



**Minutes of the July 09, 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 2:00 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Alan Ladd	North Stonington Representative	V
Justin Porter	East Lyme Alternate Representative	A	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	A
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	P
Brian Sear	New London Representative	A	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 (P); & Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (V)

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -**

None

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON JUNE 11, 2025

**Motion to Approve the Minutes with Revised Changes.**

**Discussion: None**

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

**(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Masalin)**

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed May's Finance Report

**Motion to Approve the Finance Report as Presented**

**Discussion: None**

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

**(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Blanchard)**

6. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

The wood grinder is currently in Norwich; Lenny is ordering permits to move to Preston.

7. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the June/July Authority Calendar.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

**PROJECT:**

**I. Town Survey**

Liz Chuff addressed the Board regarding the Town Survey.

**II. Organics Update**

**• Permit Update**

The response to DEEP's request for information was submitted on June 23rd by Greg McCarron. This submission was the result of a coordinated effort among SCS, SCRRRA, and BEC. It includes minor modifications to the original design, specifically splitting the four active composting bays into eight shorter bays and relocating the receiving building closer to the active composting area.

**• Operator Contract**

We are close to finishing the Term Sheet which outlines the details that will be in a final contract with BEC.

- **SMM2 Grant**

The SMM2 grant application was submitted on June 27th, requesting \$299,500 for collection equipment to support the expansion of food scrap collection across the SCRRRA region. The proposed equipment will facilitate collections at transfer stations, schools, and through residential pick-up programs – both curbside and via remote bin locations. Black Earth Compost has already initiated collections in Stonington, and Jill Senior reports that the program is off to a strong start and running smoothly.

- **USDA Grant**

We have placed our order for the two front loaders for the compost facility, and the distributor has agreed to hold the equipment until we request delivery. The warranties and service contracts do not begin until delivery takes place.

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 Cheryl Blanchard and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schneider  
Secretary