

# DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

## AUGUST 15, 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; W. O'Neil, Board Member; Agency Staff, K. Russell and D. Walsh.

- 1. Regular Session** – Chairman J. Miccio called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.
- 2. Balanced Scorecard** – K. Russell spoke about July's operating performance. Incoming waste volume was high. The scheduled outage on Boiler No. 2 was concluded. With the tube repairs and leaks on both boilers throughout the month, over 4,000 tons of waste needed to be bypassed in order to maintain control of the pit volume. Win Waste continues to use Voyager Trucking to haul waste out of the Facility. The turbine/generator was at 89.7% availability. Boiler No. 1 had an 87.1% availability rate and Boiler No. 2 a 56.2% availability rate in July. Metals tonnage was reduced because of the debris deductions; however, the revenues remain high and ahead of budget. There remains no net service fee for the month nor for the year to date.

The solid waste put-or-pay disposal agreement containing revisions has been submitted to the Agency's attorney. The final document should be ready in the coming week for the Board to review.

TRC Engineers continues to work on the renewal of the Part 360 Facility Operating permit. The submittal to the NYS DEC is on schedule for October. The current permit expires April 22, 2025.

There has been no further feedback from the NYS DEC regarding their inspections from the Springtime. The inspector routinely mentions the vector population inside the pit. Win Waste holds a contract with Orkin Pest Control Services and along with the company's continual service, they have increased the bate for rodents. The containment is controlled. The Agency is unable to do anything further.

The RFP for Ferrous Metals will be ready on August 30, 2024. The current contractor will no longer service the Agency as of January 1, 2025.

The Facility stack testing is scheduled for September 3 – 6 and the ash testing will be on September 23, 2024.

Central Hudson recently contacted Win Waste about the need to do some repair work at the substation on Sand Dock Road. It will involve several circuits to be de-energized including the

station service. Both parties agreed upon October 23rd, the start day for the plant's scheduled outage. Chairman J. Miccio suggested the rental of a generator, even partnering with Win Waste, during this loss of power. K. Russell will speak with the plant manager to find out the details regarding the disconnection and see if anything further has been arranged.

3. **Agency Financial Report** – The payables were presented in the amount of \$1,179,367.15. A motion to approve the payables in the amount of \$1,179,367.15 was made by D. Michael, seconded by W. Nussbickel and unanimously approved.
4. **Committee Reports** - A brief discussion developed over the waste-to-energy coalition formed to recognize the valuable role of waste-to-energy and if the Agency should become members. All agreed and were in favor of joining. A motion was made by Chairman J. Miccio, seconded by D. Michael and unanimously carried to proceed with the membership process and submit the required membership fee of \$2,500.00.
5. **Other Business** – The Win Waste plant manager brought to the Agency's attention how this year Central Hudson has had 6 power interruptions to the plant and because of this it has resulted in approximately 787 net MW loss of electricity and 1,440 tons of trash that needed to be transferred out of the Facility. He noted that the power to the plant is sometimes quickly restored, and the downtime is not reflective of actual power outage hours, but the evolutions of shutdowns and startups are prolonged from these interruptions. He requested that a meeting be arranged with Central Hudson regarding this lack of reliability. Board members agreed to initiate discussions with Central Hudson. Further notice will follow when such a meeting can be arranged.

W. O'Neil also suggested arranging a meeting with Win Waste VP Peter DiCecco to discuss the Facility's overall operations.

6. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

With no further business to discuss, at 5:40 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by D. Michael, seconded by W. Nussbickel, and unanimously carried.