

# DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

## APRIL 18, 2024 – MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency convened at 4:30 pm at the offices of the Agency located at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, New York. Those present included J. Miccio, Chairman; W. Nussbickel, Vice-Chairman, D. Michael, Secretary; and Board Member, A. Page; Agency Staff, D. Walsh; and E. Wrafter, Dutchess County Commissioner of Planning & Development.

1. **Regular Session** – Chairman J. Miccio called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.
2. **Minutes** – Chairman J. Miccio presented the minutes of the February 22, 2024 board meeting. A motion to approve the February 22, 2024 board meeting minutes was made by W. Nussbickel, seconded by Chairman J. Miccio and unanimously carried.
3. **Balanced Scorecard** – D. Walsh spoke about the Facility's operations in March. The Facility received 11,099 tons of waste. There was a critical feedwater pump failure on March 10<sup>th</sup>, which forced waste to be bypassed and diverted to help reduce the pit level. The bypass (1,665 tons) and diversion (822 tons) occurred during the week of March 11 through March 16<sup>th</sup>. Win Waste arranged Voyager Trucking to haul waste out from the Facility and Royal Carting diverted waste to other locations.

The failure of the feedwater pump forced Boiler No. 1 and the turbine/generator to shut down. Boiler No. 2 was already down and remained in its scheduled outage. Win Waste had two additional pumps on site. One turned out to be nonoperational and the second pump ran by steam. They were able to operate the steam driven pump while the other two pumps shipped out to be repaired. In addition, they were able to locate another pump from a Navy surplus yard. That pump arrived this week and will be installed to replace the steam driven pump.

As of March 17<sup>th</sup>, both boilers and the turbine/generator are up and running.

Bulk waste also presented a problem in March. Unprocessable items such as major appliances, hot water heater tanks, concrete slabs, oversized tree trunks and stumps were delivered. While the Operator tries to spot these items when dumped to avoid clogging and damaging the boilers and its ash removal systems, some still get through. They battled two massive stumps this month which forced the boiler to run at a minimum load for 4-5 days. It also slowed down the line for trucks entering the tipping floor. Notification was sent out to all haulers reminding them of what is acceptable and that going forward unprocessed materials will be reloaded back into their trucks.

Although metals tonnage decreased in March, the scrap metals payment rate increased which inflated the revenue sales in metals for the month.

Waste and energy sales saw a decrease due to the diversions and boiler downtimes. Total expenses were down.

There remains no net service fee this month nor the year-to-date.

A site visit from the NYSDEC on March 14<sup>th</sup> brought a complaint over the water ponded in the area where the ash trailers are staged. Win Waste addressed the issue immediately and hired a contractor to resurface the asphalt surface. Details and pictures were provided to the state to satisfy their concern.

- 4. Agency Financial Report** – The payables were presented in the amount of \$1,047,388.26. There were no further questions regarding the payables. A motion to approve the payables in the amount of \$1,047,388.26 was made by D. Michael, seconded by W. Nussbickel and unanimously approved.

## **5. Committee Reports**

### **Resolution No. 887 Financial Statement Acceptance**

The Audit Committee met and reviewed the Agency's 2023 financial statements conducted by RBT CPAs, LLC. There were no internal control findings, no compliance findings noted, nor any disagreements or recommendations with management over the application of significant accounting principles.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 887 Financial Statement Acceptance was made by D. Michael, seconded by W. Nussbickel and unanimously carried.

- 6. Other Business** – E. Wrafter informed the Board of the 2024 Dutchess County Organics Grant Program for municipalities and public schools that are interested in installing and operating an in-vessel aerobic composter. A total of \$200,000 was appropriated in the 2024 County Budget to support the program which will cover up to 50% of the purchase of an in-vessel aerobic composter and additional ancillary installation costs not to exceed \$50,000 per award. All local government entities with taxing authority and public K-12 schools within Dutchess County can apply for funding. It is a reimbursement grant program meaning purchases must be made and paid before the County will reimburse 50% of the eligible expenses. The application deadline is June 7, 2024.

- 7. Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

With no further business to discuss, at 5:05 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by W. Nussbickel, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously carried.