Minutes of September 16, 2026, Board Meeting of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Teams

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
   Joe Bragaw called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Alan Ladd	North Stonington Representative	P
Justin Porter	East Lyme Alternate Representative	A	Phillip Whitman	North Stonington Alternate Representative	A
Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P	Brian Long	Norwich Representative	A
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	V	Jeff Dewey	Norwich Alternate Representative	P
Adam Puccino	Groton Alternate Representative	A	Jared Harris	Preston Representative	P
Steve Masalin	Ledyard Representative	A	Adam Collins	Preston Alternate Representative	A
Vacancy	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	P
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, SCRRRA Operations Manager (P); Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator (P); Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager (P); Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel (P); Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (P), Casey Adams , BEC (P), Conor Miller, (BEC) (P), Justin Sandler, BEC (P), Andrew Brousseau, BEC (P), Jon Laurie, BEC (P), & Lenny Wiese, Equipment Operator.

3. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -**
   None

4. **Black Earth Presentation**
   BEC GAVE A PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY OUTREACH & HAULING.

5. **ACT ON MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2026**

   Motion to Approve the Minutes.
   Discussion: None
   Majority were in favor, none were opposed. Todd Babbitt Abstained
   (Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2nd by Jill Senior,

6. **FINANCE REPORTS**
   Dave Aldridge reviewed July's Finance Report.

   Motion to Approve the Finance Report as Presented
   Discussion: None
   Majority were in favor, none were opposed.
   (Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2nd by Jeff Dewey)

7. **WOOD GRINDING REPORT**
   The grinder is moving into Groton after an extended delay for repairs to its cooling system.

8. **AUTHORITY CALENDAR**
   Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar for September & October. Liz reviewed Transfer Station Roundtable Meeting.

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS**
   PROJECT:

   I. **Organics Update**
   The construction at the compost site is progressing as planned. The grading is mostly complete and the berm is complete and will be seeded this week. Eversource inspected the existing electrical line from Route 12 to the back of the site and told us we could use it to saving us from running our own line.

II. **Wood Grinding Committee**

Todd Babbitt updated the Board meeting on the key points of the August 19th Wood Grinding Committee Meeting.

Issues discussed were:

- Developing Transfer Station Standards for acceptable material.
- Discussed limiting commercial access to transfer station wood piles.

III. **Draft Fiscal 2028 Operating Budget**

The 2028 Operating Budget was discussed.

IV. **Town Survey**

Liz Chuff reviewed the completed Town Survey.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Motion to Move into Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations.
Time in: 3:23PM
Discussion: none
The majority was in favor, none were opposed.
(Motion by Gary Schneider, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

Time Out of Executive Session: 3:25PM with No Action Taken.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Gary Schneider and seconded by Todd Babbitt at 3:26PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schneider
Secretary