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## Addison County Solid Waste Management District Minutes

Board of Supervisors Hybrid Meeting, No. 324 Thursday, February 17, 2022, 7:00 PM

ACSWMD Office Conference Room, 1223 Rt. 7 South, Middlebury, VT and Virtual Meeting on Zoom

**1. OPEN MEETING – ROLL CALL** – The Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting was called to order by Tim Wickland, Chair at 7:00 PM on February 17, 2022, Present:

Town	Vote	Supervisor/Alternate	Town	Vote	Supervisor/Alternate
Addison	1	Bill Munoff	Orwell	1	
Bridport	1		Panton	1	Paul Sokal
Bristol	2	/Valerie Capels	Ripton	1	Jay Harrington
Cornwall	1	(Vacant)/(Vacant)	Salisbury	1	
Ferrisburgh	2	David Olson	Shoreham	1	
Goshen	1	Annina Seiler	Starksboro	1	Susan Jefferies
Leicester	1	Richard Reed	Vergennes	2	Cheryl Brinkman
Lincoln	1	Bill Finger	Waltham	1	
Middlebury	4		Weybridge	1	Tim Wickland
Monkton	1	Deborah Gaynor	Whiting	1	Eric Zuesse
New Haven	1	-			
Staff:		Teresa Kuczynski (TK), District Mgr.; Patti Johnson (PJ), Business Mgr.; Donald Maglienti (DM), Program Mgr.	Guests:		Mark Sperry, Esq., Legal Counsel

## 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA –

Motion #1: B.Finger moved to approve the agenda. E.Zuesse seconded the motion. VOTE on Motion #1: Yes – 13 (Addison, Ferrisburgh (2), Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Monkton, Panton, Starksboro, Vergennes (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No – 0. Abstain – 0.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – The Chair opened the public comment period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING NO. 323 –

4. MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS – N/A

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Motion #2: P.Sokal moved to approve the minutes of meeting No. 323. C.Brinkman seconded the motion.

VOTE on Motion #2: Yes -13 (Addison, Ferrisburgh (2), Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Monkton, Panton, Starksboro, Vergennes (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No -0. Abstain -0.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORTS –

**a. December 2021 Financial Report** – PJ presented the pre-audit December 2021 Financials. The 2021 Annual Financial Audit is currently in progress, and the numbers presented may change based on year-end adjustments. December 2021 Financials show a net gain of \$23,674. December 2021 tonnage of 1,817 was higher than the 2020 total of 1,611. Final YE2021 tonnage of 22,847 is 650 tons higher than YE2020 tonnage. The December 2021 transactions total of 4,125 was 569 less than December 2020. YE

35 Transactions totaled 62,748, slightly higher than 2020 YE total of 61,647. In 2021, we disposed of 307.78 tons

- of tires v. 308.56 total tons in 2020. YE2021 food scrap totals were 553.46 ton, far higher than the 282.34 YE2020 tonnage.
  - **b. December 2021 Single Stream Recycling Report** The District recycled 389.36 tons of Single Stream recyclables in December. The processing fee of \$57/ton was an increase of \$25/ton over the November fee. The total processing fee in December was \$22,193.52, for a total of \$243,723.65 in processing fees in 2021. With the average price per ton shipping of \$18.56 x 279 loads (avg 16.47 tons per load), and trailer delivery fees, the total net gain (not including overhead costs) for CY2021 was \$248,868.10.
  - c. Municipal Diversion Grant Applications None Received.
  - d. School Diversion Grant Applications None Received.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS –

a. Quotes – Specialized Toter-Washing Equipment Purchase –

Motion #3: S.Jefferies moved to approve the bid of \$20,413.34 for the purchase of the Bin Wash Systems Toter washer system per E.Bd and staff recommendation. B.Munoff seconded the motion.

DM reviewed the quotes obtained for the purchase of a food scrap toter washer. We asked for quotes from those companies that might be able to design and manufacture this specialized item. Three companies were contacted, and only two responded: Bin Wash Systems and Sparkling Bins. Staff recommends purchasing the Bin Wash Systems toter washer for \$20,413.34. The MMI Grant would pay for 40%. The washer uses clean water from a small tank that the District will purchase separately, and dirty rinse water is discharged either into a separate tank or into the Transfer Station wastewater system. Because of manufacturing delays, this item would not arrive until spring, which is not a problem since it can only be operated during the warmer temperatures.

VOTE on Motion #3: Yes – 16 (Addison, Bristol (2), Ferrisburgh (2), Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Monkton, Panton, Ripton, Starksboro, Vergennes (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No – 0. Abstain – 0.

b. Quotes – Food Waste Roll-off Container Purchase –

Motion #4: B.Finger moved to approve the bid of \$14,624 for the purchase of the Northeast Industrial Manufacturing's 15-yard Bin for Disposal of Food Waste per E.Bd and staff recommendation. E.Zuesse seconded the motion.

DM summarized the recent quotes received for the purchase of a 15-cu.yd environmental container with a rolling gasketed lid for food scrap collection at the District Transfer Station. This purchase would replace the 15-cu.yd container currently in use and rented monthly from Casella. Three quotes were obtained, all below the budget of \$15,000. The staff recommendation is to purchase the container through Northeast Industrial Mfg., Inc., for a total purchase price, with delivery included, of \$14,624. Staff favors this option since this is the company that originally manufactured the current container in use, and the new one would be custom-built to match. Although the least costly quote was \$879 less than the staff recommendation, the specifications for that container were slightly less durable and the volume slightly larger than what we are seeking.

VOTE on Motion #4: Yes – 16 (Addison, Bristol (2), Ferrisburgh (2), Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Monkton, Panton, Ripton, Starksboro, Vergennes (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No – 0. Abstain – 0.

c. H.115 – Letter to Chair, House Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife Committee. TK shared the letter she wrote to Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair of the Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife Committee on 1/26/2022 re: District support for H.115, "An Act Relating to Household Products Containing Hazardous Substances." H.115 is an extended producer responsibility (EPR) bill requiring manufacturers to assist in funding the disposal of the hazardous products they distribute in VT. The District spends approx. \$200,000 per year to collect and manage this material at the HazWaste Center, yet the grant funds received from the VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Solid Waste Management Assistance Fund barely covers 20% of our hazardous waste program costs. The District is also about to run out of pesticides grant funds from the Agency of

- Agriculture. All of the solid waste planning entities in VT are experiencing large hikes in the set-up and disposal fees from the hazardous waste service providers. Republic's recent acquisition of U.S. Ecology, our vendor for collection of hazardous waste and for the PaintCare program, will have an unknown effect on prices in VT. D.Gaynor suggested inviting Rep. Sheldon for a tour of the Transfer Station and HazWaste Center.
- **d. Remote Indicator Displays for Vehicle Scales Fairbanks Purchase** Due to a new VT Weights & Measures mandate to provide digital displays showing weights before and after weighing on all truck scales, we worked with our current scale vendor, Fairbanks, to provide a design and cost estimate for the additional equipment required. Installation, which is mandated by 1/1/2023, should be completed by Spring 2022 as the equipment has already arrived on site. The first weight display will be in combination with the traffic light, and the second display will be visible in the scalehouse window.
- e. Update on Purchase & Sale Agreement, Site Investigations, Due Diligence Period New Haven Weston & Sampson has been conducting site investigations and working with the seller to resolve any permit issues. Shane Mullen, P.E. and I met informally with the New Haven Development Review Board last Monday. It was a helpful discussion, with concerns regarding traffic and viewshed expressed. The Contingency Period of the Purchase & Sale Agreement will end on April 3, when the District has to make determination of whether the due diligence investigations provide adequate and satisfactory results. With the E.Bd not meeting in April until the 6th, and with the full BOS holding its annual organizational meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, the E.Bd voted to hold a second meeting with Mark Sperry, Esq. and Shane Mullen, P.E. on March 28, at 4:30 p.m. to review the project and site investigation results.
- **f. 2022 SWIP Report Guidance- new VT Biosolids Reuse Fact Sheet** TK reported that the new ANR Guidance for the 2022 SWIP Report (using CY2021 data) is manageable, with no major changes. ANR did create a new Biosolids Beneficial Reuse Fact Sheet.
- **DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT S.282: Regulation of Food Depackaging Facilities -** This bill would establish a moratorium on issuance of solid waste facility certifications for food depackaging facilities until the Secretary of ANR adopts, by rule, the requirements for the operation of food depackaging facilities certified to operate in the State, including standards for materials that may be accepted for depackaging and for the amount of contamination, including microplastics, allowed to be present in the material produced by food depackaging facilities. Testimony is ongoing. Future MMI grant possible: ANR has just sent out a survey to solid waste districts requesting interest in possible uses for another Materials Management Implementation Grant in the future. TK will respond with possible ideas for a future MMI grant, including a Hazardous Waste Building and other diversion equipment. Transfer Station Recycling Compactor Pump: After several attempts to identify the cause of stationary compactor malfunction, the manufacturer identified the pump as needing replacement. We are requesting a new pump to be shipped as soon as possible. This will cost in the range of \$2,000-\$2,500. TK has informed the ANR Certification & Compliance Division that we will have to stockpile the single stream recyclables on the floor of the tip building and request an open-top trailer from Casella for hauling the recyclables to the MRF until the pump is replaced. Town Meeting Day: In March, TK will send updates to the BOS, as well as BOS Attendance Lists and Appointment Forms to the Town Clerks. BOS members should let the Town Clerks know of their interest in reappointment to the BOS. HazWaste Center: Republic Services, the second largest waste company in the world, has just purchased U.S. Ecology for \$2.2B. U.S. Ecology is the vendor that collects and disposes of our hazardous waste, and services the VT PaintCare program. It remains to be seen what effect this will have on the prices we are charged in the future.
- **9. PROGRAMS REPORT** DM reported that the District will be hosting a Repair Fair on Saturday March 5, 2022. Due to COVID, there will be changes from previous fairs, the major change being that people wishing to get an item repaired must register for a spot beforehand. This is to keep with social distancing guidelines. The Fair already has 13 repair professionals signed up to volunteer to make repairs. The Fair will be advertised on social media, local papers and also will be part of our upcoming Newsletter, which will be mailed out with next few days.
- 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION For the purpose of meeting with counsel to discuss negotiation of a purchase & sale agreement of property –

1	Motion #5: C.Brinkman moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of meeting with
2	counsel to discuss negotiation of a purchase and sale agreement of property. D.Gaynor
3	seconded the motion.
4	VOTE on Motion #5: Yes – 16 (Addison, Bristol (2), Ferrisburgh (2), Goshen, Leicester,
5	Lincoln, Monkton, Panton, Ripton, Starksboro, Vergennes (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No
6	− 0. Abstain − 0.
7	The BOS entered executive session at 7:56 PM.
8	The BOS came out of executive session at 8:12PM.
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10	11. OTHER BUSINESS – S.222, signed by the Governor on 1/18/2022, allows for the temporary suspension
11	of designated physical meeting location requirements due to the spread of COVID-19 in VT. TK asked the BOS
12	if it would prefer opting for virtual BOS/E.Bd meetings only until the end date of 1/15/2023. The BOS
13	expressed general support for virtual meetings only at this time. TK will post the Zoom log-in link above each
14	agenda, and the copy of the agenda for posting will now include the second page with further instructions.
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16	12. ADJOURN –
17	Motion #6: B.Finger moved to adjourn at 8:14 PM. E.Zuesse seconded the motion.
18	<b>VOTE</b> on Motion #6: Yes – 16 (Addison, Bristol(2), Ferrisburgh (2), Goshen, Leicester,
19	Lincoln, Monkton, Panton, Ripton, Starksboro, Vergennes (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No
20	− 0. Abstain − 0.
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22	I agree that this is an original of the February 17, 2022 minutes that were considered and approved by the
23	BOS at its meeting of
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25	Teresa A. Kuczynski, District Clerk