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MINUTES

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

BUSINESS MEETING

October 2, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	MeiMei Brown	Poultney	
Castleton		Proctor	
Clarendon	Nancy Buffum	Rutland City	John Densmore
Danby			Robert Allen
Hubbardton			Paul Barbagallo
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	Richard Crowley
Mt. Tabor		Wells	
Pittsford	Daniel White	West Rutland	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Wennberg	District Manager	Joyce Segale	RCSWD
Deane Wilson	RCSWD		

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:30 p.m. Acting Chairman Mr. Crowley called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

There were no comments on the agenda.

2. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

Ms. Brown moved that the minutes be accepted. Mr. Barbagallo provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AUGUST 2002

Mr. Wennberg stated that April financial statement reflects that the projections for the year are on target. All departments are doing well. The annual MRF bond payment and interest is due Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. There is \$163,000 in the two accounts that will cover the \$140,000 payment.

Mr. White moved to accept the financial statement. Mr. Taggart provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public in attendance

#### 4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REWRITE

##### DRAFT CHAPTERS DISTRIBUTED

##### BIOSOLIDS POLICY DISCUSSION - STEVE MAIER

(As Mr. Maier had not arrived at this time, Item 5 was discussed before Item 4)

Mr. Wennberg explained that as the chapters developed, a chapter would be available at each board meeting for supervisor's review. Mr. Maier described the States focus as it pertained to the rewrite of the plan. The State wants to know what is disposed of on a per capita basis and what was planned for waste diversion of that total. The State was not interested in what current programs existed for waste diversion. Mr. Wennberg said that the State needed a basis measurement and then asked what are your plans and what are you doing. Mr. Crowley asked if this procedure penalized programs in existence. Mr. Maier said that it would not, based on the calculations that will be used.

Mr. Wennberg described the current biosolids management and that the State may look for improvement. They would like to see more materials moved into reuse. A handout was provided detailing the current practices. The current contract is in effect till 2007. The current management plan doesn't have any direct involvement from District personnel as it now stands. Mr. Barbagallo asked if the management of biosolids was working favorably for everyone at the present time. Mr. Wennberg explained that it was. The one concern was the definition of "beneficial reuse" has been tightened. Landfill cover does not constitute beneficial use anymore and at the present time this is where 90% of the material generated ends up. Mr. Crowley asked if the State believes biosolids were beneficial despite the heavy metals that may be present? Mr. Wennberg said that with proper management, the State believes this material can be handled safely.

Mr. Wennberg explained that the rates for disposal looked favorable until June 30, 2007. Casella is free to move the material anywhere. Some material was used in a compost program but the economics didn't prove competitive. Mr. White asked what was sludge and how was it produced. Mr. Maier and Mr. Wennberg described the process as it applied to the towns WWTP and the City WWTP. Ms. Brown asked if the level of treatment at the City plant allowed it to be land applied. Mr. Wennberg said that all test indicated the material was safe to land apply. Discussion followed on the clarity of the contract and if a price differential would take effect if the request for diversion were made to Casella. Also was Casella receptive to renegotiate. Mr. Wennberg asked the Board for policy guidance. Should the District lease fields for land application or become more involved with biosolids or stay with privatization? Mr. White asked if there were any numbers to compare the options. Mr. Wennberg stated that at the present time there were no concrete numbers. Mr. Maier suggested that when the contract expires an RFP for sludge management could include a request for a minimum amount to be reused. With the current plan rewrite statements could be made that the goals of sludge management will be revised. Mr. Crowley suggested that language be included stating that the goals for the new contract be included. Ms. Brown said that when renegotiations are held for the new contract, the plan could state that discussion would be held to renegotiate "reuse".

#### 5. UPDATE ON GLEASON ROAD IMPROVEMENT PORJECTS

Mr. Wennberg stated that the final written recommendation from the State regarding the allocation of moneys was received. The pad for the rolloff boxes was agreed as calculated. The paving for the entrance to the facility and into the recycling section was recalculated and a greater amount of moneys was grant eligible. Scheduling with Wilk was underway. A request for reimbursement for dock repairs was not approved.

#### 6. CONVERSATION WITH FOOD WASTE RECYCLING SPECIALIST HARVEY HARRY

Mr. Harvey explained his position and job responsibilities. Mr. Densmore asked if these programs were going to grow. The potential for growth was explained but the amount of finances needed to get there was a constraint. To automate would be to expensive and to add new generators would take to much time. Mr. White asked if there were additional farms that would be interested in the materials. Mr. Wennberg explained the relationship with the Rutland Natural Resource Conservation District, that there had been some

research in other parts of the county but the numbers didn't allow father research. Ms. Brown said that it was a great program and would continue to support it.

#### 7. STATUS OF CONCRETE/ASPHALT PROGRAM

Mr. Wennberg explained that the program was financially healthy. However, last week, the State did a site visit and explained that there wasn't a permit on file for the operation. The history of the program was discussed and the program has operated on a "handshake agreement". One possible obstacle to submitting a permit application would be the landowners reluctance to co-sign. Any formal payments to Carrara have been delayed until a formal written lease was discussed. Mr. Densmore asked what was planned. Mr. Wennberg said that the District was waiting for the permit application. At that time it would be filled out and he would also discuss the situation with Mr. Carrara's staff. Mr. White asked how big the property was and was it an option to purchase the property. Mr. Wennberg explained that there was 3.5+ acres with the property and a bond vote would be needed to move on purchasing the property.

#### 8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wennberg explained recent activities on the upper portion of the transfer station. There had been accumulations over the years of finished processed materials. This summer a lot of energy and coincidences have moved materials off site for reuse at the WSI landfill in Moretown, VT. Ms. Brown asked that the market study result be on next month's agenda for discussion.

#### 9. COLLECT BOARD WARRANTS

#### 10. ADJOURN

Acting Chairman Crowley asked if there were any additional issues.

At 8:50 pm Mr. Allen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Taggart provided the second. The motion was unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Deane Wilson  
Clerk