

YORK COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE AUTHORITY (YCSWA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 | YCSWA Management Center

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

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

ABSENT:

Vinny Cannizzaro, Board Member
Joyce Santiago, Associate Board Member

VISITORS:

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, September 20, 2023. Chairperson Ball called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Chairperson Ball then called for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to honor former YCSWA Community Services Manager, Ellen O'Connor, who passed away on September 15, 2023.

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 5:31 PM. Items discussed included the dismissal of a Pennsylvania Human Relations case brought against the Authority and negotiations with York Reduction Systems (YRS) regarding potential changes to their contract with the Authority. The Executive Session concluded at 6:22 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Ball called for the approval of the Authority's July 19, 2023 board meeting minutes.

Mr. Heindel moved to approve the July 19, 2023 board meeting minutes. Mr. Renn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Administrative Division

The **July 2023 Financial Reports** were distributed to the board for review in August 2023.

Mr. Klinedinst moved to accept the Financial Reports for July 2023. Mr. Malinky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The **Accounts Payable Check Register** (check numbers 43869 to 43966) provided disbursements totaling \$1,184,645.88.

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 \$6,785,087.90, 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 August 31, 2023 of \$3,620,000.00.

The **Budget Comparison Report** reflected Total Revenues Year to Date (YTD) of \$36,444,440.79 (72.88% of budget), Total Expenses YTD of \$29,545,196.14 (59.08% of budget), and Total Tons of waste received YTD at the York County Resource Recovery Center (YCRRC) of 303,218.78 (68.91% of the 440,000-ton goal for the year).

The **Expense Budget Comparison Report** followed.

The **Monthly Receipts Report** showed 43,339 tons of waste were delivered to the YCRRC resulting in Accounts Receivable activity with an ending balance of \$2,517,336.30, Deposits for the month totaled \$4,688,134.91, Total Monies Received YTD for Accounts Receivable and Cash Sales were \$21,278,814.97, Total Monies Received YTD for Energy Sales were \$12,349,336.80, Total Monies Received YTD for YRS Metal Sales were \$2,720,402.76, and the Energy Rate for July 2023 sales was \$0.040/kWh.

The **Past Due Accounts Report** followed.

The **YRS Ash Financial Report** showed a net savings to the Authority YTD of \$1,145,794.82.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Renn moved to accept the Financial Reports for August 2023 as presented. Ms. Dell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Grim then reported the August 20, 2023 Authority Budget Workshop was well attended, and offered to answer any additional questions about the 2024 Budget. Discussion followed. Mr. Heindel noted that the budget included \$150,000 for an employee bonus program that had not yet been approved.

Mr. Klinedinst moved to adopt the 2024 budget as presented, specifically authorizing expenditures up to \$48,497,000 not including Long Term Capital Project Funding or General Surplus Funding for processing 440,000 tons, also authorizing additional expenditures of \$38.62 per ton for each ton processed over 440,000 tons. The budget establishes the 2024 York County municipal solid waste tip fee at \$79.00 per ton. Mr. Malinky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recycling & Planning Division

Mr. Pearson reported that, in preparation for the possible closing of Modern Landfill in 2026, he is compiling an inventory of landfills throughout the region including information on their addresses, distance in road miles from YCRRRC, driving time from YCRRRC, remaining permitted capacities, and estimated years before closure. Discussion followed.

Community Services Division

Ms. Cristofolletti reported the Authority's 2024 budget approval and YCRRRC tip fee increase would be announced tomorrow via media release.

Ms. Cristofolletti next reported her division is working on the next message for Authority billboard advertising. Discussion followed.

Ms. Cristofolletti further reported that she would be speaking at a Modern Landfill public hearing regarding their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit on the evening of October 4, 2023. Discussion followed.

Ms. Cristofolletti also reported that her division would be offering vermicomposting at the Horn Farm Pawpaw Festival on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Ms. Cristofolletti then answered Mr. Heindel's question regarding an issue Authority website analytics reporting. Discussion followed.

Engineering & Operations Division

The **YCRRRC Operations Reports and Ash Recycling and Processing Facility (ARPF) Reports for July 2023** were distributed for the board to review in August 2023. Mr. Jasitt commented that stack testing that was conducted in May and June 2023 produced results within permit limits.

Mr. Jasitt presented the **YCRRRC Operations Reports for August 2023**. The average availability of the three combustion units was 95.0%. The turbine generator availability was 100%. Total waste processed was 41,581 tons. Average electricity production was 542 kWh per ton and 22,526,563 kWh were produced. Electricity purchased was 0 kWh. Outbound ash produced was 16,108 tons, of which 13,937 tons were processed at the ARPF and 2,171 tons were disposed at Modern Landfill. There were no emissions excursions. No stack testing was conducted.

Mr. Jasitt next reviewed the **ARPF Reports for August 2023** which showed there were 118.5 processing hours. Materials disposed at Modern Landfill were 7,506 tons. Materials sold at market included 1,561 tons of ferrous metal and 107 tons of nonferrous metal. Aggregate/sand sent out for reuse was 5,144 tons.

Mr. Jasitt then reported the Authority had begun the initial work for designing a transfer station at the YCRRC by meeting with the ARM Group engineering firm and Manchester Township Zoning Department.

Mr. Jasitt next reported the Authority is, at the request of the York Water Company, considering ways to conserve water at the YCRRC due to the current York County drought. Discussion followed.

Mr. Jasitt then confirmed, in response to Mr. Heindel's question, that Per-and Polyfluoralkyl Substances (PFAS) stack testing would be conducted at the YCRRC in November 2023.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Calkins had nothing to report.

OTHER ITEMS:

The Authority welcomed Mr. Mulá as an associate board member.

The next regularly scheduled York County Solid Waste Authority board of directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Vollero reported he would be attending a meeting with Divert, Manchester Township and the York County Economic Alliance to determine if the Divert biodigester project can move forward. Discussion followed.

Executive Director Vollero next reported the Waste-to-Energy Association has filed a lawsuit requesting that the court not approve the consent decree between the Environmental Protection Agency and the advocacy group regarding Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standards.

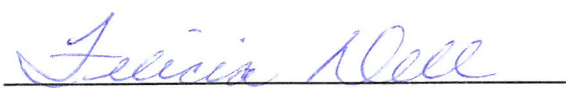
Executive Director Vollero then recognized the contributions the late Ellen O'Connor made to the Authority in her 32 years of employment. Discussion followed.

Executive Director Vollero then confirmed, in response to Mr. Heindel's question, that there are no new reports available from the YCRRC ash reuse study at Silica-X Labs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Ball called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 P.M.

Ms. Dell moved to adjourn the Authority board of directors meeting. Mr. Klinedinst seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.



Felicia Dell, Secretary