



**Minutes of the July 25, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting of the
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority
Held at the Gales Ferry office & via Zoom.**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P
Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	P	Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P

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

Quorum Present

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director; Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; Robin Cano, Operations Administrator; Richard Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel; Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant; Liz Chuff, Operations Manager; Tim Ng, Fiducient Advisor & Eric Kraus, Fiducient Advisor.

2. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JUNE 27, 2024

The majority was in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Gary Schneider, 2nd by Todd Babbitt; Stacey Leitch Abstained)

3. FINANCE REPORTS:

Dave Aldridge reviewed June's finance report.

4. PRESIDENT / STAFF REPORTS:

I. Organics Project

Mr. Aldridge informed us that we received a notice of insufficiency from DEEP regarding paperwork dealing with Environmental Justice (EJ) issues. Greg McCarron reached out to the person in charge of EJ issues and has not heard back.

We completed the zoning requirement for an erosion control bond. Mylars have been delivered and the filing fee paid, so we should be done with the Town of Preston for now.

Earlier this week we met with the Center for Eco Technology (CET) and discussed putting together an outreach program to be implemented about 90 days prior to facility operation. The cost will be about \$150,000 and would include both pre-opening source separation training as well as policing contamination issues for a period after opening. We are partnering with CET to obtain grant funding.

While the grinder is down, we have begun clearing the Preston property and we should be in a position to contact DEEP and schedule their biologist to inspect for the sand beetle.

II. Contamination Project

Mr. Aldridge spoke with Bob Cappadona about the possibility of partnering with Casella to expand the program to additional SCRRRA communities. Mr. Cappadona is extremely interested in this technology and is heading up the Casella project in Maine personally. Mr. Aldridge said that for SCRRRA to continue to invest in this project, there would have to be a financial incentive to do so, and it should be included in our contract discussions.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Barger referenced the letter that we were going to write to DEEP to support the problem WinWaste is having with the potential change to their treatment facility. They sent a draft letter that Mr. Bolduc, Mr. Aldridge & Mr. Barger looked at and were ready to send out. Mr. Barger got a call today stating that we should hold off on sending the letter. DEEP stated that all of CT will be classified as severe non-attainment based on 2008 and 2015 RACT standards. We will not be sending out the letter at this time.

6. Executive Session:

Motion to Move into Executive Session to Discuss Recycling Contract Negotiation

Time in: 3:26PM

Discussion: none

The majority was in favor, none were opposed.

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


Time Out of Executive Session: 3:31PM

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was made by Gary Schneider and seconded by Stacey Leitch.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gary Schneider
Secretary