MINUTES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT **BUSINESS MEETING**

APRIL 5, 2017

John Jozwiak

Clinton Wooley

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rutland City Robert Barrett, Christopher Ettori Brandon

Proctor Gabe McGuigan Mount Holly

Ira Larry Taggart Wallingford

Castleton Tim Gilbert Danby **Steve Haines** Pittsford Baird Morgan

Clarendon Alf Strom-Olsen Killington Hubbardton Mike Wetmore Poultney Wells

West Rutland Sean Barrows Mendon Susannah Loffredo

OTHERS PRESENT:

James O'Gorman, District Manager Joyce Segale, RCSWD Deane Wilson, RCSWD

Acting chairman Mr. Taggart called meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with quorum present.

1. SET AGENDA - Mr. Gilbert stated item 2 on agenda should read "Approval of minutes from March" not January.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2017

Motion by Mr. Gilbert with second by Mr. Barrett to accept March 1, 2017 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF FEBRUARY 2017

Mr. O'Gorman read manager's report. Year- to- date trash tonnage is about on par with previous years. Commodity markets are doing very well - even the zero sort fee has gone down to a charge of \$9 per ton. C&D showed expense for new batteries and throttle repairs on excavator. HHW expenses include fees for bulb recycling and freon removal. Transfer station revenues were better than expected and expenses reflect winter plowing of \$3,200 and Otter Creek Engineering fees of \$5,350. Motion by Mr. Barrett to accept February 2017 financial statements with second by Mr. Jozwiak. Motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Craig Jewett of Otter Creek Engineering in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. New Scales at Gleason Road (further discussion with Otter Creek Engineering)

Craig Jewett reviewed the engineer's estimated total project cost -page 1 is total cost and page 2 is bid schedule. \$412,000 is estimated construction cost and \$507,950 is total estimated project cost which includes allocating money for contaminated material since site is a former landfill. Mr. Jozwiak asked in which area of Gleason Road testing was done. Mr. Jewett stated mostly near scalehouse and no trash was found. Mr. O'Gorman stated trash was hit when culverts were previously put in. Mr. Jewett explained there was approximately \$80,000 in contingency costs. Differing costs would depend on varying levels of contamination being found. He stated there were three areas for potential cost savings - (1) third lane is not required, (2) can limit earth work for paving and (3) smaller scalehouse. Mr. McGuigan asked about Act 250. Mr. Jewett stated this was probably not an Act 250 project but wetlands might be an issue. Mr. Gilbert asked what if all bids come in over projected costs. Mr. Jewett stated you can re-do bid or go to lower bidder and discuss project with them. He said Mr. O'Gorman has confirmed the district is not bound to take the lowest bid.

Mr. O'Gorman spoke about the four cash flow scenarios in the packet. Discussion followed about possibility of Casella Waste contributing to project since its trucks are the vehicles requiring a 70 foot scale. Mr. O'Gorman contacted Mr. Dapron at Casella about this but has not heard back yet. Mr. Barrows asked how much the terrain is contributing to cost and does project even have to be done. Mr. Jewett stated the terrain is a significant factor in the cost. Discussion followed about split loads and liability. Mr. Jewett estimated the cost of a 35 foot scale to be about \$125,000 and said there would be no need for a temporary scale. Mr. Gilbert recommended putting project out to bid and if district could not afford it then it can be put on hold. Discussion followed about Casella lease. Mr. O'Gorman stated long-term debt must be voted on by the voters of all 17 district towns - only short-term financing for a year is permitted without a district-wide vote.

Mr. Jewett stated bid alternatives can give flexibility but in this project there are not a lot of opportunities for this. He stated the engineers do not have contract yet for the bid and construction phases. There would be economies if the project was for a 35 foot scale but Casella trucks would have to be weighed in Mendon. Mr. O'Gorman asked what the cost of a temporary scale is if scale fails. Mr. Jewett stated the cost would be about \$30 - \$40,000. Mr. McGuigan asked if there would be any residual value of a temporary scale if district wanted to replace it after 5 years and Mr. Jewett stated probably no value for re-sale. Mr. Strom-Olsen asked if there was any liability if we go to bid and don't move forward.

