



**Minutes of the June 14, 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 2:03 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	A
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; and SCRRRA Legal Counsel Richard Barger,

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

**4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 10, 2023**

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.

(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Leitch)

5. FINANCE REPORTS

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

6. PRESIDENT'S / STAFF REPORTS

**PROJECT:**

**I. Solid Waste Bill**

Mr. Aldridge said that a stripped-down version of the Governor's Solid Waste Bill passed the Legislature. It did not increase the Solid Waste Assessment but did dictate that monies collected, after the first \$2.8 million, be put into the Sustainable Materials Management Account and allows funds to be pledged for revenue bonds for waste infrastructure projects. The bill also creates a successor to MIRA; establishes a post-consumer content requirement for certain plastic containers; allows municipalities to identify additional recyclable solid wastes for diversion (i.e. food scraps); increases the Class II electric generation rec from 2.5 to 3 cents; expanded the state's organics recycling law; allows DEEP to submit RFP's for waste management and increases the cap on SCRF-backed bonds from \$250 million to \$500 million.

**II. Tire EPR**

Mr. Aldridge informed us that the Legislature also passed the first-in-the-nation Tire EPR bill, a press release from Product Stewardship Institute is in the paperwork package. The Legislature did not move on packaging EPR mandates relating to organics diversion, or any sweeping climate change laws. Mr. Aldridge has received a number of calls from eco-advocates expressing disappointment in the lack of activity.

**III. Sub Committee Updates**

• **Financial Planning Committee**

Mr. Aldridge informed us that at the last meeting Service Fee Strategy goals and the development of a model that looks at how the strategy that we adopt impacts the level of Reserves.

• **Human Resource Committee**

Mr. Aldridge referred to the paperwork package for the latest version of the Draft Employee Manual. The committee reviewed the document and made two wording changes. The document is meant to be a "living document" that would be subject to future amendment by Board vote. Upon the Board's approval we can move this to a finished document and implement its provisions.

**Motion to Accept Handbook as Presented**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed**

**(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Leitch)**

• **Waste Diversion Committee**

Mr. Aldridge said that the Waste Diversion Committee discussed Grinder operations, Chip hauling, the Prairie Robotics pilot project, and the need for expanding textiles recycling. We are working on a marketing package to support “mulch days” at transfer stations, similar to the successful event held last month in Ledyard. The Prairie Robotics pilot project has been briefly delayed due to a hold-up at customs of the equipment to be installed in the participating trucks. Mr. Aldridge is pleased to announce that yesterday he received confirmation from the EPA that our grant application for funding to expand the contamination reduction program (if successful) has passed the threshold review and is now going through merit review. Lastly, Mr. Aldridge was referred to a textile recycling company by Jill Senior, who saw their presentation at a recent NRRA conference. He contacted the company, Apparell Impact, and had a lengthy conversation with their President, Joe Witten. Mr. Aldridge invited him to present at our Executive Committee Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

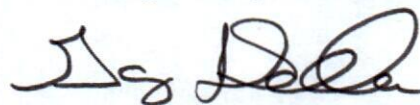
**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Aldridge and Rich Barger are scheduled to attend a Zoning Board meeting in Preston on the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the development of an organics facility on our Preston property.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Brian Sear and seconded by Steve Masalin and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider  
Secretary