



**Minutes of the September 10, 2025, 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 2:02 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	P
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	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 (V); & Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (V).

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -

None

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2025

Motion to Approve the Minutes.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Steve Masalin, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominee's

Joe Bragaw, President

Todd Babbitt, 1st Vice President

Stacey Leitch, 2nd Vice President

Gary Schneider, Secretary

Cheryl Blanchard, Treasurer

Motion to Approve the Nominee Slate as Presented.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Steve Masalin, 2nd by Brian Long)

6. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed the Finance Report.

Motion to Approve the Finance Report as Presented

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

7. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

The wood grinder in Groton is currently down due to damage caused by a vehicle tie rod that was found in the incoming material. The tie rod sliced a chunk out of the newly installed belt, which was just replaced last week. Considering the high cost of repairs in the last fiscal year, Mr. Aldridge intends to develop a policy outlining what materials are acceptable in inbound loads and creating a standard for the Board's review and approval. This initiative was mentioned by Mr. Aldridge during the recent Transfer Station Roundtable Meeting.

8. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the August/September Authority Calendar.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. Organics Update

• Permit Update

The ongoing delay in the permit approval, now in its 15th month and stuck in the “Management Review” phase, is significantly impacting construction timelines and operating onboarding. Last month, Mr. Aldridge contacted Gabrielle Fignon, the Director of the Solid Waste Division, whom he is still waiting to hear from.

• Grant Update

Mr. Aldridge stated that Rich Barger and himself have been working closely with Michael Looney, Senior Advisor to the DEEP Commissioner, to resolve any outstanding issues with the draft MMI Grant agreement. The agreement is now being finalized, and Mr. Aldridge anticipates that a copy will be sent to Joe Bragaw, SCRRRA President, within the next few weeks. In the meantime, Greg McCarron has reached out regarding scheduling the initial phase of site work. The contractor he plans to use for this first step, Terracon, requires approximately one month of lead time for scheduling. The initial work – geological borings – will cost around \$10,000. While we are close to finalizing the grant, if this work is completed before the funds are officially awarded, SCRRRA would need to cover the cost upfront. To avoid further delays, Mr. Aldridge is requesting the Board’s approval to allow Greg to move forward with scheduling this work.

Motion to Approve SCS to Move Forward with Geological Borings, understanding that the \$10,000 SCRRRA Pays out Might not be Reimbursable if the Work is Done Before the Funds are Rewarded.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, one was opposed.

(Motion by Gary Schneider, 2nd by Todd Babbitt, Steve Masalin Opposed)

• Operator Contract

Last month, the Executive Committee (EC) reviewed the draft term sheet that will serve as the foundation for the Black Earth Compost (BEC) contract. Following several edits, the revised document has been re-distributed to the Executive Committee for final review.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to Move into Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations.

Time in: 2:40PM

Discussion: none

The majority was in favor, none were opposed.

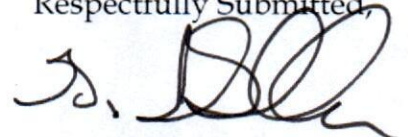
(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2nd by Cheryl Blanchard)

Time Out of Executive Session: 3:11PM with No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Brian Long and seconded by Steve Masalin and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary