Minutes of August 19, 2026, Wood Grinding Committee Meeting of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority Held at the Gales Ferry office & via Teams.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
   The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Jill Senior	Stonington Representative	V	Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	V
Steve Masalin	Ledyard Representative	V			

P = Present; V = Virtual; A = Absent.

A quorum was present.

Also present: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director (P); Robin Cano, Operations Administrator (P); Elizabeth Chuff, Operations Manager (V); Joe Bragaw, SCRRRA Board President (V); Lenny Wiese, SCRRRA Heavy Equipment Operator; Casey Adams, Black Earth Compost (V); Andrew Brousseau, Black Earth Compost (V)

3. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**
   No public communication or correspondence was reported.

4. **ACT ON MINUTES OF THE WOOD GRINDING COMMITTEE HELD ON JULY 22, 2026**

   Motion to Approve the Minutes.
   Discussion: None
   Majority were in favor, none were opposed.
   (Motion by Jill Senior, 2nd by Steve Masalin)

5. **DISCUSSION**

   a. **Develop Transfer Station Standards for Acceptable Material**
   The Committee discussed ideas and potential strategies for controlling who is allowed to drop off yard waste at the municipal transfer stations for grinding, and what the standards should be for determining what materials are accepted. Lenny and Andrew both gave input and suggestions.

   b. **Discussion Regarding Commercial Access to Transfer Stations**
   The Committee discussed concerns regarding commercial entities taking advantage of the wood grinding service, which is intended for residential use only, and how to control this. It was mentioned that commercial yard waste could potentially provide a source of income for SCRRRA. It was also mentioned that eliminating the volume coming in from commercial sources would increase the frequency of wood grinder visits to each of the SCRRRA member towns.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

7. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
   Todd Babbitt requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Jill Senior and seconded by Steve Masalin at 10:33 AM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Babbitt
Vice President