

MINUTES

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

BUSINESS MEETING March 7, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Wennberg	District Manager	Deane Wilson	RCSWD
Joyce Segale	District Treasurer		

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:28pm Chairman Nichols called the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

Chairman Nichols asked if there were any comments on the agenda. Mr. Wennberg asked that 1 item be added to the agenda. After item 4 **MRF operating agreement** be added. Also, item of #8, other business, the following be included: review of District solid Waste Plan, a burn barrel ordinance, trash ordinance for the city and the curbside ordinance for Rutland City.

2. MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2001 AND FEBRUARY 7, 2001

Mr. Crowley moved that the minutes be accepted. Mr. Lee provided the second. Mr. Brown asked about the reference to the \$1/ton increase for a host community fee. Mr. Wennberg explained that \$1 would be for the MSW crossing the scale at Gleason Road. It would not affect Castletons direct shipment of trash. Mr. Nichols asked if there were any further comments. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – DECEMBER 2000 AND JANUARY 2001

Mr. Wennberg provided a MRF income statement and budget handout. There were a couple of adjustments noted, Mr. Wennberg explained that the handout was a first and was to be used for comparison. Mr. Wennberg said that a balance sheet handout would be included next time. Mr. Lee asked about the \$2000 difference, and JW explained that it was an entry error. Mr. Densmore asked where the general fund subsidy for the MRF was listed. JW said that it would be in two categories. Mr. Brown asked about the equipment rental category. Mr. Wennberg explained that the MRF equipment is leased and represented by the capital lease line item. Mr. Stone moved that the statements be accepted. Mr. Crowley provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. AUDIT PROPOSALS – FY 2000, 2001, 2002

4 proposals were submitted. A handout was provided detailing the specifics of the bids. All the firms were deemed qualified. Questions and discussion followed on the procedure of accepting the bids if and when the MRF were turned over to Casella. A motion was made by Mr. Spensor that O'Brien Shortle Reynolds & Cole be awarded the bid. The award was conditional that should Casella take over operation of the MRF, the bid would be reopened for negotiations but that time was of the essence. Mr. Crowley provided the second. Mr. Densmore abstained from voting. The remaining board members voted for O'Brien to receive the audit.

4A. MRF OPERATING AGREEMENT

Mr. Wennberg provided a review of recent discussions with Mr. Jim Toher of Casella. The trash contract would be frozen at present values for the next two years. Also, a first draft for the MRF operating agreement and lease for empty space would be forthcoming the week of March 12th. Mr. Wennberg explained that the agreement needed to be approved in principal no later than the middle of next month. The State needed to sign off also with in this time frame. Mr. Wennberg asked that for expediency on this issue the board grant approval for the executive board to meet and assume responsibility of deciding whether Casella's offer is acceptable, contingent on the States approval. Mr. Crowley asked that when the special meeting is scheduled that all board members are notified and any interested member can attend. Mr. Lee so moved. Mr. Barbagallo provided the second. The motion was unanimous.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public in attendance

5. MRF TAX EXEMPTION/HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

Mr. Wennberg explained the offer that had been made to the city. At this time all members involved at the city level were agreeable with the offer, dependent on the State's acceptance. Mr. Wennberg stated that approval was needed by June. Mr. Crowley asked about compensation for overpayments and possibility of limiting \$ should tonnages increase. Mr. Wennberg said that the previous contract was clear and unfortunately there wouldn't be any review of overpayment and that the City would receive \$1 for every ton crossing scales at Gleason Road.

6. REPORT OF MEETING WITH KIM RODE OF THE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK

Mr. Wennberg stated that the District was eligible based on a letter from Paul_____ and that the loan is considered refunding a deficit. The cost of submitting an application was \$2000. The moneys would be used to pay off the 2 loans with the Chittenden Bank. The rate of interest with the bond bank is 4.8% and the time frame is for 10 years. At present the Chittenden loans are 9.5% and 5.5%. Mr. Brown asked if any moneys received from Casella for the MRF agreement be deposited in an account with an interest of 8%? Mr. Wennberg explained that the agreement with Casella was to be applied to the current debt the District has with Casella. There wouldn't be any moneys exchanged. Mr. Spencer asked if there were a prepayment penalty. Mr. Wennberg said that he would check on it.

7. CHILD CARE HONOR ROLL LETTER

Mr. Wennberg provided a letter stating that the District had qualified.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wennberg explained that the State was in its final draft for a rewrite on the solid waste plan and that the District would soon be required to rewrite and update its own solid waste plan. Handouts were provided detailing various ordinances in the District and the Board was asked to review them. Mr. Brown asked that the Board consider a recent issue that has arisen between the District and Castleton. Mr. Brown explained that a recent discussion involving a surcharge of \$6235 be thrown out. Mr.

Wennberg explained to the Board recent developments involving the C&D issue with Castleton and asked that the issue be postponed until all parties involved had been in contact. Discussion followed among the Board on the issues surrounding the situation. Mr. Lee moved that the discussion be tabled until the next meeting when it would appear on the agenda. Mr. Crowley provided the second. The consensus was that 1) how do we handle it from this time forward, and 2) what do we do with the past bill. Mr. Brown asked that the District review who was using the Fort Ann, Waste Management disposal option.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

At 8:45 the board entered executive session. At 8:50 the executive session ended

10. COLLECT BOARD WARRANTS

11. ADJOURN

Chairman Nichols asked if there were any further questions or concerns. There were none. At 8:55pm Mr. Crowley moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Lee provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deane Wilson
Clerk