

RSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 22, 2002

A regular meeting of the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA) Board of Directors was held on Monday, July 22, 2002 at 3:23 p.m., in the Conference Room, Administration Building, 200 Franklin Street, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Board members present: Dr. Richard Collins – Presiding, Mr. Mark Graham, Mrs. Judith Mueller, and Mr. Robert Tucker

Board member absent: Mr. Gary O’Connell

Authority staff present: Mr. Lawrence Tropea, Mr. Cole Hendrix, Mr. Wayne Stephens, Mr. Bruce Edmonds, Ms. Anne Bedarf, and Mrs. Mary Knowles

Also present: Mr. Kurt Krueger – RSWA Attorney, members of the public and media representatives

1.0 Call To Order

The regular meeting of the RSWA Board of Directors was called to order by Dr. Richard Collins on Monday, July 22, 2002 at 3:23 p.m., and a quorum was present.

2.0 Minutes Of Previous Meeting

Upon a motion by Mr. Graham, and seconded by Mrs. Mueller, the Board of Directors voted to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2002. Dr. Collins, Mr. Graham, and Mrs. Mueller voted aye, with Mr. Tucker abstaining due to his absence from that meeting.

3.0 Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Tropea reported on the following items:

ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION STATUS AT IVY:

Mr. Tropea stated that RSWA is very pleased with the progress being made on the closure of Cell 2 (unlined) at the Ivy site. He further stated that the geosynthetic clay liner (“GCL”) has been installed over 99 percent of the site, and the final soil cover is now being brought up to the two-foot level. Mr. Tropea commented that to this point the contractor has been able to source the soil from the existing borrow pit site, but he may need to obtain soil from a new on-site location to finish the project. He added that an off-site source of soil is also a possibility if the contractor can obtain the soil at a competitive price.

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Mr. Tropea reported that the landfill gas contractor has completed all the vent drilling and the piping is being installed. He stated that all closure activities are proceeding on schedule and under budget.

Mr. Tropea stated that a five-hour ACM review meeting was held internally at Rivanna on July 12, 2002, and he felt that it was very helpful in ensuring a quality ACM Report. He further stated that the Nature and Extent Wells, which had not been sampled since 1997, were retested. He reported that Environmental Standards, Inc., had plotted the contaminant plume based on the 1997 results and using current data. He stated that the comparison illustrates that the high concentrations found in 1997 have decreased and that the plume itself has spread, as would be expected. Mr. Tropea added that the ACM team is also investigating technologies that would enhance the biological degradation of the plume that is now occurring at the site. He commented that he was pleased with the ACM Team's progress and felt the October 28, 2002 deadline for submission of the ACM to DEQ would be met.

Mr. Tropea reported that the installation of the voluntary remediation system at the former paint pit area should be finished this week. He stated that the contractor would be connecting the gas vents to the existing flare and also connecting OW-1, one of the new local wells at the former paint pit, to the leachate collection system. He said that everyone should view this as a major step forward in that RSWA will be achieving active remediation of the former paint pit area within the next two weeks.

Mr. Tropea stated that the Groundwater Monitoring Report for the April 2002 sampling was submitted to DEQ on July 18, 2002. He further stated that the report indicates that five on-site wells still exceeded the Groundwater Protection Standards ("GPS"), which is the same number cited in the October 2001 report. He commented that MW-18, which was in compliance in October 2001, showed an apparent exceedance for Tetrachloroethene in the April 2002 report and that MW-5, which was above the GPS for Vinyl Chloride last year, is now in compliance. Mr. Tropea explained that the October 2001 and April 2002 reports reflect very low concentrations of chemicals often near the detection limits. He noted that broad conclusions should not be drawn by comparing data from one semi-annual sampling to another event. He also pointed out that the number of constituents that were above the GPS at individual wells occurred at a lower frequency than in the October 2001 sampling. Mr. Tropea commented that the movement of the plume in a northeast direction will become the key focus of the ACM plan, and we will be looking at technologies to enhance the natural degradation that is occurring.

He then stated that verification analysis will be conducted on MW-18, and the data will be submitted to DEQ in the near future.

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Tolling Agreement with the Weber's:

Mr. Tropea stated that the Tolling Agreement with the Weber's has been executed as of today.

4.0 Consent Agenda

Dr. Collins asked if there were any items that the Board members would like to pull for discussion regarding the Consent Agenda.

- a) Staff Report on Finance
- b) Material Utilization Center Manager's Report
- c) McIntire Road Recycling Center/Paper Sort Recycling Operations Manager's Report
- d) Cell 2 (unlined) Status Report

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, and seconded by Mrs. Mueller, the Board of Directors voted to approve Items 4a), b), c), and d) of the Consent Agenda. All members voted aye.

5.0 Other Business

In regards to Item 5a1) Draft Minutes of the July 9, 2002 CAC Meeting, the draft minutes were accepted with the Board's suggestion that under 5), second paragraph, the word "demographical" be deleted.

6.0 Other Items From Board/Staff Not On Agenda

There were no other items from the Board or staff not on the Agenda.

7.0 Items From The Public

Mr. Ed Strange, Ivy, stated that he would like to see the public have the opportunity to speak at both the beginning and end of the Board meetings, as outlined in the Authority's "Guidelines for Public Comment." In response to a question from Mr. Tucker, Mr. Strange responded that given the option to speak at either the beginning or end of the meeting, he would prefer to give input at the beginning. After further discussion, the Board recommended that the Guidelines be corrected to reflect the current policy on public comment at Board meetings and it was also suggested that consideration be given to moving the public comment segment to the beginning of the meeting with appropriate time limits for each speaker.

Mr. Strange requested that the attorney fees be separated from the administration and legal expenses. Mr. Krueger responded that the legal fees are separately stated on page 4 of the Finance report under "Administration-Legal."

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Mr. Strange expressed his appreciation to RSWA for providing the water truck to address the dust created during the closure of Cell 2 (unlined) on the eastern side of the Ivy site.

Mrs. Lois Rochester, speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters, stated that they would also like the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the Board meetings to address the items that are on the Agenda.

Mr. Cole Hendrix informed the Board that this might be one of the last Board meetings that he would be attending. He added that he enjoyed working with the Board, Mr. Tropea and RSWA staff this past year and wished them continued success in the future.. Mr. Collins, speaking on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation for Mr. Hendrix's valuable contributions to the Board, the Executive Director and RSWA staff.

8.0 Closed Meeting

There was no need for a closed meeting.

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mueller made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tucker, to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Richard Collins – Chairman
For Mr. Gary O'Connell
Secretary – Treasurer