



**Minutes of the September 11, 2024, Annual 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	Don Hill	North Stonington Representative	A
Justin Porter	East Lyme Alternate Representative	A	Alan Ladd	North Stonington Alternate Representative	P
Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P	Brian Long	Norwich Representative	P
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P	Sandra Allyn-Gauthier	Preston Representative	A
David McBride	Groton Alternate Representative	A	Jared Harris	Preston Alternate Representative	P
Steve Masalin	Ledyard Representative	A	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	P
Joe Lozier	Ledyard Alternate Representative	A	Paul Copenhagen	Sprague Alternate Representative	A
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	P	Jill Senior	Stonington Representative	P
John Carlson	Montville Alternate	A	Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	P
Brian Sear	New London Representative	P	Daniel Matheson	Waterford Alternative Representative	A
Steve Lee	New London Alternate Representative	A			

P = Present, C=Call In (Audio), A=Absent

**Quorum present**

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director; Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator; Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; Liz Chuff, SCRRRA Operations Manager; Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel; & Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant.

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

DEEP News Release notification of Grant opportunity for Sustainable Materials Management.

**4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON AUGUST 14, 2024**

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.

(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Blanchard)

5. 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 Stacey Leich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron McDaniel)**

6. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed July's Finance Report

**Motion to Approve Finance Report as Presented**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.  
(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cheryl Blanchard)**

7. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

We have had difficult two months with machine repairs. Mr. Aldridge received quotes from two companies that can assist us with grinder services; he is waiting on a third. He will discuss options with the Executive Committee in two weeks.

8. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar for the month of September & October.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

**PROJECT:**

▪ Year-end Operations Report

Mr. Aldridge informed us that the Year-end Operations Report for FY 2024 has been revised to show a three-year history with more detail.

▪ Organics Project:

- Permitting Update: The DEEP Wildlife Biologist found a small larval burrow of the Sand Beetle & indicated that post-construction would be easy for us to effect habitat restoration.
- We heard from DEEP's Environmental Justice Coordinator. Our EJ plan is under review and once it is accepted it will take between 60 and 90 days to complete the required notifications, meetings and post-meeting wait period.
- Funding Project Planning Account:

**Motion to approve funding of a Project Planning Account with \$20,000 to pay for expenses incurred during permitting and vendor selection.**

**Discussion: None**

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

- **DEEP RACT Standards Letter Update**  
SCRRRA is sending a letter to Commissioner Dykes regarding the change in law issue regarding NOx emissions. We have not yet received a response from the Commissioners office. Our lobbyists and TCOR's are working on setting up a meeting for us along with a rep from Win Waste.
- **Update on Recycling Contract Negotiation**  
Mr. Aldridge referred to the final draft contract with Willimantic Waste for municipal recycling.

**Motion to approve the recycling contract with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. as negotiated by the Authority's negotiating team and as reviewed by the Board of Directors, which contract shall provide for single stream processing by Willimantic Waste Paper Co. Inc. of the Authority's Member Towns' recycling items, which contract shall have a term beginning on October 1, 2024 and terminating on December 3, 2030, and to further authorize the Authority's president to execute such contract on the Authority's behalf.**

**Discussion: None**

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

**(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Todd Babbitt)**

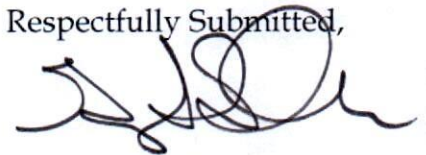
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
NONE

11. **NEW BUSINESS**  
NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Ron McDaniel and seconded by Brian Long and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider  
Secretary