



**Minutes of the August 14, 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 2:02 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

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

**Quorum present**

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director; Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator; Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel; Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant; & Liz Chuff, Administrative Coordinator.

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Motion to Nominate Brian Sear and Steve Masalin as the Lead for the Nominating Committee.**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.  
(Motion Todd Babbitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Leitch)**

5. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON JULY 10, 2024

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.

(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Schneider)

6. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed June's Finance Report

**Motion to Approve Finance Report as Presented**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.  
(Motion Brian Sear, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Masalin)**

7. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

We have updated the Grinder Report with a color-coding system. The wood grinder will be finishing in Groton next week. Stacey Leitch brought up revisited the possibility of SCRRRA obtaining supplemental assistance for the grinder.

8. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar for the month of August.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

**PROJECT:**

▪ **Organics Project**

Mr. Aldridge informed us that the Finance Committee has reviewed the draft pro-forma that covers the compost operation financial analysis. This report includes input from SCS Engineers & Black Earth Compost.

We have received a notice of insufficiency from DEEP regarding the need for an Environmental Justice Plan to move forward on our permit application.

We have contacted DEEP to schedule their entomologist to resolve the endangered species issue. Lastly, the draft list of food scrap generators is available for making corrections/additions/deletions.



- **Recycling Contamination Update**

We have received a quote from Prairie Robotics for an enhancement to our current pilot test. This will allow a cell phone picture to be taken by the driver. The picture will be processed and will generate a postcard. This allows for the inclusion of bins that are not collected. Also included in the quote is \$2500 for additional postcard generation that should carry us until the end of the year. This program may provide us with financial incentives as we are working to include contamination reduction pricing in our contract with Casella.

**Motion to Accept the Quote Provided by Prairie Robotics for Their Mobile App and Additional Postcards to Allow our Pilot Program to Run Through the End of the Year.**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Gary Schneider, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Leitch)**

- **DEEP RACT Standards Letter Update**

SCRRA is sending a letter to Commissioner Dykes regarding the change in law issue regarding NOx emissions.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to Move into Executive Session to Discuss Recycling Contract Negotiations.**

**Time In: 2:58PM**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Leitch)**

**Time Out of Executive Session: 3:15PM**

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

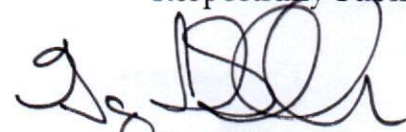
NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Todd Babbitt and seconded by Stacey Leitch and was approved unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider  
Secretary