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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

BUSINESS MEETING

April 26, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Brandon | | Poultney | Joe Debonis |
| Castleton | | Proctor | |
| Clarendon | Bronson Spencer | Rutland City | |
| Danby | George Stone | | Robert Allen |
| Hubbardton | | | Paul Barbagallo |
| Ira | | Killington | Ken Lee |
| Mendon | | Wallingford | Richard Crowley |
| Mt. Tabor | David Oswald | Wells | |
| Pittsford | Joe Gagnon | West Rutland | |

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Jeff Wennberg | District Manager | Deane Wilson | RCSWD |
| Joyce Segale | District Treasurer | | |

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Richard Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. A quorum was present.

REORGANIZATION MEETING

1. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. David Oswald and Mr. Bronson Spencer were acknowledged and welcomed to the board.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair: Mr. Charlie Nichols was nominated for the position. Mr. Wennberg explained that Mr. Nichols was not available for the last Wednesday of each month. Mr. Lee moved that the meetings be moved to the first Wednesday of each month. Mr. Stone provided the second. Mr. Lee moved that Mr. Nichols is elected chairman, Mr. Stone provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chair: Mr. Crowley was nominated. Mr. Stone so moved. Mr. Debonis provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer: Ms. Segale was nominated. Mr. Allen so moved. Mr. Debonis provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

Clerk: Mr. Wilson was nominated. Mr. Allen so moved. Mr. Stone provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

Grand Juror: defer

Executive Board: Mr. Nichols, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Barbagallo, Mr. Densmore, Mr. Stone were nominated. Mr. Debonis so moved. Mr. Lee provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

Add to agenda as #16: moving monthly board meeting schedule.

2. MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2000

Motion to accept minutes made by K. Lee and second by G. Stone. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MARCH 2000

Financial statements for March were presented. Ms. Segale explained the sludge grant revenue posting as highlighted at the bottom of the income statement. J. Wennberg spoke about the general fund summary. He can provide all department spreadsheets monthly if board desires. He stated that grants and leases still needed to be allocated across departments. Mr. Spencer stated he would like to see these sheets monthly. G. Stone moved to accept March financial statements. Mr. Crowley provided second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. DECLARATION OF DECISION NOT TO RENEW MRF OPERATING AGREEMENT

Agreement with Casella Waste to operate MRF expires 11/17/04. Mr. Wennberg spoke about how the agreement has not worked and a declaration would be a symbolic measure to set the stage to renegotiate the terms of the contract over the coming months. Discussion ensued regarding pros and cons of this move. Motion by Mr. Spencer to table this item until a later date- Mr. Stone provided second. Motion passed unanimously.

5. MILLER/WEBSTER LEASE AGREEMENT

Mr. Wennberg stated that Webster should be out by Friday, 4/28/00. Miller owes one more month's rent but there may be disagreement over this. He stated that the property needs to generate revenue. Miller's workers have been making final repairs – he is aware of what Webster has been doing. We are awaiting appraisal report on MRF, which will give three values- (1) fair market rent, (2) value of total property as building, and (3) value given its specific use as a MRF. Mr. Wennberg wrote to Rutland City's mayor and Dept. of Public Works offering MRF space as replacement for Spruce St. Garage. It could work as a long-term lease or lease-purchase. Mr. Spencer stated that the Executive Committee should not

have the power to make this decision without the full board's vote. Mr. Wennberg stated that RCSWD owes Rutland City a lot of money and one option would be reduce our payable by decreasing the rent.

6. ANR SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS

Trash tax has generated surplus revenue. RCSWD's share will be \$9,500 for HHW program- HHW disposal, salaries, education, and mercury collection. Application needs to be put in by 5/19/00. J. Wennberg passed out RCSWD's newsletter – main reason for it was HHW schedule on page 2. HHW has aggressive program this year – more than half of schedule is non-district towns. Mr. Wennberg stated that we could also get these town's supplemental grants if towns agree. Newsletters will be handed out at transfer stations.

7. HARTLAND LANDFILL PROJECT – MOA

Addison County and Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Districts are pursuing Hartland landfill. Land and Act 250 permit is in place. Our contract for trash expires in two years. Parties interested in involvement need to contribute \$5,000 to retain party status. Mr. Wennberg's recommendation is to retain status as a party to the project. He has told Fred Moody and Steve Maier that RCSWD will not bond but we might agree to a long-term disposal contract. This payment does not commit us to the landfill. Addison County SWD has agreed to front the payment until RCSWD can come up with funds. Mr. Wennberg stated this forces RCSWD to do due diligence this year on what the district will do when present disposal contract expires. Motion by K. Lee to authorize \$5,000 payment and Mr. Wennberg's signing of the Memorandum of Agreement. Second provided by J. Debonis. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public in attendance

8. REVIEW OF OPERATIONS- GENERAL

9. HHW STATUS

10. STAFFING

12. SALE/SURRENDER OF EQUIPMENT

Mr. Wennberg provided a review and status of various programs and the current scenario of the grants based on the States decision: Mr. Crowley asked if the State were planning on taking any legal action. Mr. Wennberg said no.

- 1.) At present no capital grants were to be approved
- 2.) All existing grants were frozen until the City/sludge grant was satisfied
- 3.) The compliance program was moved to the Upper Valley.
- 4.) The HHW balance was to be paid off by June 30th before any new HHW monies could be distributed.

Mr. Wennberg discussed the equipment and current balance due on various pieces. The equipment that was paid for would be kept and utilized. Mr. Lee moved that the Peterbuilt truck and two live bottom trailers be placed out to bid. Mr. Stone provided the second. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wennberg followed up with an explanation of how this would affect current staffing.

11. SLUDGE HAULING UPDATE-AWARD OF BID

Mr. Joe Hance provided the best prices for the sludge program. Mr. Allen asked how this would affect Killington program. Discussion followed. Mr. Allen moved that Mr. Joe Hance be awarded a 3 year contract for sludge disposal without an escalator. Mr. _____ provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

13. REVIEW OF OPERATIONS – MRF

A quick explanation of current values for the commodities followed.

14. DIVERSION OF FARRELL’S GLASS THROUGH CENTER RUTLAND

Mr. Wennberg explained recent discussions with Casella regarding this account. In order for Casella to obtain the account they needed to move it through their own facility in West Rutland at a reduced rate below the contract, Casella agrees to pay the District 15% of their gross revenues from this activity. Mr. Lee moved that Casella be allowed to handle this one account through their West Rutland site. Mr. Debonis provided the second. The motion passed unanimously

15. DESIGNATION OF JOYE SEGALE AS PENSION FUND TRUSTEE

Ms. Segale had previously been appointed the trustee but a formal and signed resolution needed to be done by the Board.

16. Mr. Lee moved and Mr. Stone repeated their motion and second to designate the First Wednesday of each month as the regular scheduled board meeting, beginning in June.

Acting Chairman Crowley asked if there were any further items, there were none.

At 10:10pm Mr. Debonis moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Stone provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Segale
Deane Wilson