



**Minutes of the October 11, 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 2:02 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	P	Jim Corley	Preston Alternate Representative	A
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	A	Jill Senior	Stonington Representative	P
Steve Lee	New London Alternate Representative	P	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; Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; SCRRRA Legal Counsel Richard Barger, & SCRRRA Consultant Jim Bolduc.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Majority was in favor; none were opposed. Ron McDaniel Abstained (Motion by Steve Masalin, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed August's Finance Report
(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Pat McLaughlin)

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominating Committee Letter and Approval of Officers

**Motion to Approve Officers listed on the Nominating Committee
Letter**

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2nd Jill Senior)**

7. PRESIDENT'S / STAFF REPORTS

PROJECT:

❖ **Vote on Board Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting Schedules for
2024**

Motion to Accept the 2024 Schedules as presented

Discussion: None

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

❖ **Board Activity Calendar**

Mr. Aldridge referred to the paperwork package where we will find the SCRARRA Board Activity Schedule for calendar year 2024. The calendar highlights special topics to be discussed in Executive Committee and Board Meetings, as well as other SCRARRA events, such as HHW collections.

❖ **First Review of the Draft 2025 Operating Budget**

Mr. Aldridge referred to our paperwork package where there is a draft of the 2025 Operating Budget. As written this budget projects a loss of \$4.47 Million and a required subsidy of \$2.8 Million. That is compared to a FY24 Plan Budget of \$3.72 Million loss and a subsidy of \$2.1 Million.

Assumptions included in this plan are the following:

○ **MSW**

- MSW tonnage is planned at 132,648 tons which is a three-year rolling average (21-23)
- The service fee was set at \$67.21 / ton, consistent with Option #1
- The tip fee assumes a max CPI adjustment of 3%
- The ECRRA payment assumed a max CPI adjustment of 3%

○ **Curbside Recycling**

- Recycling tonnage was planned at \$17,500 which is a 3-year rolling average
- Tip fee assumes calculation from MIRA contract with a blended average of \$66.51

○ **Compensation**

- Salaries were planned with a 4% COLA, subject to a town survey that we are conducting.
- Health insurance is planned with a 7% increase per broker

❖ **Sub-Committee Updates**

✚ **Finance Committee**

▪ **Town Meeting**

The Town Meeting has been rescheduled for December 6th at 10:00AM at Nett Hall, Camp Nett in Niantic. Mr. Aldridge asked us to refer to the draft outline of the meeting agenda. Jim Bolduc and Mr. Aldridge are working on the talking points and graphic presentations which we will vet through the Finance Committee and Executive Committee before presenting at next month's Board Meeting.

✚ **Waste Diversion Committee**

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

Apparel Impact is in the process of delivering bins to locations and will be sending out a press release in the next few days. We will be putting information on our website, updating our app, and posting notifications on social media in the coming weeks. Bins will be located in Montville, New London, Norwich, and Stonington within the next several weeks with a total of 20 locations by the end of October.

• **Prairie Robotics**

Prairie Robotics has finished their pre-roll out work and Mr. Aldridge expects to be publishing a press release and beginning the pilot in the coming days.

✚ **Special Projects Committee**

Currently the surveying work for the Preston property is complete and SCS is finishing the detailed design as required by the Preston Zoning Board.

Motion to move into Executive Session to Service Fee Policy

Time In: 2:41PM

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed

(Motion Gary Schneider, 2nd Ron McDaniel)

Motion to leave Executive Session

Time Out: 3:40PM

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed

(Motion Pat McLaughlin, 2nd Ron McDaniel)

NEW BUSINESS

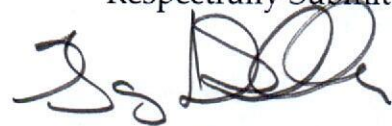
NONE

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary