



**Minutes of the April 12, 2023, 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 2:04 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	P	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 and Alan Ladd, North Stonington Representative.

3. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

4. **ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 08, 2023**

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.

(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Masalin)

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed February's Finance Report  
(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Leitch)

6. PRESIDENT'S/STAFF REPORTS

**PROJECT:**

**I.Sub Committee Updates**

• **Financial Planning Committee**

Mr. Aldridge referred to the paperwork package where there is a draft Future Service Fee Strategy that was discussed in the last Finance Committee Meeting. The idea is to develop a service fee strategy rather than visiting the topic during each year's budget discussion. The committee will also review draft mitigation strategies at our meeting next week.

• **Human Resource Committee**

The Human Resource Committee reviewed the draft Employee Handbook which will have a final review at our next meeting. Mr. Aldridge said that we will also be discussing retirement benefits, a potential Executive Director Contract and this year's Health Care options at our next meeting.

• **Waste Diversion Committee**

Mr. Aldridge said that the Waste Diversion Committee discussed strategy's for reducing chip hauling and will be working on a draft policy at the next meeting. Also discussed was the Prairie Robotics pilot project which Casella has agreed to participate in with a truck in Ledyard. The Committee plans to look into Textile recycling, and we received an update on the Stonington food waste project.

• **Special Projects Committee**

Mr. Aldridge informed us that the Special Projects Committee has not met but will be scheduling a meeting to discuss the financial case for an organics facility.

**II.Legislative Update**

Review TCOR's Document

***1143 An Act Concerning Solid Waste Management Throughout the State***

***1172 An Act Concerning Energy Generated from Solid Waste Management***

Recommendations for proving a stable energy value for WTE

***1242 An Act Concerning Waste Management***

This bill takes up the original wording of the Governor's Bill 6664. It is being discussed by the Committee on Friday. Our letter approved for the Governor's Bill will be distributed to the Finance Committee as well as the original cc: list from the Governor's Bill.

***5577 An Act Concerning Surplus Food Donation and Establishing Food Composting Requirements***

Requires towns to have a program to source separate organics by 2024. Discusses food donation and empowering municipalities with enforcement.

***6339 An Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Converting Biosolids into Energy***

***6486 An Act Concerning Extended Producer Responsibility for Tires***

Not supported by DEEP

***6664 An Act Concerning Managing Waste and Creating a Waste Authority (Governor's Bill)***

The increase in the Solid Waste Assessment has been removed.

**Motion for the Letter Referred to in April Minutes to be sent to the Legislative Committee Regarding House Bill 6664**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed  
(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat McLaughlin)**

**III.FY 2022 Annual Financial Audit**

Mr. Aldridge informed us that everyone should have received a copy of the FY2022 Annual Financial Statements.

**New Business**

None

**Executive Session**

**Motion to move into Executive Session to Discuss Waste Contract Negotiations**

**Time In: 2:43PM**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed  
(Motion Todd Babbitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Leitch)**

**Motion to leave Executive Session**

**Time Out: 3:17PM**

**No Action Taken**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed  
(Motion Todd Babbitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron McDaniel)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Ron McDaniel and seconded by Todd Babbitt and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Schneider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "G".

Gary Schneider  
Secretary