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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

BUSINESS MEETING

June 6, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Wennberg	District Manager	Joyce Segale	RCSWD
Deane Wilson	RCSWD		

CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

Chairman Nichols asked if there were any comments on the agenda.
Comment was raised that the next meeting was scheduled for July 4th.

2. MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2001

Mr. Crowley moved to accept the minutes May 24th. Mr. Stone provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MARCH 2001 & APRIL 2001

Mr. Wennberg described the months of March and April. March was below expectations with April returning to projections. Mr. Wennberg also explained that Mr. Carl Mitchell, the solid waste investigator had noticed some discrepancies in Casellas tonnage's reports. An enforcement meeting was scheduled for Friday to discuss the route audit program. Deter Security has been hired to monitor the routes and tonnage reports. Mr. Densmore moved that the financial statements be accepted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

4. PROPERTY, CASUALTY & WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Ms. Joyce Segale explained the current insurance program with Marketplace Insurance and the potential savings by switching to Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF. Discussion followed on the various considerations needed to make the switch. Mr. Rounds described how Brandon has been able to use VLCT rebate program. Mr. Crowley asked about the payment schedule. Ms. Segale said that she would ask to have the insurance premiums paid monthly. Mr. Crowley moved that the Chairman be authorized to sign the various resolutions needed which would allow the District to place the insurance with VLCT. Mr. Stone provided the second. The motion was unanimous.

5. REFUNDING BOND

Mr. Wennberg discussed the various rates offered by the bid proposal. A handout was provided detailing the breakout of the offers. Mr. Crowley asked about the policy of member towns voting on indebtedness that was for more than one year. Mr. Wennberg explained that bond counsel, Mr. Guiliani said that this was not new debt and a letter had been received stating so. After explanation of the various offers, Mr. Wennberg recommended the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank as the best offer. Mr. Wennberg explained the requirements needed to refinance with the Bond Bank and provided a packet of material, prepared by Mr. Guiliani that would need to be reviewed and approved.

Mr. Densmore moved that the District accept the Chittenden Bank proposal. Mr. Stone provided the second. Mr. Rounds asked if the bonds were tax exempt and the status of the previous bonds. Mr. Wennberg stated that the bonds would be tax exempt. There were 2 notes currently with the Chittenden Bank. One was tax exempt and the other one was not. After a brief discussion, Chairman Nichols asked if there were any further discussions and if not could a vote be taken on accepting the move to go with Chittenden. The vote was unanimous to take the Chittenden offer. Mr. Wennberg stated that a signed resolution would be needed and that Mr. Olson would prepare it but the District would collect the necessary signatures.

6. TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF MRF

A review was provided on current negotiations with the State regarding tax exemption of the MRF. The city assessor's office had determined that the property was tax exempt under ACT 60. A ruling had just been received from the State and that a review was still needed by attorneys. There was some dismay, in that part of the ruling was based on stories in the Rutland Herald. Mr. Wennberg explained that there were three tests regarding the right for tax exemption. 1.) that the facility would be for public use; 2.) primary use was for the benefit of the public; 3.) that the property was operated on a not for profit basis. The property met these criteria. Mr. Crowley asked if there were any possibility in recouping some of the previous tax payments. Mr. Wennberg said that wasn't a possibility. As of July 1st, 2001 the property would not be on the Grand List and any issues the State had with that determination would be between the City and the State.

7. HOST COMMUNITY FEE RESOLUTION

Mr. Wennberg explained the proposed resolution.

"The Rutland County Solid Waste District Board of Supervisors resolves to impose and collect a 'Host Community Fee' of one dollar (\$1.00) per ton of taxable or surchargeable waste handled or processed at the Gleason Road Transfer Station commencing July 1, 2001. Fee revenues are to be delivered to the Treasurer of the City of Rutland on a quarterly basis thereafter. The District Manager is instructed to adjust processing and disposal rates for handling waste at the Gleason Road Transfer Station to reflect this fee effective July first. This 'Host Community Fee' shall expire if and

when the District's Material Recovery Facility on Green Hills Lane in Rutland is deemed property taxable."

The fee of \$1 per ton would be assessed on all taxable waste handled at Gleason Road beginning July 1st, 2001 to provide the City with the host community fee as an alternative to the tax revenue received previously on the MRF. Mr. Barbagallo asked about the minimum payment previously mentioned. Mr. Wennberg stated that the resolution should be amended to state there would be a minimum payment of \$33,000 annually. Mr. Stone moved that the resolution be approved as amended. Mr. Lee provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public in attendance

8. ADJUSTED FY 2000 FINANCIALS

Mr. Wennberg stated that the auditors were finished on site. The preliminary adjustments needed to be addressed include: \$7100 in insurance expenses between the general and MRF funds; the \$3000 deferred back to revenue; an agreement between Mike Samson and Jay Maceka regarding Casella covering ½ of the mechanics salary which generated a \$33,000 receivable on the general fund from the MRF, unfortunately corporate Casella never accepted this arrangement. Mr. Densmore asked if this was between Casella and the District and Mr. Wennberg said that it basically could be viewed as a subsidy to the MRF, but that the auditors wanted it addressed for the FY2000 report.

9. EXCESS RECEIPTS GRANT STATUS

The \$6/ton tax the State collects for MSW has surpluses. This year-projected surplus is \$600,000 and the Agency has indicated that \$300,000 may be reimbursed to the Districts. The SWM Districts had reservations that they would ever see any amount but chose not to go to the legislature.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed

11. COLLECT BOARD WARRANTS

12. ADJOURN

Chairman Nichols asked if there were any additional issues and if not could there be a motion to adjourn. At 8:45pm Mr. Stone moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Crowley provided the second. The motion was unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Deane Wilson
Clerk