

# Minutes of the October 09, 2024, Annual Board Meeting of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Zoom

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Todd Babbitt called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	A	Don Hill	North Stonington Representative	A
Justin Porter	East Lyme Alternate Representative	A	Alan Ladd	North Stonington Alternate Representative	Р
Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P	Brian Long	Norwich Representative	P
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P	Sandra Allyn- Gauthier	Preston Representative	A
David McBride	Groton Alternate Representative	A	Jared Harris	Preston Alternate Representative	A
Steve Masalin	Ledyard Representative	A	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	P
Joe Lozier	Ledyard Alternate Representative	P	Paul Copenhagen	Sprague Alternate Representative	A
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	P	Jill Senior	Stonington Representative	A
John Carlson	Montville Alternate	A	Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	A
Brian Sear	New London Representative	Р	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; Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; Liz Chuff, SCRRRA Operations Manager; Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel; & Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant.

# 3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

## 4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

Majority was in favor; none were opposed; Joe Lozier Abstained (Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Leitch)

#### 5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed August'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> Cheryl Blanchard)

#### 6. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

The grinder is currently in East Lyme and functioning properly. Mr. Aldridge has authorized overtime for Lenny until the schedule is current.

#### 7. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar for the month of October & November.

#### 8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

PROJECT:

#### Review Draft 2026 Operating Budget

Mr. Aldridge reviewed draft budget documents.

#### Organics Project:

Motion to approve certain aspects of the organics composting facility

That the Authority has received site plan approval for the construction of an organics composting facility ("OCF") on its property in Preston and further, the Authority has applied to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") for a permit to build and operate the same, both efforts having been previously approved by this Board. In order to enable Authority staff and its consultants to continue the project in a timely and efficient manner, it is hereby moved that the Authority supports this project and approves the issuance of a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") from potential responders regarding customer solicitation and food scrap hauling, operations and manufacturing of an OCF, and marketing and sales of compost production, said RFQ to be prepared by staff with the assistance of the Authority's consultant and attorney and to be approved by the executive committee with such RFQ having a planned announcement date of October 25, 2024.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed, Joe Lozier Abstained. (Motion Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Long)

#### DEEP RACT Standards Letter Update

SCRRRA is sending a letter to Commissioner Dykes regarding the change in law issue regarding NOx emissions. Our lobbyists and TCOR's are working on setting up a meeting with DEEP.

#### Social Security Issue Update

Mr. Barger is in the process of looking over Social Security for the employees at SCRRA.

#### 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

#### 10. **New Business**

NONE

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Todd Babbitt requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made. by Ron McDaniel and seconded by Stacey Leitch and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schneider Secretary