

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
January 8, 2014



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Gabe McGuigan	Poultney	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Proctor	William Champine
Clarendon		Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby			Dave Wallstrom
Hubbardton			
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	
Mt. Holly		Wells	
Mt. Tabor		West Rutland	Sean Barrows
Pittsford	John Weeden		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O’Gorman, RCSWD Manager	Deane Wilson, RCSWD
Joyce Segale, RCSWD	

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. with quorum present

1. SET AGENDA

Mr. Weeden moved to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Wallstrom provided the second. The motion passed

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2013

Mr. Taggart moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. McGuigan provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF NOVEMBER 2103

Mr. O’Gorman presented his managers’ report. For administration, tonnage was up slightly. Recycling commodities remained the same. C&D was down until the grinding issue was resolved. HHW revenue was just at the amount budgeted. Transfer station revenue was down for the month because of metal revenue. Mr. Taggart moved to accept the financials. Mr. Weeden provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No Public in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed FY 2014 Budget

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the budget meeting date was published in the Rutland Herald and there weren’t any comments. The C&D grind program is still on hold and the projected budget may change, but any anticipated shortfalls in the revenue would be offset by fewer expenses. Also for the MRF budget a couple of line items had been added as suggested. Mr. Gilbert moved to accept the 2014 budget. Mr. Wallstrom provided the second. The Motion passed unanimously.

B. CAV-Compost Sales Tax Policy

Pat Sagui, Compost Association of Vermont joined by phone to provide information on the status of H582. The bill was under review to extend the sales tax exemption to products outside the realm of agriculture. Mr. O’Gorman asked if Pat knew the status of Adam Necrason, a lobbyist working on behalf of the Managers Association. Ms. Sagui said there hadn’t been any indication yet and also that the Governor’s office was not interested. Mr. O’Gorman asked if there had been any calculation on the financial loss for the state. Ms. Sagui said that the funds were commingled, that the emphasis should be on calculating the gain on employment benefits if hurdles were lifted for future compost endeavors and that any income taxes would greatly offset any loss of sales tax. Discussion followed on additional products that could/should be considered exempt from sales tax and the benefits to the state if they were included. The phone discussion with Ms. Sagui ended at

7:05pm. Mr. Bentley asked if the District had allocated any money towards lobbying expenses. Mr. O’Gorman said no but there was a budget line item for education and that could possibly be used. Mr. Gilbert said that he wasn’t inclined to spend additional funds towards lobbying efforts. The District currently pays dues to CAV and allocates money for the District Managers Association, both of which spend money on issues. The consensus was that the efforts to include additional organics material tax exempt was advantageous but not to allocate any monies towards lobbying efforts at this time. To have Mr. O’Gorman stay informed of the status for the industry and possibly at a future date review the request.

At 7:10 the meeting official adjourned. Mr. Bentley and Mr. Wallstrom had prior commitments that required their attendance. Mr. Gilbert moved that the meeting be adjourned and that any further discussion was for informational purposes only. Mr. McGuigan provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Bottle Bill

Mr. O’Gorman stated the current status of additional revisions to the bottle bill were in discussion. The State would like to hold off any changes and study the issue further. Mr. O’Gorman offered different scenarios on how the bottle bill could proceed and how that might affect current operations and future plans for VT Act 148. Mr. O’Gorman offered to connect with speakers that were involved with efforts for and against changes in the bottle bill and ask that they attend a board meeting for Q&A. Board members suggested that Mr. O’Gorman research and relate at a later date the status of bill.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. VT ANR Material Management Plan

Mr. O’Gorman provided a copy of the Draft State Material Management Plan. The document is the state’s plan for solid waste material management over the next 5 years. There is a public forum scheduled on February 5th for public input on the draft plan. Once the state adopts the plan, the solid waste entities have 12-15 months to write/update plans for their communities. Mr. O’Gorman said that the MMP has paragraphs on guidelines and goals that involve processes that can be better measured. Mr. Barrows asked if there were any audit templates developed for businesses or homes. That research could provide valuable information.

B. _____
C. _____

7. ADJOURN

Stated above, the meeting adjourned at 7:10. The discussion ended at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted
Deane Wilson

