

CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY

FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2007

A Regular meeting of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 100 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, Connecticut. Those present were:

Chairman Michael Pace

Directors: Mark Cooper
 James Francis
 Michael Jarjura (Present from 9:55 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.)
 Edna Karanian (Present by telephone until 11:00 a.m.)
 Mark Lauretti (Present from 9:45 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.)
 Theodore Martland
 James Miron (Present from 9:50 a.m. until 10:40 a.m.)
 Raymond O'Brien
 Linda Savitsky
 Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Mid-CT Project Ad-Hoc (Present until 11:00 a.m.)

Present from the CRRA staff:

Tom Kirk, President
Jim Bolduc, Chief Financial Officer
David Bodendorf, Senior Environmental Engineer
Michael Bzdyra, Government Relations Liaison
Robert Constable, Controller
Floyd Gent, Director of Operations
Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services
Paul Nonnenmacher, Director of Public Affairs
Donna Tracy, Executive Assistant
Kristen Greig, Secretary to the Board/Paralegal

Also present were: Richard Goldstein, Esq. of Pepe & Hazard, Frank Marci of USA Hauling & Recycling, Cheryl Thibeault of Covanta, Jerry Tyminski of SCRRA.

Chairman Pace called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and stated that a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pace requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC PORTION

Chairman Pace said that the agenda allowed for a public portion in which the Board would accept written testimony and allow individuals to speak for a limit of three minutes.

With no comments from the public, Chairman Pace stated that the regular meeting would commence.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chairman Pace requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2007 Regular Board Meeting. Director O’Brien made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Director Martland. The minutes were approved as presented by roll call. Director Savitsky abstained.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Linda Savitsky			X
Non Eligible Voters			
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Director O’Brien made a motion to suspend rules to postpone consideration of the Mid-Connecticut Project Budget and the Tip Fee Stabilization Reserve and to add an item regarding executive compensation to the agenda. Director Martland seconded the motion.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously by roll call.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		

Linda Savitsky	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION MID-CONNECTICUT PROJECT ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the above-captioned matter. The following motion was made by Director Francis:

RESOLVED: That the fiscal year 2008 Metropolitan District Commission Mid-Connecticut Project Annual Operating Budget for the Waste Processing Facility, Administration and Transportation be adopted substantially in the form as presented at this meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That during the period the Hartford Landfill is accepting mixed waste, the fiscal year 2008 Metropolitan District Commission Mid-Connecticut Project Annual Operating Budget for the Hartford Landfill (All Operations) be adopted substantially in the form as presented at this meeting and utilized only on a prorated basis for each month the Hartford Landfill is accepting mixed waste.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That once the Hartford Landfill is no longer accepting mixed waste, then the fiscal year 2008 Metropolitan District Commission Mid-Connecticut Project Annual Operating Budget for the Hartford Landfill (Ash Only) be adopted substantially in the form as presented at this meeting and utilized only on a prorated basis for each remaining month in the fiscal year.

Director O'Brien seconded the motion.

Director Francis explained that the purpose of the resolution is to show the CRRA Board's acceptance of the MDC Mid-Connecticut Project budget. Director Francis pointed out that there is a contingency fund in this budget and noted that there are four new positions in the budget. Two of the new positions are stock clerks, which positions have been designed to correct problems with inventory. Director Francis stated that it is CRRA's expectation that with those positions, there will be a marked improvement. Director Francis noted that the budget has been recommended by the Finance Committee.

Director O'Brien stated that there has been a vast improvement in the working relationship between CRRA and MDC. Mr. Kirk added that senior management at MDC is much more committed to the Waste Processing Facility and to CRRA's satisfaction than has been the case in recent years. The other area of substantial improvement is MDC's recognition of the state of the plant and its need for improvement in maintenance and repair policies and procedures. Mr. Kirk stated that the success from the initial collaborative effort to upgrade and

improve the fire suppression system has spread throughout the facility. Mr. Kirk said that there is still a significant amount of work to be done, but the process is much improved.

Chairman Pace said that he understands that there have been improvements, but said that he is looking at a budget that is increasing by 15.3%. After several questions about the four new positions, Chairman Pace stated that he want to be clear that CRRA is expecting a return in improved inventory and maintenance for these costs.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously by roll call.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Linda Savitsky	X		
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
NONE			

RESOLUTION REGARDING ENGINEERING SERVICES TO SUPPORT CLOSING A PORTION OF THE PHASE 1 ASH AREA AT THE HARTFORD LANDFILL

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the above-captioned matter. The following motion was made by Director O'Brien:

RESOLVED: That the President is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with TRC Environmental Corporation to perform engineering services associated with the closure of a portion of the Phase 1 Ash Areas at the CRRA Hartford Landfill, substantially as discussed and presented at this meeting.

