

YORK COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE AUTHORITY (YCSWA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 15, 2023 | YCSWA Management Center

PRESENT (Those who were present virtually via Zoom are indicated by "Z" after their name/title):

Patrick Ball, Chairperson	Dave Vollero, Executive Director
Matt Sommer, Vice-chairperson	Jerry Grim, Assistant Executive Director
Felicia Dell, Secretary	Jen Cristofolletti, Manager, Community Services
John Klinedinst, Treasurer (Z)	Doug Jasitt, Manager, Engineering & Operations
Chick Renn, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	Mindy Waltemyer, Recording Secretary
Vinny Cannizzaro, Board Member (Z)	
Alex Chiaruttini, Board Member	
Ed Heindel, Board Member (Z)	
Tim Malinky, Board Member	
Charles Calkins, Solicitor	

ABSENT:

Joe Mulá, Associate Board Member
Gregg Pearson, Manager, Recycling & Planning

VISITORS:

Paul Martin, Tiger Trash
Jon Yinger, Tiger Trash
David Sharp, Covanta

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled board of directors meeting of the York County Solid Waste and Refuse Authority (Authority) was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Chairperson Ball called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Chairperson Ball then called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Ball requested Secretary Dell take roll call. Secretary Dell verified the board meeting had a quorum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT:

Solicitor Calkins reported an Executive Session was called to order at 5:40 PM. Items discussed included the Authority's contract issues with York Reduction Systems (YRS) and potential liability regarding the reuse of York County Resource Recovery Center (YCRRC) ash; the decision by Matt Sommer to not seek renewal his Authority board membership in 2024; and the resignation effective immediately of Authority Associate Board Member, Joyce Santiago. The Executive Session concluded at 6:16 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Ball called for the approval of the Authority's September 20, 2023 board meeting minutes, modified November 14, 2023.

Mr. Renn moved to approve the September 20, 2023 board meeting minutes, modified November 14, 2023. Ms. Dell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Administrative Division

The **September 2023 Financial Reports** were distributed to the board for review in October 2023.

Mr. Sommers moved to accept the Financial Reports for September 2023. Mr. Malinky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Grim presented the **Financial Reports for October 2023:**

The **Accounts Payable Check Register** (check numbers 44054 to 44137) provided disbursements totaling \$965,341.60.

The **Operating Accounts Report** showed the General Checking Account had an ending balance of \$2,000.00, the General Fund Account had an ending balance of \$7,083,298.44, and the Payroll Checking Account had an ending balance of \$1,000.00.

The **Trust Fund Accounts Report** included the Outstanding Loan Balance as of October 31, 2023 of \$3,620,000.00.

The **Budget Comparison Report** reflected Total Revenues Year to Date (YTD) of \$44,929,523.75 (89.85% of budget), Total Expenses YTD of \$36,850,018.97 (73.69% of budget), and Total Tons of waste received YTD at the YCRRRC of 377,330.29 (85.76% of the 440,000-ton goal for the year).

The **Expense Budget Comparison Report** followed.

The **Monthly Receipts Report** showed 39,890 tons of waste were delivered to the YCRRRC resulting in Accounts Receivable activity with an ending balance of \$2,731,422.76, Deposits for the month totaled \$4,034,753.22, Total Monies Received YTD for Accounts Receivable and Cash Sales were \$26,243,078.30, Total Monies Received YTD for Energy Sales were \$14,713,558.91, Total Monies Received YTD for YRS Metal Sales were \$3,292,483.17, and the Energy Rate for July 2023 sales was \$0.039/kWh.

The **Past Due Accounts Report** followed.

The **YRS Ash Financial Report** showed a net savings to the Authority YTD of \$1,344,516.98.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Heindel moved to accept the Financial Reports for October 2023 as presented. Mr. Renn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Grim then addressed the Nomination of Authority Board Officers for 2024. Chairperson Ball confirmed he was willing to remain chairperson in 2024. The updated slate of officers will be presented at the January 17, 2024 board meeting. Discussion followed.

