

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

BUSINESS MEETING
February 5, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon		Poultney	
Castleton	Charles Brown	Proctor	Charles Nichols
Clarendon	Nancy Buffum	Rutland City	John Densmore
Danby	Edward Bucceri		Bruce Bentley
Hubbardton			Paul Barbagallo
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	
Mt. Tabor		Wells	
Pittsford		West Rutland	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Wennberg	District Manager	Joyce Segale	RCSWD
Steve Maier	Maier Engineering	Deane Wilson	RCSWD
Dan Johns	RCSWD	Dave Petty	RCSWD

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 p.m. Chairman Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

It was suggested that item #6 be moved ahead of #4.

2. MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2003 SUPERVISORS MEETING

Mr. Densmore mentioned that his support of the grant for the reduction of illegal burning was because of the mandate, not because of the law. Mr. Densmore moved that the minutes be accepted. Mr. Bentley provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, DECEMBER 2002

Mr. Wennberg stated that the December financial statement reflects that the projections for the year are on target. All departments are doing well. The 2002 financial statements are unaudited, but the net general fund income shows \$6,000+ even after \$55,000 was spent to cover emergency expenditures for capital items that were not planned.

Mr. Densmore moved to accept the December financial statement. Ms. Taggart provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No comments were offered

6. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - DRAFT UPDATE, REMAINING ISSUES

Mr. Wennberg gave a brief update on the overall plan progress. Some of the sections amounted to "busywork" for the staff and would look into the possibility of eliminating the sections.

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The section was drafted and was a review of current operations

FACILITY "INCLUSION"

SITING CRITERIA

Section 8 - there were two sets of criteria existing, 1) landfill siting 2) biosolids

Recommendation was to reference existing criteria, and the other option was to mention that criteria would be a restatement of State rules and regulations.

Discussion followed on choosing the option of following State rules because of the loss of local input.

Example was given of an attempt to open a "fast trash" site in Rutland City that the State does not regulate. The District did have criteria for such a site and was able to review the application.

Mr. Wennberg suggested that the District should have criteria in order to keep some local control, but it would be the same information that is submitted to the State. Mr. Maier mentioned that the SWIP must reference the Board choice and that decision was in effect for the life of the plan. **Section 9** - this section references towns in the District. Mr. Wennberg said that the "formation agreement" was very relevant. Mr. Brown asked what financial obligations new towns had in order to join the District and that equity should be a factor if a town choose to leave. Mr. Wennberg said the language was written so that you can draw your own conclusions and that there was precedent.

Section 10 - section references facilities in the plan. Mr. Wennberg explained that this section was important. The State can't process a request for certification until the District proposes that the facility is in the plan. The rewrite of this section would be more specific.

1) **biosolids** The section on biosolids would state that activities occurring on the WWTP property would be included in the plan. If the event were to occur off site it would be subject to review.

2) **grandfathered facilities** Restate criteria in the existing plan

3) **new facility designation** Mr. Wennberg suggested using the process in the ordinance. That it will be very cumbersome to amend the plan, better to amend the ordinance.

Mr. Bentley asked why a list of criteria were needed when the previous reference included "all facilities". Mr. Wennberg discussed landfills closed prior to the original plan and the ordinance definition of "designated" facilities. Also that closed landfills needed oversight. Mr. Bentley asked about the liability of including closed landfills. Mr. Maier mentioned that there are requirements now.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The State has set May 1st as the deadline to submit the new plan. Between now and April, informal meetings will be held. By the April meeting, a complete document should be available and have the Boards approval. At this time it will be sent to member towns and the State for review. In May, expect feedback from the State on any suggested changes and 3-6 months after that, the final report would be ready. Mr. Brown asked if there were any stumbling blocks. Mr. Wennberg didn't expect any, but if the Board or Haulers had any issues with any part of the plan, that could cause delays. Additional steps that need consideration are the review of the plan at the RRPC. The Planning Commission doesn't need to approve the plan, but it should be consistent with their process.

Mr. Wennberg asked if there was a consensus with what's there or any suggested changes? The Board members voiced no concerns or objections on the current information.

4. METAL RECYCLING PROPOSALS - CONTRACT AWARD

Elnicki and NRRRA submitted bids. The bids were compared and a history offered on the companies. Mr. Densmore asked why Elnicki needed a contract for 3 years now when he had been operating without one. Mr. Wennberg explained Elnicki needed some assurances because of the amount of material he was moving thorough the facility. Elnicki also was relying on the District's permits. Mr. Brown asked if the offer was

available for District town metal piles. Mr. Wennberg explained that it wasn't but when the contract was written that consideration would be included for the member towns with metal programs.

Mr. Taggart moved to accept Elnicki's offer with references to member town metal program's. Ms. Buffum provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

5. APPRAISAL OF RIVER STREET PROPERTY

Mr. Wennberg provided an update on the appraisal. There were 4 possibilities the board could follow:

- 1) agree to the revised appraisal price
- 2) offer to sell for the original appraised price of \$5000
- 3) negotiate with Ginocola
- 4) refuse to sell.

Mr. Brown asked if the adjoining property was commercial, and if there was a value to that. It was explained that the property was in a residential zone and had electric ROW's. Mr. Barbagallo mentioned that the Rutland City WWTF was in the process of permitting for expansion and because of the proximity, the land may have value.

Mr. Brown moved to refuse to sell the property at this time. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

7. STORMWASTER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN - CONSULTANT NEEDED

Mr. Wennberg explained the Federal rulings regarding stormwater runoff and that the State had set a time frame of March 10, 2003 as a deadline. The recommendation was to RFP consultants as the District staff wouldn't have time to address the issues. The District was responsible for three properties with varying degrees of need. The MRF wouldn't present to many obstacles. The earth materials site would need some review. The transfer station is going to require a lengthy review.

8. DISPOSAL SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Mr. Wennberg provided a memo regarding a recent request from Casella to amend the disposal contract. At this time, it was for review purpose. The current contract is set to expire December 31, 2005 and Casella is seeking 2 - 5 year extensions. Details followed on the proposal. With the SWIP in effect between 2003 to 2008, it would be advantageous to have a disposal contract lined up for the same time frame. Mr. Wennberg asked for the Boards approval to proceed with this with the stipulation the contract extend for 1 - 5 year extension.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Brown expressed his appreciation for the job Mr. Wennberg had done while District Manager.

10. COLLECT BOARD WARRANTS

11. ADJOURN

Chairman Nichols asked if there were any additional issues.

At 8:10 pm Mr. Brown moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Taggart provided the second. The motion was unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Deane Wilson