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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

BUSINESS MEETING

June 7, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon		Poultney	
Castleton	Charlie Brown	Proctor	Charlie Nichols
Clarendon	Bronson Spencer	Rutland City	John Densmore
Danby	George Stone		Robert Allen
Hubbardton			Paul Barbagallo
Ira		Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	
Mt. Tabor		Wells	
Pittsford	Joe Gagnon	West Rutland	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wennberg	District Manager	Deane Wilson	RCSWD
Joyce Segale	District Treasurer	Castleton Al. Rep.	Scott Lobdell
Clarendon Al. Rep	Bob Sebaskey	Castleton	Cliff Duval

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. A quorum was present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

Chairman Nichols asked if there were any corrections or comments on the agenda. There were none

2. MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2000

Mr. Allen stated that a correction on the executive board needed to be made. Mr. Stone was not on the executive board. It was Mr. Allen that was nominated as a representative. Mr. Spencer moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Mr. Stone provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – APRIL 2000

Financial statements for April were presented. Mr. Wennberg explained the sludge grant revenue posting as highlighted at the bottom of the income statement. Discussion followed on the \$97,000 sludge moneys and why it's represented. Mr. Stone moved to accept April financial statements. Mr. Densmore provided second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CASH FLOW PROJECTIONS - 2000

Mr. Wennberg provided a FY 2000 cash flow spread sheet for both the general fund and the MRF fund and explained that they were to be used only as a management tool. Mr. Brown explained Castletons disposal of tires and asked why the Districts were so high. Mr. Wennberg explained all the costs were

covered with the District price. Mr. Brown also described the current cost associated with the arrangement Castleton has with Hudson Falls. Mr. Spencer asked if the Casella debt was reflected anywhere. Mr. Wennberg explained that it wasn't. That the spreadsheet reflected what was anticipated for revenues and expenses for the coming year.

5. SALE OF TURBINE – NEW LEASE

Mr. Saul Segal from Cleveland was the new owner of the turbine. With the recent appraisal of the property, Mr. Wennberg determined the current rental of the property was \$1400/month. Mr. Spencer moved that the District accept no less than \$1000/month. Mr. Stone provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

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6. REVIEW OF OPERATIONS – GENERAL: CASTLETON TRASH, RECYCLABLES

Mr. Wennberg explained that there were 2 years left on the Casella disposal contract. Mr. Brown stated that with current projections Castleton expected to save \$60,000 by using the Hudson Falls facility. Discussion followed on Castletons operations. Mr. Wennberg explained that the District was contractually obligated to send a letter to Castleton stating that Casella may claim a breach of contract but the District was not obligated to take further action.

Mr. Duval explained the arrangement with Fort Edwards and recyclables. Castleton receives no revenue from the sale of the materials but there isn't any cost or added paper work to drop the recyclables. Discussion followed on trying a \$0 processing fee at the RCSWD MRF and any revenues generated staying in the MRF fund, following recovery of processing fees from the sale of commodities.

7. HHW STATUS

Mr. Tom Remes was the new HHW staff member. The program was running well. A grant had been submitted requesting surplus moneys made available by the State. The amount received was \$10,108

8. TRANSFER STATION STATUS: TIRE FEES

Mr. Wennberg explained that revenues were back up. Tire fees had been adjusted recently and a handout was provided detailing the new charges.

9. SALE OF PETERBUILT TRACTOR, BOBKO TRAILER

Mr. Wennberg explained that at the recent executive board meeting the board had approved the sale of the tractor and trailer to the highest bidders. A memo was provided that provided a review of the impact the sale of the equipment would have on the budget. The tractor had been awarded to NH Peterbuilt and the trailer went to Charlebois. A sludge tank was also sold to Joe Hance. The budget had been adjusted to reflect the cost savings.

10. STAFFING

Mr. Wennberg explained that with the sale of the rolling stock that the position of the full time driver would end. Mr. Wennberg offered that it was a difficult decision in that the person was very valuable and had proven to be very reliable.

11. UPPER VALLEY LANDFILL PROJECT

The project was at the stage of interviewing for consultants. There were 6 proposals presented. The responsibility of the consultant at this stage was for a review of the project and projected timelines. Mr. Spencer asked who did the RFP. Mr. Wennberg explained that the Greater Upper Valley was acting as the general contact.

11. ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM HOLD – HARMLESS REVENUE

The District had subsidized the program for the last two years to the amount of \$28,000. This year's projections had indicated that the District would subsidize the program in the amount of \$4600. Mr. Wennberg had discussed with the State and the Vt. Managers Association and negotiated that the District would be held harmless for any amounts expended as a subsidy after January 1st. 2000

13. REVIEW OF OPERATIONS – MRF

A quick explanation of current values for the commodities followed. CVPS had reviewed the electric bill at the facility and indicated that the power costs were quite high. They indicated that placing capacitors into the grid could save moneys. Mr. Spencer asked if there were any recourse against CV because that had not provided this information previously. Mr. Wennberg indicated that it couldn't happen.

14. MRF APPRAISAL REPORT

A packet was distributed including the report. A quick review followed.

15. STATUS OF MRF OPERATING AGREEMENT

Mr. Wennberg explained that the contract was up in 4 years. Mr. Wennberg had put together information on an alternative operations based on Chittenden Solid Waste Districts operations and asked if he could have permission to present this new information to Casella. Mr. Wennberg provided a review of the current agreement and compared it to the new proposal. The new proposal offered that Casella would be responsible for the operations of the MRF and any prorated taxes, except the debt service. The District would pay \$25/ton for processing. The revenue would be split 50/50. Mr. Spencer argued that the tip fee would be too low and the operating fee would be too high. Chairman Nichols suggested that the District put the responsibility of an agreement back to Casella. Discussion followed on who was responsible for designing a new agreement.

Mr. Wennberg proposed that he would ask Casella to prepare and present a proposal amending the MRF agreement to address current issues. Mr. Densmore moved to accept. Mr. Barbagallo provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Nichols asked if there were any further questions or concerns. There were none. At 9:45pm Mr. Barbagallo moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Gagnon provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deane Wilson
Clerk