Recycling & Planning Division

In Mr. Pearson's absence, Ms. Waltemyer reported that, as the Authority's Recycling Coordinator, she would be conducting a meeting for York County Municipal Recycling Coordinators on Thursday, November 16, 2023.

Guest, Jon Yinger of Tiger Trash thanked Authority staff for their customer service and addressed York County recycling and waste concerns. Discussion followed.

Community Services Division

Ms. Cristofolletti reported that her division is facilitating Kathleen Jacobs' "Magic Pots and Recycled Bottles" puppet shows in York County schools to celebrate "America Recycles Day" in the month of November. She added that her division will be facilitating the Authority's Tour Scholarship Program for school tours of the YCRRRC and both tour and program requests from schools are increasing.

Engineering & Operations Division

The **YCRRRC Operations Reports and Ash Recycling and Processing Facility (ARPF) Reports for September 2023** were distributed for the board to review in October 2023.

Mr. Jasitt presented the **YCRRRC Operations Reports for October 2023**. The average availability of the three combustion units was 91.5%. The turbine generator availability was 99.8%. Total waste processed was 40,344 tons. Average electricity production was 545 kWh per ton and 21,970.124 kWh were produced. Electricity purchased was 7,570 kWh. Outbound ash produced was 15,880 tons, of which 12,764 tons were processed at the Ash Recycling and Processing Facility (ARPF) and 3,116 tons were disposed at Modern Landfill. On October 5, 2023 there was an emissions excursion when Unit #3 exceeded the steam flow limit for one four-hour average block. No stack testing was conducted.

Mr. Jasitt next reviewed the **ARPF Reports for October 2023** which showed there were 116.6 processing hours. Materials disposed at Modern Landfill were 6,825 tons. Materials sold at market included 1,461 tons of ferrous metal and 106 tons of nonferrous metal. Aggregate/sand sent out for reuse was 4,494 tons. Discussion followed, during which Mr. Heindel requested an update on Per- and Polyfluoralkyl Substances (PFAS) testing. Mr. Jasitt confirmed PFAS stack testing occurred in late October, the results of which aren't expected until January 2024.

Mr. Jasitt then relayed an update on Selective Noncatalytic Reduction (SNCR) emissions control technology implementation at the YCRRRC.

Mr. Jasitt then gave an update on the Authority Transfer Station project planning. Discussion followed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Calkins had nothing to report.

OTHER ITEMS:

Ms. Chairuttini asked a question related to the YCRRRC host fee. Discussion followed.

Mr. Vollero announced there would be a board workshop on January 10, 2024 regarding the restructuring of the Authority's contract with YRS.

Mr. Heindel relayed well wishes to Mr. Sommer as he exits the Authority Board. Discussion followed.

The next regularly scheduled York County Solid Waste Authority board of directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Vollero recommended Associate Board Member Joe Mulá for board membership and recommended the reappointment of Authority Board Members Mr. Ball and Ms. Chairuttini in 2024.

Executive Director Vollero next reported there had been recent problems with the Manchester Township wastewater force main pipelines that are being addressed.

Executive Director Vollero reported Divert is attempting to reallocate Springettsbury Township Wastewater Treatment Plant nutrient load in order to facilitate siting an anaerobic digester on Authority property. Discussion followed.

Executive Director Vollero next reported an update on the lawsuit the Waste-to-Energy Association had filed requesting that the court not approve the consent decree between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the advocacy group regarding Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standards. The court rejected the suit, and a draft regulation is expected from the EPA in December 2023.

Mr. Malinky requested Executive Director Vollero share with the board a description of Silica-X Labs ash reuse technology. Executive Director Vollero suggested this be done in a private meeting due to proprietary rights associated with the technology. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Ball called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

Mr. Renn moved to adjourn the Authority board of directors meeting. Ms. Dell seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.


John Klindedinst, Secretary