



**Minutes of the April 23, 2026, Special Board Meeting of the
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority Regarding the
SCRRRA Regional Composting Facility,
Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Teams**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Joe Bragaw called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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| 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 | V |
| Stacey Leitch | Groton Representative | P | Jeff Dewey | Norwich Alternate Representative | V |
| Adam Puccino | Groton Alternate Representative | A | Jared Harris | Preston Representative | V |
| Steve Masalin | Ledyard Representative | P | Adam Collins | Preston Alternate Representative | A |
| Joe Lozier | Ledyard Alternate Representative | A | Cheryl Blanchard | Sprague Representative | V |
| 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 | V | Gary Schneider | Waterford Representative | V |
| 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, SCRRRA 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).

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT REGIONAL RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – April 23, 2026

MOTIONS REGARDING ORGANICS COMPOSTING FACILITY

WHEREAS, The Authority has received a permit to construct and operate an aerobic food waste composting facility, Organics Composting Facility, (OCF) on or about March 26, 2026; and

Whereas, the Authority has obtained a \$4,500,000 materials management infrastructure grant from Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP); and

Whereas, SCRARRA has solicited and received bids to construct an Organics Composting Facility (OCF); and

Whereas the Authority's consulting engineer, SCS Engineers (SCS) has recommended the award of the contract for construction of the OCF to the low bidder, Suchocki & Son, Inc. (Suchocki); and

Whereas, Suchocki's bid was in the amount of \$5,239,000; and

Whereas DEEP has approved the awarding to the contract to construct the OCF to Suchocki; and

Whereas, it has been determined by Authority's staff that after accounting for the \$4,500,000 DEEP grant there will be additional funds required over and above said grant funds including an estimated \$60,000 for SCS contract administration; a contingency of \$300,000; and an additional \$600,000 necessary for equipment to completely outfit the OCF, these items bringing the amount of funds needed in excess of the grant funds to \$1,700,000; and

Therefore, the SCRARRA Board adopts the following motions authorization of (1) funds necessary to proceed; (2) interim financing of the project; and (3) the award of the contract for construction as follows:

Motion 1 - The SCRARRA Board approves the recommendation of the Executive Committee regarding the authorization of the expenditure of up to \$1,700,000 from the Capitol Projects Reserve Fund in order to fully fund construction of the SCRARRA Regional Composting Facility (OCF) and required associated equipment.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2nd by Ron McDaniel)

Motion 2 - The SCRRA Board approves the recommendation of the Executive Committee regarding the authorization of the Executive Director to draw funds from the Capitol Projects Reserve Fund to pay the contractor upon the recommendation of SCS Engineers for progress payments due to the contractor prior to the State of Connecticut's reimbursement to the Authority. All reimbursements received from the State to be put back in the Capitol Projects Reserve Fund.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

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

Motion 3- The SCRRA Board approves the recommendation of the Executive Committee to award the construction contract in the amount of \$5,239,000 for the SCRRA Regional Composting Facility to Suchocki & Son, Inc. and further to authorize the Authority President to sign the contract and any other required documents to accomplish such award.

Discussion: None

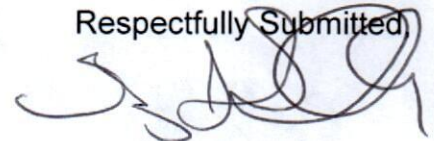
Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Cheryl Blanchard)

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Steve Masalin and seconded by Ron McDaniel at 2:12PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary