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ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ACSWMD CONFERENCE ROOM
1223 Rt. 7 South, Middlebury, VT 05753
Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER – Tim Wickland (TW), Board of Supervisors (BOS) Chair, called the meeting of the Executive Board (E.Bd) to order at 3:07 PM. Other E.Bd members present: Bill Munoff (BM), Ed Payne (EP) (3:20PM), Richard Reed (RR), Eric Murray (EM), Paul Sokal (PS) and Cheryl Brinkman (CB). Staff present: Teri Kuczynski (TK), District Mgr.; Patti Johnson (PJ), Business Mgr.; and Gary Hobbs (GH), Transfer Station Supervisor.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA –
   Motion #1: BM moved to approve the agenda as presented. CB seconded the motion.
   VOTE: Yes – 6 (TW, BM, EM, RR, PS, CB). No – 0. Abstain – 0.

3. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING –
   Motion #2: EM moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2017. PS seconded the motion.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – The Chair opened the Public Comment Period.

5. MANAGER REPORT –
   a. Personnel – Because of a BC/BS of VT file integration issue, the staff’s Health Equity cards for 2018 were not yet funded and could not be used. Although we submitted the renewal on Nov. 14, Health Equity did not receive the file from BC/BS of VT until this week. Due to their backlog, it might take 30 days to activate the card account.
   b. Health & Safety –
      - BLS Statistics: The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ “2016 National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries” shows that although the rate of fatalities among waste collection workers decreased by more than 10% last year, it has not changed the industry’s ranking as the 5th deadliest job in the U.S.
      - 2017 Summary of Lost-Day Injuries: The District experienced zero lost-day injuries in 2017, the second year in a row that we have reached that goal.
   c. The VT Agency of Natural Resources DEC “2016 Diversion and Disposal Report” is available, and we will link it to our website.
   d. We made the decision to close the District Transfer Station last Saturday, Jan 6th due to the extreme cold, after learning from the haulers that most had decided to cancel collection at the town drop offs on Sat.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS –
   a. November 2017 Financial Report – November was a steady month of transactions, but fewer volumes were brought in. We realized a negative $1.6k, but the General Fund balance is still up for the year. Tonnage is down approx. 600 tons from 2016, but 1,900 tons over 2015. We continue to lose C&D tonnage to the BATS and Myers C&D recycling facilities, approx. 257 tons in 2017.
   b. Follow-up on disruption in China recycling markets, New ACR – Despite requests for reconsideration by industry associations, China will begin to refuse imports of certain types of recyclables and on March 1 will begin requiring a .5% contamination limit on the recyclables that are allowed to be imported. This is resulting in stockpiling of recyclables on the west coast, and a possible backlog of our recyclables. Some of Vermont’s recyclables will go to domestic markets and to Canada. This move by China has had a negative effect on market prices. The ACR in our recycling contract with Casella was

down to $50/ton in November, and we don’t expect it to rise soon.

c. **Hauling & Disposal Contract Annual Increases** – We received the new rates under the Casella Waste Hauling & Disposal Contract for 2018. There was a 1.46% CPI increase, slightly higher than the 1% CPI increase in the District’s 2018 budget.

d. **Municipal Diversion Grant Applications** – No new applications received.

e. **School Diversion Grant Applications** – No new applications received.

7. **NEW BUSINESS** –

a. **Introduction of Annina Seiler, new Public Outreach Coordinator** – TK informed the E.Bd that Annina Seiler, the new Public Outreach Coordinator was hired and began work on Jan. 1. She is with Don Maglienti (DM) at a state public outreach coordinator meeting and tour of the new “Lamoille Soil” compost facility in Johnson, but they would meet her at the BOS meeting next week.

b. **NCER Contract Extension for CY2018** – The District has received a draft one-year extension to the existing VT E-Cycles contract with NCER for reimbursement for the E-Waste we send to them. No changes were made to the current reimbursement rate of $.08 per pound for covered E-Waste items.

Motion #3: EM moved to approve the extension required by NCER. EP seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yes – 7 (TW, BM, EM, EP, RR, PS, CB). No – 0. Abstain – 0.

c. **PLU Sticker Game has launched** – The District has launched a game for residents to place their vegetable and fruit PLU stickers on a card and redeem the completed card for a free bag of MooDoo compost. The cards were distributed to the haulers at town drop-offs to give to their customers who bring in food scraps. The hauler receives the completed card and brings it to the Transfer Station for a $5 rebate. This game is an effort to spread the word about preventing contamination of the PLU stickers in the food scraps that residents bring to the drop-offs and Transfer Station, in order to prevent stickers from getting into the final compost product at VNAP.

d. **HHW Stakeholder Group Report, HHW Bill H-0560** – TK reviewed the DEC’s 11/15/17 Final Report of the HHW Stakeholder Group. DM was part of a smaller group of the Vt Product Stewardship Council that has met for the past year to draft extended producer responsibility (EPR) legislation. They also drafted a bill - H.560, introduced by Reps. Deen and Sullivan - using a registration system, similar to the one used by the AAFM for pesticides. Testimony is taking place this week with the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife. TK shared our letter of support for H.560. Although TK and DM favor an EPR bill for HHW, H.560 is an opportunity to begin the discussion. More information will be required, such as the number of mfgs. and estimated revenues from a $100/yr registration fee.

e. **Update on Salisbury Membership Agreement** – Mark Sperry, Esq., District legal counsel, has submitted his edits of the first draft agreement for the admission of the Town of Salisbury as a member of the District. The final draft agreement will be sent to the Town of Salisbury for their consideration.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** –

Motion #4: BM moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the revised agreement for admission of the Town of Salisbury as a member of the ACSWMD. EM seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yes – 7 (TW, BM, EM, EP, RR, PS, CB). No – 0. Abstain – 0.

Motion #5: EM moved to enter into Executive session at 4:04 PM. EP seconded the motion.

VOTE: Yes – 7 (TW, BM, EM, EP, RR, PS, CB). No – 0. Abstain – 0.

The E.Bd. came out of executive session at 4:21PM.


10. **OTHER BUSINESS** – TK reviewed two other solid waste bills introduced this week in the Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee, Sen. Bray. Chair. Sen. Rogers introduced S.285 and S.287. The E.Bd opposed most of S.285, but supported the ability of haulers to charge for recycling as long as the rate is less than the trash rate. The BOS has already adopted a position on organics collection and diversion. S.287 mentions moving glass containers from the Mandated Recyclables List to the Bottle Bill. TK is of the opinion that this topic should be part of a separate discussion about expanding the Bottle Bill.
11. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS – Invoices paid in the month of December 2017 were reviewed/approved.

12. ADJOURN –
   Motion #6: EM moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 PM. BM seconded the motion.

I agree that this is an original of the January 10, 2018 minutes that were considered and approved by the E.Bd at its meeting of ______________.

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Teresa A. Kuczynski, District Clerk