



**Minutes of the February 14, 2024, 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	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	A	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	A
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	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; Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; SCRRRA Legal Counsel Richard Barger, SCRRRA Consultant Jim Bolduc & Administrative Coordinator, Liz Chuff.

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

**4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2023**

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

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed November's Finance Report

**Motion to Approve Finance Report as Presented**

**Discussion: None**

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

**(Motion Pat McLaughlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Senior)**

6. PRESIDENT'S/STAFF REPORTS

**PROJECT:**

Committee Updates

❖ **Finance Committee - Compost Business Plan**

Mr. Aldridge stated that we have a pro-forma from SCS engineers that lays out suggested operating costs and revenues for the planned facility. We need to revisit these numbers and develop a business plan that shows cost avoidance to justify the capital investment.

❖ **Waste Diversion Committee - Grinder Operations, Glass Recycling and Bulky Waste.**

We will complete an assessment of grinder operations and take a deeper dive into the repair and maintenance budget. We will also complete a feasibility study on a glass diversion program and assess its cost avoidance benefits. Third we will analyze the possibility of conducting an RFP for bulky waste.

❖ **Human Resource Committee - Social Security and ED Contract**

Mr. Aldridge said that we will analyze the potential of offering Social Security as part of the SCRRRA benefits package and discuss the issue of making the Executive Director a contracted person.

❖ **Special Projects Committee - Compost RFP**

We will develop an RFP for construction and operation of the compost facility.

HHW Schedule

- ❖ We have finalized the 2024 HHW Schedule and have gone to print with the rack cards and posters. The website has been updated with this year's schedule and we have posted an HHW video to the website as well.

Website Review

- ❖ Review Updates to the SCRRRA Website.



**Legislative Update**

- ❖ We have created a new page on the website devoted to the legislative session. It will contain the calendar and link to the TCOR's bill tracking report. Mr. Aldridge met with the co-chairs of the Environment Committee and discussed the priorities that we laid out in our December Town Management Meeting. Representative Gresco (the senior co-chair) agreed with our positions and said that they would be promoting funding for infrastructure, and EPR for Batteries and HHW. He did not think unit-based pricing would gain much traction.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**  
NONE

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to Move into Executive Session for Discussion on Possible Action on Alternative Health Care Option.**

**Time In: 2:40PM**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.  
(Motion Stacey Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Schneider)**

**Time Out of Executive Session: 3:07PM**

9. **Discussion on Possible Action on Alternative Health Care Option:**

- a.) **Motion to Adopt Resolution of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority Regarding Employee Option for Medicare Insurance as Written.**  
**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.  
(Motion by Gary Schneider, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Leitch)**
- b.) **Motion to Add Previous Resolution to The Personnel Rules and Employee Handbook as Amendment #1.**  
**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.  
(Motion by Pat McLaughlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Leitch)**
- c.) **Motion to Increase David Aldridge's Gross Salary by \$18,752.50 Yearly, Effective 02/01/2024**  
**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.  
(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Masalin)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Gary Schneider and seconded by Steve Masalin and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Schneider', written in a cursive style.

Gary Schneider  
Secretary