

Minutes of the May 26, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority Held at the Gales Ferry office & via Zoom

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 2:13 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	Р	Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P
Gary Schneider	Groton Representative	Р	John Phetteplace	Stonington Representative & Board President	Α
Pat McLaughlin	Norwich Representative	Р			

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

Quorum Present

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

3. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 28, 2022

Majority was in favor, none were opposed (Motion by Pat McLaughlin, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

4. FINANCE REPORTS:

Dave Aldridge reviewed April's finance report.

5. President/Staff Reports:

I. Mixed Recycling

Composition Audit Results

Mr. Aldridge sent everyone a letter that he received from Bob Cappadona, VP recycling for Casella, regarding the recent composition audit and their concerns regarding trash contamination and the operational issues that it causes. Mr. Aldridge asked Rich Barger to review the contract. Mr. Aldridge proposed that we send a return letter that clarifies the terms of the contract as we read them and include a calculation of the value of a SCRRRA ton. Second, Mr. Aldridge proposes that we review this with the Board and vote to affirm that we intend to move forward with the agreement as written and that we will commit to a program to clean up the recycling stream.

II. Organics Update

Mr. Aldridge referred to our paperwork package where there is a Compost Design Narrative for our Preston property. This was the first in our SCS Feasibility Project, and it lays out the basic

design recommendations. Mr. Aldridge spoke with Greg McCarren this morning to ensure that we will get a similar analysis of the Sprague property. Mr. McCarren also said that the maximum annual throughput of the design as it is laid out (with 8 bunkers) would be just shy of 10,000 tons of food waste. The system is scalable so several more bunkers could be added.

II. Board Briefing Book

Jim Bolduc and Mr. Aldridge are working on a Board Briefing Book which they hope to distribute to all Board members in July. It is a compilation of information that will assist the Board in making financial and operational decisions as we begin to tackle the issues of solid waste market inflation and limited resources.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

New Employee

Joe Bragaw suggested hiring an outside firm to do background checks to help narrow the process in replacing Shaylagh's position.

ADJOURNMENT

Pat McLaughlin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was made by Gary Schneider and seconded by Todd Babbitt.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schneider Secretary