



**Minutes of the November 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 2:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Alan Ladd	North Stonington Representative	A
Justin Porter	East Lyme Alternate Representative	A	Phillip Whitman	North Stonington Alternate Representative	A
Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	A	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	A	Adam Collins	Preston Alternate Representative	A
Joe Lozier	Ledyard Alternate Representative	A	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	A
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	P	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); Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator (P); Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager (P); Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel (V); Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (V); & Emily Bigel, (SECOG).

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -

None

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2025

Motion to Approve the Minutes.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

5. 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 Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

6. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

The wood grinder is currently in East Lyme.

7. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the August/September Authority Calendar.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. Discussion and Possible Action on FY 2027 Budget

Motion to Approve the FY 2027 Budget as Presented

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

Motion to Add Agenda Item 8.4 to Discuss Possible Action on FY 2027 Service Fee

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Brian Long)

II. Organics Update

• Permit/Grant Update

Mike Looney reached out to Mr. Aldridge to inform him that they would need to repost the Environmental Impact Evaluation for another 3 weeks to fully satisfy statutory requirements. He also acknowledged that this only applies to the grant and is a separate issue than the permit.

- **Discussion and Possible Action on SCS Compost Facility Design Contract**
Greg McCarren from SCS provided a timeline for the final design and bid process. Assuming we get the go ahead this month, these two steps will be complete next April. This was discussed in the EC Meeting with the recommendation that, if necessary, SCRRRA fund some final design work to get the project started.

➤ **Research and Development Fund**

Mr. Aldridge is proposing the development of a Research and Development fund to be used by the EC for further projects which would reduce the amount of MSW going to disposal, including the compost facility.

Motion to establish a discretionary fund in the approximate amount of \$180,000 (such monies recently received in connection with a RECs payment from WIN Waste) for the purpose of authorizing the Executive Committee to expend such funds in connection with expenses incurred in connection with pending projects including the construction of the compost facility, contracts associated with the operation of such facility, engineering and architectural expenses related to such facility and further, expenses incurred relating to the Authority's contract negotiations and property lease issues associated with Reworld's proposed new trash-to-energy facility project.

Discussion: none

The majority was in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

- **Operator Contract**

We have met with both the Executive Committee and Black Earth Compost since our last Board Meeting and are very close to an agreement on a term sheet.

III. HR Support Update

Mr. Aldridge has identified 6 potential companies for HR Support and is developing a list of core competencies and developing a decision matrix with which to grade candidates. He would like to revive the HR Subcommittee and is looking for volunteers.

IV. Discuss Possible Action on FY 2027 Service Fee

Motion for the Approval of \$83.10 Service Fee for FY2027

Discussion: none

The majority was in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Joe Bragaw, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to Move into Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations.

Time in: 2:37PM

Discussion: none

The majority was in favor, none were opposed.

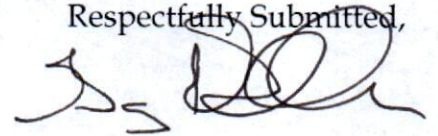
(Motion by Gary Schneider, 2nd by Ron McDaniel)

Time Out of Executive Session: 3:24PM 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 Brian Sear at 3:24PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Schneider', written over a horizontal line.

Gary Schneider
Secretary