

# Minutes of the May 08, 2024, 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 2:01 pm.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Don Hill	North Stonington Representative	A
	East Lyme Alternate			North Stonington Alternate	
Kevin Seery	Representative	A	Alan Ladd	Representative	P
Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P	Patrick McLaughlin	Norwich Representative	P
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	Р	Brian Long	Norwich Alternate Representative	A
Steve Masalin	Ledyard Representative	Р	Sandra Allyn- Gauthier	Preston Representative	A
Joe Lozier	Ledyard Alternate Representative	A	Jim Corley	Preston Alternate Representative	A
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	P	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	P
John Carlson	Montville Alternate	A	Paul Copenhagen	Sprague Alternate Representative	A
Brian Sear	New London Representative	A	Jill Senior	Stonington Representative	P
Steve Lee	New London Alternate Representative	A	Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	P
			Daniel Matheson	Waterford Alternative Representative	A

P = Present, C=Call In (Audio), A=Absent

#### Quorum present

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director; Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator; Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel; Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant; Winston Averill, Recycling Coordinator & Liz Chuff, Administrative Coordinator.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE NONE

## 4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 10, 2024 Majority was in favor; none were opposed, Ron McDaniel Abstained (Motion by Jill Senior, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat McLaughlin)

#### FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed March's Finance Report

Motion to Approve Finance Report as Presented Discussion: None Majority were in favor, none were opposed. (Motion Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Masalin)

#### 6. GRINDER SCHEDULE AND REPORT

The grinder is currently in Ledyard.

#### 7. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

This month we will have the final vote on the 2024 employee health care offering. Last Saturday we held our New London HHW, 533 cars.

#### 8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

PROJECT:

#### Organics Update

- DEEP Permit Update Mr. Averill presented permit update and next steps.
- o <u>USDA Grant Update</u> Mrs. Chuff presented an update on the grant status.

#### Prairie Robotics Update

Prairie Robotics is having continuing conversations with Casella. We are planning a conference call with Casella's Quality Control Group and Bob Cappadona, Casella's VP for Recycling in the next several weeks.

#### Legislative Update

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the current status of bills in this legislative session. Details on all these bills are available on our websites Legislative Tracker.

#### Health Insurance

SCRRRA employees have unanimously voted to move to Anthem package (2024 Silver Pathway) for fiscal 2024.

Motion to Approve Anthem Health Care Package (2024 Silver Pathway) as discussed and reviewed.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd Stacey Leitch)

#### Recycling RFP Update

The Executive Committee accepted the draft RFP package for Municipal Recycling. The package has been sent to two proposers, Casella and CWPM.

#### Key dates for the RFP:

- May 9<sup>th</sup> issuance
- o Proposals due by June 6th
- o Recommendation for award July 11th
- o Contract finalized August 9th.

#### 9. New Business

Mr. Aldridge met with SECCOG last week to review their Solid Waste Study. They agreed to assist with helping us with data collection necessary for an outreach program prior to the launch of a facility. They meet again on July  $16^{th}$ .

#### 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Todd Babbitt requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made. by Steve Masalin and seconded by Jill Senior and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schneider Secretary