YORK COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE AUTHORITY (YCSWA)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 19, 2023 | YCSWA Management Center

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

Patrick Ball, Chairperson
Matt Sommer, Vice-chairperson
Felicia Dell, Secretary
John Klinedinst, Treasurer
Vinny Cannizzaro, Board Member (Z)
Alex Chiaruttini, Board Member
Ed Heindel, Board Member
Tim Malinky, Board Member
Joyce Santiago, Associate Board Member (Z)
Zach Nahass, Solicitor

Dave Vollero, Executive Director
Jerry Grim, Assistant Executive Director
Jen Cristofoletti, Manager, Community Services
Doug Jasitt, Manager, Engineering & Operations
Gregg Pearson, Manager, Recycling & Planning

ABSENT:

Chick Renn, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Mindy Waltemyer, Recording Secretary

VISITORS:

Joe Mulá, potential Associate Board Member 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, July 19, 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 Nahass reported an Executive Session was called to order at 5:30 PM. Items discussed included a request from York Reduction Systems (YRS) to review and restructure the contract with the Authority; preliminary results of a landfill siting feasibility survey; a feasibility study for building a waste transfer station on the York County Resource Recover Center (YCRRC) campus; and Per-and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) testing required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Executive Session concluded at 6:25 PM.

The YRS Ash Financial Report followed.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Heindel moved to accept the Financial Reports for June 2023 as presented. Ms. Chiaruttini seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Grim then proposed an **Authority Budget Workshop** on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 9:00 AM. Discussion followed.

Recycling & Planning Division

Mr. Pearson reported the Authority has supported **Electronics Recycling** at the Authority's satellite collection site in Fairview Township by funding \$10,000 out of \$11,200 for the purchase of a used forklift and used ramp. This equipment will be used by township staff to manage e-scrap at their site. The Authority's budget for 2023 allows for this purchase.

Community Services Division

Ms. Cristofoletti reported that the Authority's 2022 Annual Report should soon be released.

Ms. Cristofoletti also reported that the Authority's new website is now up and running.

Discussion followed.

Engineering & Operations Division

The YCRRC Operations Reports and Ash Recycling and Processing Facility (ARPF) Reports for May 2023 were distributed for the board to review in June 2023.

Mr. Jasitt presented the YCRRC Operations Reports for June 2023. The average availability of the three combustion units was 93.5%. The turbine generator availability was 100%. Total waste processed was 37,430 tons. Average electricity production was 585 kWh per ton and 21,889,888 kWh were produced. Electricity purchased was 0 kWh. Outbound ash produced was 15,234 tons, of which 12,111 tons were processed at the ARPF and 3,124 tons were disposed at Modern Landfill. There were no emissions excursions. Stack testing was conducted in May and June 2023, the results of which are pending.

Mr. Jasitt next reviewed the **ARPF Reports for June 2023** which showed there were 94.8 processing hours. Materials disposed at Modern Landfill were 5,580 tons. Materials sold at market included 1,348 tons of ferrous metal and 127 tons of nonferrous metal. Aggregate/sand sent out for reuse was 4,310 tons. Discussion followed.

Mr. Jasitt then presented **Change Order UC-2023-02** which is based on Stage 4 of a Corrective Measures Proposal by Covanta for reducing nitrous oxide (NOx) using Selective Noncatalytic Reduction (SNCR). The proposal calls for procurement of materials, construction, and installation of an SNCR system. Covanta time for project management is included. The base operating fee would be increased by \$90,000 to cover increased costs associated with operating the SNCR system and would be effective January 1st following the installation of the system. Change order cost would not exceed \$2,754,330. Discussion followed.

Mr. Malinky moved the board approve Change Order UC-2023-02 authorizing expenditures up to \$2,754,330 for the procurement of materials, construction, and installation of an SNCR system. The Agreement's base operating fee shall be increased by \$90,000 becoming effective on January 1st following the installation of the SNCR system. Mr. Klinedinst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Jasitt next presented a **Second Amendment to the Covanta Service Agreement**. The proposed amendment is to Schedule 7, "Pass Through Costs" in the agreement by adding the following new Number 11: "The costs of all chemical reagents used in the operations of the NOx control system, as necessary for compliance with regulatory requirements". The current estimate for annual cost of aqueous ammonia is approximately \$324,000 per year, based on a consumption rate of 18 gallons/hour.

Mr. Malinky moved the board approve the Second Amendment to the Fourth Amended and Restated Covanta Service Agreement, as read. Ms. Dell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Jasitt then presented **Change Order Ar-2023-01.** The proposal calls for providing labor, equipment, and technical capability to perform air emissions testing of PFAS at the YCRRC for informational purposes only. Covanta has received a proposal for these services from Testar Engineering. Testing is tentatively targeted for October 2023, however, testing would be completed by the end of 2023.

Mr. Malinky moved the board approve Change Order AR-2023-01 authorizing expenditures up to \$65,340 to perform PFAS testing at the YCRRC in 2023. Mr. Heindel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Nahass reported that he is handling cases for the Authority regarding an employee complaint to the PA Human Relations Commission and mitigation with Lobar Construction.

OTHER ITEMS:

Ms. Cristofoletti provided an answer to Mr. Heindel's question regarding Community Services Division data presented in the meeting packet.

The next regularly scheduled York County Solid Waste Authority board of directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Vollero presented an update on mercury studies and treatment at the closed York County Sanitary Landfill. Discussion followed.

Executive Director Vollero next presented the proposal for stricter emissions controls on waste-to-energy facilities by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Waste-to-Energy Association's response.

Executive Director Vollero also reported the Authority received a bonus payment from the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland (PJM) power grid for energy production during the past winter. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Ball called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

Ms. Chiaruttini moved to adjourn the Authority board of directions meeting. Ms. Dell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Felicia Dell, Secretary