Bragaw.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Schneider', written in a cursive style.

Gary Schneider  
Secretary