

Minutes of the April 27, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority Held at the Gales Ferry office & via Zoom

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	Р	Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	А
Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	Р	Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	А
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 Jim Bolduc SCRRRA Consultant, Timothy Ng and Eric Kraus, Fiducient Advisors

3. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 23, 2023

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

4. FINANCE REPORTS:

Tim presented SCRRRA's quarterly Investment Review for the first quarter of 2023. Dave Aldridge reviewed March's finance report.

Motion to authorize a transfer from the Tipping Fee Stabilization investment account to the SCRRA Operational account at Citizens for \$800,000.00.

Discussion: none

Majority was in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Pat McLaughlin, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

5. PRESIDENT/STAFF REPORTS:

I. Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Mr. Aldridge referred to the paperwork package where there is a copy of the Draft Future Service Fee Policy Fee Strategy that was discussed in the Finance Committee Meeting on April 18th. There have been several changes to the document as a result of that meeting.

- The years 2024,2030 and 2031 were added to the analysis.
- Town recycling support is now listed by line item.

Waste Diversion Committee

The Waste Diversion Committee met on April 20th. Mr. Aldridge informed us that the Committee discussed chip hauling but deferred discussion on developing a policy until the entire Committee was present. We discussed DEEP regulations regarding windrowing of chips and seaweed. We also discussed an update of the recycling contamination pilot project with Prairie Robotics as well as an update on the Stonington food waste collection project.

Special Projects Committee

Mr. Aldridge said that The Special Projects Committee met on April 20th to discuss the potential for an organics project. We first reviewed an update of the two potential sites for a faculty, North Stonington and our Preston property. We have contacted the North Stonington property owner with a letter suggesting lease terms. For the Preston property Rich has contacted an attorney regarding a quote on the cost of zoning assistance.

Mr. Aldridge referred to the paperwork package where there is a copy of a Compost Financial Calculator that shows the cost components of operating a food waste composting operation with an estimate of revenues generated by product sales. This is an abridged version of a much more in-depth analysis developed by SCS Engineers. SCS based their analysis on a facility at our Preston property and our waste characteristics. These numbers are an example only, but the calculator will allow us to change cost and revenue imputes as assumptions change.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

None

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Fisher's Island Contract

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Fisher's Island Contract

Discussion: none

Majority was in favor, none were opposed.

In: 3:46PM

(Motion by Gary Schneider, 2nd by Pat McLaughlin)

Motion to Leave Executive Session

Discussion: none

Majority was in favor, none were opposed.

Out: 4:07PM

(Motion by Pat McLaughlin, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

Motion for Executive Committee to authorize these expenditures up to \$5,000 with the law firm Suisman Shapiro regarding zoning work in the town of Preston.

Discussion: none

Majority was in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Pat McLaughlin, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schneider Secretary