# DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY MAY 15, 2025 – MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency convened at 4:00 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; S. Tinkelman, Treasurer; D. Michael, Secretary; W. F. X. O'Neil, Board Member; Agency Staff, K. Russell and D. Walsh; and Dutchess County Legislator, J. Metzger.

- 1. Regular Session Chairman J. Miccio called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.
- 2. Minutes Chairman J. Miccio presented the minutes of the January 23, 2025 board meeting. A motion to approve the January 23, 2025 board meeting minutes was made by W. O'Neil, seconded by W. Nussbickel and unanimously carried.
- 3. Balanced Scorecard Incoming trash was high in April. Both boilers ran well, with only Boiler No. 2 having to go offline for a short time due to a tube leak. The turbine ran at 99 percent availability. Metals tonnage and revenues were up. There continues to be no net service fee.
  - K. Russell informed the Board about a letter mailed to the Region 3 Director of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) requesting a meeting with representatives from NYSDEC to discuss the future of waste management in Region 3. The letter was sent out on March 26, 2025 from each of the seven Mid-Hudson counties as well as the Hudson Valley Regional Council over concerns with the delayed announcement of the CLCPA guidelines and over the difficulty in planning for the future without insight into what the requirements and what standards will need to be met. To date, there has not been any acknowledgement or reply back from the NYSDEC.
  - K. Russell informed the Board about the numerous site visits conducted by the NYSDEC. Most recently, during the semi-annual ash testing, violations were reported from a new inspector on two visits, 4/23/25 and 4/24/25 in which Win Waste and the Agency will dispute. It's clear the new inspector is not familiar with how a waste-to-energy facility operates by the items cited. The Agency and Win Waste will meet to discuss the inspection reports. W. O'Neil suggested both parties answering NYSDEC together immediately in writing over the discrepancies rather than scheduling a meeting with Win Waste.
- **4. Agency Financial Report** The payables were presented in the amount of \$1,332,608.43. A motion to approve the payables in the amount of \$1,332,608.43 was made by W. O'Neil, seconded by D. Michael, and unanimously approved. There were no questions regarding financials.

#### 5. Committee Reports

#### Resolution No. 893 Financial Statement Acceptance

The Audit Committee reviewed the 2024 financial statements audited by RBT CPAs, LLC. There were no disagreements or recommendations with management over the application of significant accounting principles. In addition, no internal control findings or compliance findings noted.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 893 Financial Statement Acceptance was made by W. O'Neil, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously carried.

### Resolution No. 894 Contract Extension for Professional Auditing Services

The Agency will extend the current contract with RBT CPA's LLC through April 30, 2028 at the same rates as in 2024, absent to any significant changes in the Agency or its operations.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 894 Contract Extension for Professional Auditing Services was made by W. O'Neil, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously carried.

## Resolution No. 895 Authorization for Payment to Win Waste Innovations for a 27- Foot Dump Trailer

The Agency and Win Waste have mutually agreed to split (50 percent each) the cost of a 2008 Benson 27-foot dump trailer for ash usage at the Facility's yard at a purchase price of \$32,500.00. The Executive Director is authorized to submit payment to Win Waste Innovations in the amount of \$16,250.00.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 895 Authorization for Payment to Win Waste Innovations for a 27-Foot Dump Trailer was made by W. O'Neil, seconded by W. Nussbickel and unanimously carried.

**6. Other Business** — The Dutchess County Board of Ethics is requiring all Board members to file a Financial Disclosure Statement. The Dutchess County Legislature recently enacted the statement for all boards. The form is sent out directly by the County Department of Law.

K. Russell informed the Board that MBI Trucking, the hauler of the Agency's ash residue, has been repairing and swapping out existing trailers to get them into compliance. This is in response to the NYSDEC notice to the Agency over leaking water from the ash trailers. The state made it clear that they will focus on environmental compliance, particularly the cleanliness and watertight seals. MBI has begun to line all trailers with disposable plastic liners to keep the runoff at bay, which will be the only long term means of cleaning up the tailgates and ensuing light and conspicuity issues as the aluminum grooves and tailgate gaskets deteriorate quickly from the corrosive characteristics of the ash.

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With no further business to discuss, at 5:00 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by W. O'Neil, seconded by W. Nussbickel, and unanimously carried.