



**Minutes of the December 22, 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 2:02 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P
Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	P	Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P
Pat McLaughlin	Norwich Representative	P			

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, Winston Averill, Recycling Coordinator, Sam Dietrich, CEO Prairie Robotics, Reid Patterson, Prairie Robotics.

3. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2022

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

4. FINANCE REPORTS:

Dave Aldridge reviewed November's finance report.

5. PRESIDENT / STAFF REPORTS:

Motion to Move Prairie Robotics to the top of the Agenda

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed

(Motion Pat McLaughlin, 2nd Gary Schneider)

I. Recycling Contamination – Prairie Robotics

Dave Aldridge said, as we are aware, SCRARRA is struggling with contamination in our curbside recycling program which measured over 26% in the audit performed by Casella. Trash residue represents the highest cost commodity a SCRARRA ton, calculated at \$95 per ton. Mr. Aldridge believes that if we can significantly reduce the level of contamination our negotiating position with Casella will be much improved when our current contract expires. With us today is Reid Patterson of Prairie Robotics, a firm that has developed a contamination reduction program that utilizes artificial intelligence to identify offending residences and communicates with them to correct the error is separation. Reid has prepared a proposal for a pilot project in one of our towns to see if this technology can make a significant improvement in our performance. Mr. Aldridge suggested East Lyme since they utilize a municipal fleet and have been actively inspecting recycle bins for a year or so.

They will bring this idea to the Board on January 11, 2023.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary