

Sandy River Waste Recycling Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Memorial Building, Strong

Thursday: Sept. 15, 2011

Board Members present

Chesterville: John Worth

Farmington: Richard Davis

Sidney: Don Robbins

Temple: Jo Josephson, Pres.

Wilton: Hollis Tyler

Carthage: Steve Brown

Mt Vernon: Wayne Colebrook

Strong: Jim Burrell

Weld: Richard Doughty, Treas.

I. Call to Order:

President Jo Josephson called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Don Robbins offered to take minutes, in the absence of Richard Brown, SRRRA Secretary

II. Clerks Report for 7/21.

One correction: regarding a report on the business plan from the compost committee: strike "Jolly Farmer;" replace with "Jolly Gardener." Jo asked if the board thought the minutes were too thorough/too long; the answer: "leave as is."

III. Treasurer's Report

The report by Treasurer Richard Doughty was unanimously accepted.(**who made the motions**)

IV Manager's Report:

a. Equipment/Facility: Ron is waiting for two more quotes for skid steers; he has yet to find a suitable replacement to our current, aging machine. He said, given the economy it makes sense not to rush into anything. A new machine would cost us between \$35,000 and \$39,000. Our current capital budget allows for \$25,000. Ron also reported that he had a new concrete wall constructed in our facility to isolate the fuel tank. Cost: \$2,500. The Equipment and Facility Committee Denis Castonguay and John Worth) will be meeting on November 2nd to update the capital budget..

b. Personnel: Ron has started the staff evaluations and self-evaluations; he will have them completed and filed in the appropriate personnel folders before our next Directors' meeting.

c. Compost: All finished compost has been sold, unscreened, for about \$7.00 per cubic yard or \$20 per pickup truck load Ron says we are not selling it for what it is worth at this time. He says he has a couple of lines on some screens. Ron also reported that the master compost video he has been working on with DEP will now be filmed and edited by students at Foster Vocational Tech.

V. Old Business:

a. Compost Business Plan: Jo distributed a two-page summary of the compost business plan. It is still a work in progress; it is to be submitted to the State Planning Office by September 30th. The board offered three comments: look into what it would cost to add

value to the compost by bagging it; reduce the tonnage of compost in transport to 30 tons and do not include a break-even scenario. Richard Doughty said he would work the numbers. The Board moved, seconded and unanimously accepted the compost business plan.

b. Plastic Update: Ron reported having picked up 30-35 bags of #3,4,5,7 plastics from Farmington and 3-4 bags from Carrabassett Valley transfer stations. SRRA has yet to obtain adequate storage for these bulky, lightweight plastics. He suggests adding a storage trailer on our site, to house enough material to justify making up a bale. Richard Davis made a motion to authorize Ron to purchase a storage trailer at a cost of no more than \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Hollis Tyler; the vote in favor was unanimous. Jo said she would send informational fliers on our plastic program to the board in case their towns were thinking of getting on board.

c. Mt Blue Regional School District: SRRA is now starting to collect all recyclables from the schools in the Mt. Blue Regional School District. Ron reported that a roll-off container to collect the recyclables from the Farmington schools is now in place near the bus garage. (Hollis Tyler indicated there was storage capacity on site at the Wilton Schools). Ron says the custodians have expressed interest in visiting SRRA's facility.

c. Personnel: The evaluation committee of Richard Doughty, Don Robbins and Jo Josephson will meet before the next board meeting to work on the manager's evaluation.

VI. New Business

a. Draft Budget and Straw Poll: The budget committee recently met and drafted a budget that reflects some increase in fuel oil cost, but also shows a decrease in our electricity cost, which should be even lower in future, as we have switched to Glacial Energy as our supplier. The proposed draft budget also showed a .50 increase per hour in employee wages for 2.5 employees as they did not receive an increase last year and they are doing excellent work. Ron Slater insisted that he not receive any raise. A straw vote on the increase showed that, the board agreed 7-2 to present the budget at November's public meeting with a 2 percent consumers' price index or 40 cent/hour increase in wages. The budget is subject to further revision at the November 17 meeting, which will be preceded by a public hearing.

b. Future Board Meetings: Richard Doughty and Richard Davis agreed that this was not the time to cut back from meeting four to six times a year as there were many uncompleted projects on our plates and there was still the threat of single-sort, This does not mean we will always meet six times a year. The November meeting is scheduled for 6 pm at the Wilton Police Station.

c. Annual Election: Given the annual election of officers scheduled for November, Jo announced that while she has thoroughly enjoyed serving a president for the past few years, it was someone else's turn to serve as president

VII. The meeting was adjourned shortly after 8:00 p.m. with many thanks to Jim Burrell and Strong for hosting the meeting

Respectfully offered,
Don Robbins

