



**Minutes of the March 12, 2025, 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	Alan Ladd	North Stonington Representative	V
Justin Porter	East Lyme Alternate Representative	P	Phillip Whitman	North Stonington Alternate Representative	A
Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P	Brian Long	Norwich Representative	P
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P	Jeff Dewey	Norwich Alternate Representative	V
David McBride	Groton Alternate Representative	A	Jared Harris	Preston Representative	A
Steve Masalin	Ledyard Representative	P	Adam Collins	Preston Alternate Representative	A
Joe Lozier	Ledyard Alternate Representative	A	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	P
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	V	Paul Copenhagen	Sprague Alternate Representative	A
John Carlson	Montville Alternate	A	Jill Senior	Stonington Representative	A
Brian Sear	New London Representative	V	Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	P
Steve Lee	New London Alternate Representative	A	Daniel Matheson	Waterford Alternative Representative	A

P = Present, V = (Virtual), A=Absent

Quorum present

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

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -

None

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.

(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2nd by Cheryl Blanchard)

5. **FINANCE REPORTS**

Dave Aldridge reviewed January's Finance Report

Motion to Approve Finance Report as Presented

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Steve Masalin)

6. **WOOD GRINDING REPORT**

The grinder is currently in Stonington and upon completion of wood grinding will be taken to the CAT repair facility to have an oil leak repaired.

7. **AUTHORITY CALENDAR**

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar for March & April.

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

PROJECT:

I. Transfer Station Roundtable

Today we held our spring Transfer Station Roundtable. We discussed battery recycling procedures and Winston demonstrated proper packing for transport. We provided updates on Fall 2024 operations, an update on current legislation, and organics with a spotlight on the Ledyard food scrap program.

II. Organics Update

Facility Tour – We have an Executive Committee tour scheduled on Wednesday, March 26th to visit two compost facilities, Black Earth Compost in Groton, MA and WeCare Denali in Ellington, CT.

USCC State Chapter – Mr. Aldridge has been approached by the CT Compost Coalition to create a 501c for the purpose of creating a CT Chapter of the US Composting Council. The USCC requires that any chapter have a 501c designation. Mr. Aldridge has inquired with other states and was told that a Chapter is beneficial for areas starting up composting markets as it provides legitimacy, lobbying assistance and publicity. Annual dues to the Chapter should be minimal.

III. Board Designated Funds Review

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Board Designated Funds Balances.

IV. **Board Subcommittees**

As discussed in the Executive Committee Meeting, Mr. Aldridge recommended implementing ad hoc sub-committees rather than standing committees we have had in the past. After further review, Mr. Aldridge is asking if any Board Members would be interested in assisting with two subcommittees:

Recycling Contamination Committee - This committee would assist in the development of a recycling contamination report structure by member municipality. Decisions regarding the continuation/expansion of the Prairie Robotics system, community outreach and corrective actions would be the purview of this committee.

Compost Facility Design and Construction RFP (assuming permit approval and Board vote to move forward) - This committee will assist with the development and implementation of a Request for Pricing for a Food Waste Composting Facility, once permit is approved by DEEP. Tasks would include document development, development of potential bidders, response analysis, and development of a Board Recommendation.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Steve Masalin and seconded by Todd Babbitt and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schneider
Secretary