



**Minutes of the September 13, 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 2:07 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	A
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	A	Jim Corley	Preston Alternate Representative	P
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	A	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
Steve Lee	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; SCRRRA Legal Counsel Richard Barger, & SCRRRA Consultant Jim Bolduc.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON AUGUST 09, 2023

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.
(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Jill Senior)

Motion to Add an Agenda Item to Speak about the Nominating Committee

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion Stacey Leitch, 2nd Brian Sear)**

5. **FINANCE REPORTS**

Dave Aldridge reviewed July's Finance Report
(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Brian Sear)

5a. **Nominating Committee**

The President approved the following for the Nominating Committee:
Brian Sear, Jim Corley & Jill Senior

6. **PRESIDENT'S / STAFF REPORTS**

PROJECT:

❖ **TCOR's Contract Extension Document**

Mr. Aldridge referred to our paperwork package where there is a copy of an extension letter for our contract with our Lobbyist, TCOR's Capital Group, for the 2024 calendar year. We did not include lobbyist expenses in the FY 2024 budget, so Mr. Aldridge is asking the Board to approve an increase in our FY 2024 budget for lobbyist expenses of \$25,000.

Motion to Extend the Terms of the Agreement and Pay \$25,000 for Lobbyist Expenses.

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion Brian Sear, 2nd Stacey Leitch)**

❖ **SECOG Solid Waste Subcommittee**

Mr. Aldridge stated that on August 15th he was asked to attend a SECOG subcommittee meeting to discuss their development of a position paper to be sent to both the Governor and Legislature prior to the next session in January. A draft outline of that report is in our paperwork package. Mr. Aldridge missed the second meeting last week as he was on vacation but will give updates to the draft as he receives them.

❖ **Sub-Committee Updates**

○ **Finance Committee**

▪ **Town Meeting**

On August 21st Joe Bragaw and Mr. Aldridge toured a potential venue for our Town Management Meeting. The facility appears to be well suited to our needs. With the Boards approval we will begin sending out “save the date” messaging as we now have collected the names of potential attendees. Jim Bolduc and Mr. Aldridge are working on an outline of the meeting talking points which we will vet through the Finance and Executive Committees.

▪ **Human Resource Committee**

We are working on developing an appraisal process and an Executive Director contract.

▪ **Special Projects Committee**

• **Organics Update**

Currently we are working on a facility design required by the Preston Zoning Board which we will be reviewing with the Special Projects Committee. We have received a rejection letter from the EPA regarding our SWIFR grant for composting infrastructure. The letter stated that they received 334 requests and were awarded 25 grants worth \$73 million of the allotted \$100 million in the grant program. Liz Sawyer and Mr. Aldridge have requested a debriefing meeting to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of our application so we may improve in the future. Since we have retained TCORs Mr. Aldridge intends to work with them to compose a letter to Joe Courtney stating our disappointment and requesting his support in obtaining other funding, perhaps through the Omnibus Farm Bill that is up for renewal this fall.

▪ **Waste Diversion Committee**

• **Textile Recycling - Apparel Impact - Joe Whitten**

We have received all the contact names for Apparel Impact, and they have begun contacting towns to place bins. They have constructed 8 bins for transfer stations. They expect to have bins placed and begin servicing them by the end of October. They expect an annual diversion of 1500 tons which should net towns about \$90,000 a year savings at our current service fee. If there are issues regarding zoning, they will work with your zoning officer. Mr. Aldridge stated that if you would like SCRRRA to be directly involved as well, please let him know.

❖ **Prairie Robotics – Contamination Reduction**

The employee group met with Prairie Robotics to review the data collected and how to research repeat offenders. We viewed data currently being collected and how to navigate the data portal. Mr. Aldridge expects that the program will go live in the next week or so.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Brian Sear and seconded by Stacey Leitch and was approved unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Schneider', written over a horizontal line.

Gary Schneider
Secretary