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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

BUSINESS MEETING  
March 29, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Bruce Rounds	Poultney	Joe Debonis
Castleton		Proctor	
Clarendon		Rutland City	John Densmore
Danby	George Stone		Robert Allen
Hubbarton			Paul Barbagallo
Ira		Killington	Ken Lee
Mendon		Wallingford	Richard Crowley
Mt. Tabor		Wells	
Pittsford	Joe Gagnon	West Rutland	Jason Simcock

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wennberg	District Manager	Deane Wilson	RCSWD
Joyce Segale	District Treasurer	Bruce Atkinson	W. Rutland WWTP
John Facey, Esq.	District Attorney		

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Richard Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. A quorum was present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1) SET AGENDA

Mr. Wennberg stated that Mr. Facey would be discussing an issue before the board at 8:00pm and that any item under discussion at that moment be tabled and brought before the board after Mr. Facey's presentation.

2) MINUTES FEBRUARY 23, 2000

Mr. Barbagallo moved to accept the February minutes. Mr. Stone provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2000

Ms. Segale noted that at the bottom of the statement, notations will appear that will indicate changes. Mr. Wennberg explained a new format that will be introduced over

the course of the next few months. The new format will break out the different programs and provide a clearer picture. Ms. Segale provided a cash flow projection through 4/30/00.

Mr. Stone moved that the financials be accepted. Mr. Barbagallo provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4) TOWN SLUDGE RATE PROPOSAL

Mr. Wennberg provided an analysis of the current sludge program and documented that the program was currently costing the District \$31,000/yr. Two options were presented that would continue service. If the District continued to provide service two proposals were presented. The other option consisted of putting the program out to bid in the private sector. That option was not finalized but there would be different scenarios available that included District providing negotiations or the towns discussing options directly with the private sector. Papers were provided for both options. The board discussed the possibility of selling one of the tanks and keeping and maintaining the other one in case of an emergency. Mr. Simcock asked if any rate increases could be held off until after the RFP were reviewed. The deadline for the RFP was April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2000. At this time Mr. Facey was present and discussion was postponed until after his presentation

#### 7) LITIGATION (UPPER VALLEY LANDFILL LAWSUIT)

Mr. Facey stated that the lawsuit had basically been settled. There had been a series of releases with prejudice. The major reason ending the suit was that it ended any more lawyers' bills. A motion was made to authorize the board chairman to sign the agreement. Mr. Stone so moved. Mr. Allen provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4) TOWN SLUDGE RATE PROPOSAL (CONTINUED)

Discussion followed on the private sectors responsibility and where the District should be providing services. Members also discussed whom the necessary parties were that they had to contact and discuss how to proceed. Mr. Atkinson representing the West Rutland WWTP was able to offer some of the differences between the various WWTPs and why they may be handled differently. He also asked that town representatives be included with discussions with the private sector. Mr. Wennberg stated that the RFP included that contacts and special request be addressed in the RFP. Mr. Densmore moved that, should a contract not be awarded by May 1<sup>st</sup>, the District would utilize proposal B of the District options. The proposal states that a treatment fee plus an hourly rate for transportation be imposed. (memo attached)

#### 5) MILLER/WEBSTER MRF LEASE

A quick review was provided that indicated Webster still had a 2-month time frame to finish the dismantling project. There has been damage to the building but pictures and concerns had been raised with Mr. Miller and the various operators hired for the project. Preliminary discussions have occurred regarding the buildings future. Some interest existed in purchasing the building. Two possible appraisers were offered. The motion was made to authorize Bryan Audy, based in Arlington to perform the audit. George

Stone so moved. Mr. Allen provided the second. The motion was unanimous. The estimate provided for the service was \$1400.

6) HEALTH COVERAGE INCENTIVE POLICY

Mr. Wennberg provided a memo outline a proposed personnel policy amendment that would provide an incentive payment of \$1500 per year to encourage de-enrollment for employees that had double coverage. Mr. Lee moved that the action is implemented and the amendment added to the personnel policy. Mr. Crowley provided the second. The motion was unanimous

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public in attendance

8) ADDISON C&D RATE CHANGE

9) TOM'S SEPTIC HAULING STATUS

Mr. Wennberg provided a review on the status on the above programs. Addison has agreed to a price increase. Tom's septic couldn't absorb a price increase and that program has been discontinued.

10) REVIEW OF OPERATIONS – BAILER BELTS

A quick overview of MRF operations was presented. The repair of the conveyor systems had been done. The belts have already been paid for. The labor cost and supply cost have not been tabulated yet. The HHW program is underway for the 2000 season.

11) EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTS

At 8:55pm the board entered into executive session. The board reconvened at 9:35pm.

12) SET DATE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – APRIL 10, 2000

- 13) The board voiced that April 10, 2000 was to soon to have another meeting and that the usual time frame for the election of officers was scheduled during the regular monthly board meeting

Acting Chairman Crowley asked if there were any additional issues or concerns? There were none.

At 9:40, Mr. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Crowley provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deane Wilson