



**Minutes of the July 24, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting of the
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority
Held at the Gales Ferry office & via Zoom.**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	A	Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P
Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	P	Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P
Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	V			

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

Quorum Present

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director (P); Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager (P); Liz Chuff, Operations Manager (P); Robin Cano, Operations Administrator (P); Richard Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel (P); Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (V); Tim Ng and Eric Kraus, Fiducient Advisors. (P) (P)

2. FIDUCIENT ADVISORS UPDATE

Tim Ng and Eric Kraus presented SCRRRA's Quarterly Investment review for the second quarter of 2025.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 29, 2025

The majority were in favor, none were opposed.
(Motion by Gary Schneider, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

5. FINANCE REPORTS:

Dave Aldridge reviewed the 2025-year end finance report.

6. WOOD GRINDER REPORTS

The grinder is currently in North Stonington.

7. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the July/August Authority Calendar.

8. PRESIDENT / STAFF REPORTS:

I. Organics Update

- **Permit**

Our permit has passed technical review and has been forwarded for Management review.

- **Design Update**

We revisited the site plan with SCS and BEC and made some adjustments. These changes were made with consideration for potential challenges related to odor control and future expansion. While the components remain the same, we rearranged them within the original footprint. We submitted the revised plan to DEEP, and they confirmed that the changes are acceptable and will not delay the permitting process further.

- **Grants**

USDA – Order has been placed.

MMI – Mr. Aldridge received a draft Grant Agreement from DEEP. Unlike the USDA grant, the MMI grant is set up as a reimbursement based on expense invoices that we submit.

SMM2 – Submitted and under review at DEEP.

- **Next Steps**

- **Detail Design and Build**

Greg McCarron from SCS has been working with BEC to complete revisions to the site design necessary to complete the technical phase of DEEP's permit review. We have also forwarded a term sheet to BEC outlining the basis for a facility operating contract. Mr. Aldridge has indicated that he would like the Executive Committee to consider retaining SCS for the scope of work described in the proposal. Additionally, he recommends incorporating terms into the BEC agreement for their participation in the final design and build-out of the facility.

- **Funding**

Upon acceptance of a Proposal for Final Design, Bid and Construction, Mr. Aldridge will ask that the Board approve a reserve fund to support the next steps in the process. In addition to the proposal amount, this set-aside will account for legal expenses and any additional ancillary costs that may arise.

II. Recycling Update

We still have not received detailed data from Casella regarding the town audits. Mr. Aldridge has issued a memo to Casella Management expressing our concerns and dissatisfaction with the delay. Based on their response, we will determine our next steps, including whether to continue pursuing the Prairie Robotics program.

III. Discussion on Increase of Tonnage due to Increase of Housing Units and Technical Space.

Gary Schneider has requested that we add an agenda item to discuss anticipated population growth in several SCRRA communities, following Electric Boat's notification of planned hiring increases. In response, Mr. Aldridge has reached out to Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director of SECOG, to request any available data or estimates regarding regional population and housing growth. Additionally, Mr. Schneider has compiled a set of key points and suggestions to be considered in the Proposal for Final Design, Bid-Phase, and Construction-Phase Services.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Todd Babbitt requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made. by Stacey Leitch and seconded by Gary Schneider and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schneider
Secretary