Director Francis seconded the motion.

Director O'Brien noted that the recommended engineering firm is the lowest of the four bids and stated that TRC has been involved with the Hartford Landfill and CRRA will benefit from their past experience. Chairman Pace noted that their overall rating was also the highest.

Director Martland stated that he feels comfortable because the bids were all very close, which means all of the bidders clearly understood the scope of the work.

Director O'Brien asked if the funds would be expended from the budget for the current fiscal year. Mr. Bolduc explained that the money would come from the Hartford Landfill Closure reserve so they do not come from the operating account.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously by roll call.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
James Miron	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Linda Savitsky	X		
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
NONE			

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Pace requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters with appropriate staff. The motion made by Director Cooper and seconded by Director O'Brien was approved unanimously by roll call. Chairman Pace requested that the following people be invited to the Executive Session in addition to the Directors:

- Tom Kirk
- Jim Bolduc
- Laurie Hunt, Esq.
- Richard Goldstein, Esq.

The Executive Session began at 9:53 a.m. and concluded at 11:04 a.m. Chairman Pace noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

Chairman Pace noted that all Directors that were participating by telephone had disconnected during or at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kirk stated that the recycling center permit has been signed by Commissioner McCarthy of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mr. Kirk said that CRRA is planning a Grand Opening in April, likely around Earth Day.

Mr. Kirk informed the Board that the agreement with the City of Hartford has been finalized, and the three-to-one slope is being considered by DEP. CRRA hopes to have more information on the slope within the next thirty days.

Mr. Kirk said that a meeting with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management was very fruitful and \$15 million in bonds for closure of the Hartford Landfill has been included in the Governor's budget. Regarding the bonds for the Shelton Landfill, Mr. Kirk reported that Secretary Genuario will recommend that consideration of the \$3 million be placed on an upcoming Bond Commission agenda. Mr. Kirk stated that the \$3 million would have an impact of \$6.00 per ton on the tip fee for the Bridgeport Project.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Pace announced changes to Committee membership, with updated membership as follows:

Executive Committee – Michael Pace (Chair), James Francis (Vice-Chair), Mark Cooper, Raymond O'Brien

Finance Committee – James Francis (Chair), Mark Lauretti (Vice-Chair), Michael Cassella, Edna Karanian, Theodore Martland, Raymond O'Brien, Michael Pace – ex officio

Organizational Synergy & Human Resources Committee – Mark Cooper (Chair), Edna Karanian (Vice-Chair), James Francis, Michael Pace – ex officio

Policies & Procurement Committee – Raymond O'Brien (Chair), Theodore Martland (Vice-Chair), Michael Jarjura, James Miron, Linda Savitsky, Michael Pace – ex officio

ORGANIZATIONAL SYNERGY & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Director Cooper informed the Board that the Organizational Synergy & Human Resources Committee, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, is recommending the resolution regarding senior management salaries. Director Cooper noted that the Board discussed this matter in Executive Session.

RESOLUTION REGARDING SENIOR MANAGEMENT SALARIES

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the above-captioned matter. The following motion was made by Director Cooper:

RESOLVED: That by consensus of the Executive and Organizational Synergy & Human Resources Committees that the base salaries for the President (increase of 4.25%) and Chief Financial Officer (increase of 4.75%) retroactive to January 1, 2007 be adopted as presented and discussed by both aforementioned committees.

Director O'Brien seconded the motion.

Director Cooper stated that the Board is required to review performance and compensation of senior management. Director Cooper explained that neither the President nor the Chief Financial Officer receive any "perks" other than the benefits provided to all Authority employees. Director Cooper said that both Mr. Kirk and Mr. Bolduc received very high ratings and favorable comments from the committees that reviewed their performance.

Chairman Pace expressed his gratitude to the management team.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Mark Laretti	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Linda Savitsky	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
NONE			

RESOLUTION REGARDING RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the above-captioned matter. The following motion was made by Director O'Brien:

RESOLVED: That the Authority Board of Directors ratifies the Emergency purchase as substantially presented and discussed at this meeting.

Director Martland seconded the motion.

Director O'Brien noted that there is one secondary shredder motor under repair and asked when that would be back in service. Director O'Brien also asked how many shredders use these motors. Mr. Gent responded that the repair turn-around time is approximately two months and said that there are two secondary shredders. Mr. Gent added that, based on experience, CRRA feels much more comfortable having two spares at any given time.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Linda Savitsky	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
NONE			

ADJOURNMENT

Director O'Brien requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn made by Director Martland and seconded by Director Lauretti was approved unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen B. Greig
Secretary to the Board/Paralegal