Mr. Jewett stated there was no liability and only hourly fees would be due to Otter Creek Engineering for that part of the bid process. He stated bids are valid for 90 days. Motion by Mr. Barrett with second by Mr. Gilbert to put the project out to bid and to authorize the signing of a contract with Otter Creek Engineering for the bid process phase. Motion passed on a roll call with a count of 217 votes with Mr. Strom-Olsen voting against the motion.

B. Town of Castleton - Proposal of Withdrawal

Mr. O'Gorman stated Castleton manager was on vacation for two weeks. This topic will be on the 4/24/17 town select board agenda. Mr. O'Gorman and Mr. Gilbert will be at the town meeting. Mr. O'Gorman discussed what the state would require town to do if it left RCSWD. The town would need to do a SWIP plan. There would need to be a town wide vote. Mr. Morgan asked what the district loses if town of Castleton or other towns leave. Mr. O'Gorman stated Castleton pays about \$17,000 annually for tipping surcharges. If the town joined SWAC the cost to town would be about \$20,000 as SWAC charges per capita. Mr. Gilbert stated the numbers do not support the town leaving the district. Mr. O'Gorman discussed the state's requirement for either a permanent HHW depot or five HHW collections annually. Mr. Barrows asked if there is any legislative movement to end SWAC. Mr. O'Gorman stated no although in the past there had been discussion about consolidating the number of solid waste districts.

C. SWAC Fees - Review

Pages 25- 43 in packet is information on SWAC HHW rural collections done by RCSWD. Page 25 shows revenue and fees. Mr. O'Gorman stated fluorescent bulb laws have affected this since we cannot charge for them but National Electrical Manufacturers reimburse the district for covered bulbs we collect. The district receives an annual state grant for pesticides of \$9,000. Mr. Baird asked if there is an effort to recruit SWAC towns and present the benefits of district membership. Mr. Strom-Olsen asked when the fees we charge to SWAC were last raised. Mr. O'Gorman stated a long time ago. Discussion followed about district's collection activities for non-district towns.

Discussion followed about how tipping surcharges affect residents of district versus non-district town and how it affects the costs to commercial haulers.

Mr. Gilbert wants a recommended fee schedule for SWAC runs and is concerned that SWAC is not currently being charged set-up fees. Mr. O'Gorman stated Clean Harbors charges a \$3,500 set-up fee. Mr. Gilbert stated he would like to see SWAC collections charged a set-up fee as well as an increased mileage rate. The district does not have a contract with SWAC for collections. Motion by Mr. Jozwiak with second by Mr. Wetmore to have Executive Committee meet with Mr. O'Gorman to determine a new fee schedule for SWAC HHW collections. Motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hearing on Revocation of hauler permit for East Coast Rubbish

Mr. O'Gorman stated the RCSWD ordinance requires haulers to be paid through September surcharges as of December 31 or the hauler license will not be renewed. The compliance investigator has audited East Coast and sent a letter explaining district surcharge policy since East Coast has not paid through September surcharges. Mr. O'Gorman met with Mr. Foster of East Coast. Mr. O'Gorman told him he would ask board about a payment plan. Mr. McGuigan stated a payment plan had been approved in a prior instance of hauler delinquency with a much larger balance. Mr. Gilbert read the ordinance. Mr. O'Gorman stated the district's license revocation does not affect the State's hauler license. A payment of \$500.00 was received on 4/3/17 leaving a balance of \$6,100 for surcharges through January 2017. Motion by Mr. Barrett with second by Mr. Jozwiak for payment of \$4,500 from East Coast in order to renew hauler license. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Policy of Services for towns that withdraw from the District Issue was addressed in earlier discussions.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION - No need for executive session

8. ADJOURN

At 8:28 P.M. motion by Mr. Barrett with second by Mr. Morgan to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting is May 3, 2017.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Segale