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MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

BUSINESS MEETING
March 9, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Mei Mei Brown	Poultney	
Castleton	Chris Cresci	Proctor	
Clarendon	Nancy Buffum	Rutland City	John Densmore
Danby	Edward Bucceri		Bruce Bentley
Hubbardton			
Ira		Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	
Mt. Tabor		Wells	
Pittsford		West Rutland	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O'Gorman	District Manager	Joyce Segale	RCSWD
Deane Wilson	RCSWD	Neal Jordan	OMYA

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:32 p.m. Chairman Bentley called the meeting to order. A quorum was **not** present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

Chairman Bentley asked if there were any changes to be made. Ms. Brown suggested that Mr. Jordan be allowed to speak first.

2. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2005 SUPERVISORS MEETING

No Action

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, JANUARY 2005

No Action

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. OMYA

Mr. Jordan mentioned that there wasn't anything new. OMYA was continuing with the State certification process. Mr. O'Gorman stated that he had called the District's lawyer but hadn't received a return call. Ms. Brown said that things were on hold until the District heard from the attorney.

Mr. Jordan asked if he could clarify some of his statements from the previous meeting. In response to Mr. Nickless's question on leachate, "all water is returned to plant" did not mean to include leachate. The "settling pond water" is returned to the plant. Mr./Ms. _____ asked if there was leachate tailings management. Mr. Jordan stated that there were numerous ground water testing sites on the property and that there have been 70 plus test to date with no showings of contaminants. There were 2 cases showing positive values but this was explained by activities on site. Mr. Bentley asked if it would help to have the question restated.

Mr. Bucceri questioned the reference to the State's claim that the material was not inert, was in fact correct. Mr. Jordan stated that OMYA disagrees with the State's definition. The State used a definition that referenced "noble gases"

B. AVR

Mr. O’Gorman offered that the District had recently been awarded a \$2000 grant to assist in purchasing a package with AVR. Mr. O’Gorman discussed the options offered and stated that this did not commit us to a 5 year membership. Mr. Densmore stated that he was not happy with the policy of the State distributing monies and if this was the best option.

Discussion followed on the education element of the Districts and the options available.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Casella Contract

Mr. Cresci mentioned that he had been reviewing Castleton’s disposal numbers and feels that some factors haven’t been included. Fuel, maintenance, salary benefits were a few. Mr. Cresci would finalize some numbers this week and they would be used in a comparison with the current Casella/District disposal contract.

Chairman Bentley asked if there had been any discussion about the Casella disposal contract? Discussion followed to schedule a meeting with the town selectboards. Mr. O’Gorman was asked to schedule a meeting for March 25th with the selectboards.

B. Transfer Station Design

Discussion followed on the current traffic flow at the transfer station. Ms. Brown asked if the city needed to be involved with a redesign of the property. Mr. O’Gorman said there may be some permit issues but the city didn’t need to be directly involved. Also, the State was implementing new rules for scales: any new construction would have to be set up for a single weight. The State was not allowing any more “split loads”. Mr. O’Gorman was asked to schedule a meeting with various stakeholders to brainstorm a design at the transfer station scale house.

C. MISC:

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the District had a booth at the recent RRCC show. Weather didn’t cooperate, but there was still a decent public showing.

Discussion on funding a staff person to attend the WasteCon conference in Austin, TX

Newsletter was at the printers with expected distribution before the end of the month. Mr. Densmore asked how effective the newsletter was and was there any way to measure the results. The District does see an increase in phone calls after distribution and a lot of the information contained in the news is information on ongoing District events.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. ADJOURN

At 7:25pm the meeting ended. Board members stayed until 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,
Deane Wilson
Joyce Segale