



**Minutes of the October 12, 2022, Board Meeting of the
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority
Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Zoom**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Joe Bragaw called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Majority was in favor; none were opposed. Steve Masalin Abstained (Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Ron McDaniel)

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed August's Finance Report
(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

6. PRESIDENT'S/STAFF REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. Draft FY 2024 Budget

Mr. Aldridge referred to the initial draft of the 2024 operating budget.

- Waste volumes were planned as a three-year trailing average, as we have done in the past.
- MSW revenue is planned at 131,908 tons at the current subsidized rate of \$59.25.
- Tip fee expense is calculated using the contractual inflationary cap of 3%.
- Recycling revenue was calculated at \$27.70/ton using contractual inflationary cap of 3%.
- The same 3% inflationary factor was used in the ECRRA royalty payment.
- A 4% cost of living adjustment was used based on advice from our investment counselor, we are also awaiting advice from our Human Resource Consultant.
- Insurance increases based on advice from our insurance broker.
- Fuel expense was planned high as diesel prices remain high, would like advice from PW Board members.

Motion to Set the Draft Tip Fee to \$61.25

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion Brian Sear, 2nd Ron McDaniel)**

Motion to Lower Mulch Hauling Budget to \$100,000 Next Year

Discussion: None

**8 Towns were in favor, 3 were opposed
(Motion Stacey Leitch, 2nd Steve Masalin)**

Motion to Reduce Lobbyists

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, None were opposed
(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2nd Gary Schneider)**

II. Review of Reserve Accounts

Mr. Aldridge went over the SCRRRA Reserve Funds as adopted in our May Board Meeting. As part of our annual budget approval process, we will revalidate these funds with revisions as necessary. This will be part of the Draft Budget package presented to the full Board. Mr. Aldridge noted that the differential in the total reserves with the current level of \$44 million. We will vote to make any adjustments necessary to each account to bring the total in line when we vote to accept the Operating Budget.

III. Subcommittee Goals/Priorities

Mr. Aldridge referred to the paperwork package where there is a copy of the SCRRA Standing Committees as amended in our September Board Meeting. Included in each Committee is a suggested set of priorities, today we would like to drill down further to hone the Committee goals and priorities.

New Business

None

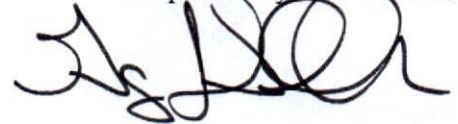
Executive Session

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Joe Bragaw and Ron McDaniel seconded and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Gary Schneider
Secretary