

RSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 24, 2004

A regular meeting of the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA) Board of Directors was held on Monday, April 26, 2004 at 3:47 p.m., in the Conference Room, Administration Building, 695 Moores Creek Lane, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Board Members Present: Mr. Michael Gaffney – Presiding, Mr. Mark Graham, Mrs. Judith Mueller, Mr. Gary O’Connell and Mr. Robert Tucker.

Authority Staff Present: Ms. Anne Bedarf, Mr. Bruce Edmonds, Ms. Jennifer Whitaker, Mr. Bob Wichser, Ms. Kathy Ware, Mr. Lonnie Wood, and Ms. Carol Wiles.

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 Mr. Michael Gaffney on Monday, May 24, 2004 at 3:47 p.m., and a quorum was present.

Mr. Gaffney welcomed fellow Board members and members of the public in attendance at today’s meeting.

Mr. Gaffney briefly commented on the RWSA and RSWA Employee Appreciation Day activity held on May 19, 2004. He stated that RSWA staff arrived about one and half hours after the function was scheduled to begin due to their work responsibilities. He was pleased to note that RWSA staff patiently awaited their arrival, which he felt reflected the camaraderie that existed between the two Authorities.

2.0 Minutes Of Previous Meeting

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, and seconded by Mr. O’Connell, the Board of Directors by a 5 – 0 vote approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Monday, April 26, 2004 and the minutes of the special joint meeting of the RSWA and RWSA Boards of Directors held on Thursday, May 13, 2004.

3.0 Items From The Public

Mr. Ed Strange, Ivy, Virginia, recounted an incident that occurred on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, around 7:30 a.m. when the State Police detonated a hand grenade at the Ivy site. He stated that there are several people who live around the landfill, many of them elderly, who were awakened and startled by the noise. The residents were also upset by the early hour and that no notification was given by RSWA. He encouraged RSWA to find another location away from the landfill that is fairly isolated from populated areas.

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Mr. Tucker inquired as to how often the State Police are requested to dispose of ordinance at the Landfill. Mr. Wood recalled three occasions during the four years he has been with the Authority. Mr. Strange added that confiscated fireworks are also brought to Ivy by the Fire Department.

Mr. Gaffney asked if there was a policy in place to handle future occurrences. Mr. Wood stated that he was not aware of any, but he preferred that detonation occur at another location. He further stated that he contacted the Emergency Communications Center who recommended use of the GIS system to generate a call-down list to notify property owners. The system would automatically update the residence information. Mr. Wood added that this method of notifying property owners would be used until another detonation site could be found. Mr. Tucker suggested that RSWA develop a policy that would encompass these notification issues.

4.0 Consent Agenda

Mr. Gaffney asked if there were any items that the Board members would like to pull for discussion from the Consent Agenda.

- 4a) Staff Report on Finance
- 4b) Ivy Landfill/Transfer Station Report
- 4c) McIntire Road Recycling Center/Paper Sort Recycling Operations
Manager's Report
- 4d) Environmental Status Report

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, and seconded by Mr. Graham, the Board of Directors by a 5 – 0 vote approved Items 4a), b), c) and d) of the Consent Agenda.

5.0 Other Business

In regards to **Item 5a), Approved Minutes of the March 9, 2004 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting**, Mr. Gaffney asked if there were any comments concerning these minutes. Mr. Wood stated that Mr. Chris Gensic, CAC Chair, was not present to give the CAC report. Mr. Gaffney commented that the minutes were informative and clear as to the meeting proceedings. No Board action was taken on this item.

In regards to **Item 5b, Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2005 Budget**, Mr. Gaffney opened the public hearing at 3:52 p.m. He asked that members of the public who signed up to speak today come forward after their name had been announced by Mr. Wood. Mr. Gaffney explained the public hearing guidelines and encouraged all Board members to ask questions or seek clarifications, if necessary.

Mr. Ray P. McCauley, Jr., stated that his family has lived in this area for five generations. He commented that he felt the increase in MSW tipping fees at Ivy were

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unfair to haulers. His drivers encountered dangerous driving conditions and other tough issues getting their loads to the Ivy site. With the \$5.00 increase every year, in eight years the tipping fee would be over \$100 a ton. He knew that the County was offered the ConAgra building. A cardboard baler and two boilers are still in that plant, and he felt it would be a good site to start burning trash to produce electricity. This would generate money for the County and RSWA.

Mr. McCauley also stated that there is more trash generated every day that is being dumped along the sides of the roads. There are items, such as refrigerators and stoves, disposed of along Route 810 in the White Hall area. He added that the area behind Sam's Club looks like a landfill because similar items were also being dumped at that site. He felt this had occurred due to the high tipping fees.

Mr. McCauley stated that he is a member of the Crozet community association. He told that group that he wanted to keep the area clean and informed them of the trash problems associated with increasingly higher tipping fees. He needs to increase the fees he charges his customers for trash collection whenever RSWA raises their tipping fees. Mr. McCauley has also seen an increase in the number of his customers who have past-due accounts.

Mr. McCauley recommended leaving the MSW figure the same as last year, but raise the tipping fees for Clean Fill Material by \$1.00 per ton and increase the other items by \$2.00 to \$3.00 per ton. This would allow him to maintain his fees for hauling trash at a level his customers felt were reasonable and would be able to pay.

The Board thanked Mr. McCauley for his comments.

Mr. Gaffney commented that his company has dumpsters at different job sites throughout the County. He stated that he is amazed at the amount he pays for other individuals' trash. He added that he would rather have them put in his dumpsters than dumped along the roadways.

Mr. Tucker stated that the difficulty with increasing the other tipping fees is that the revenue produced is not comparable to the amount generated through the proposed MSW rate increase. Mr. Wood added that Grindable Vegetative Material could be reused and is set at a lower rate to prevent it from being mixed in with the MSW material. He further stated that Clean Fill Material is a revenue-producer for RSWA. Since this material could be deposited at sites other than landfills, RSWA could experience a decrease in tonnage if the rates are set too high.

In response to additional comments from Mr. McCauley concerning the tipping fees, Mr. Tucker commented that a Utility Fee approach is currently under study whereby every household and business would pay some amount toward the cleanup and

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maintenance of the landfill. This could possibly affect the tipping fees by at least helping to avoid future increases in these rates. Mr. Graham added that the intent of this budget is to cover RSWA's costs, and the proposed increase in MSW tipping fees would allow the Authority to break even on this operation.

Mr. Tucker moved that the Board of Directors vote to approve the resolution as provided by RWSA in the Board packet.

Mr. Wood noted a correction to the Resolution contained in the Board packet. Under BFI Zion Crossroads, the amount of the MSW Tipping Fee was listed as \$52.00, but was advertised to the public at the correct rate of \$57.00 per ton.

Mr. Tucker amended his motion, which was seconded by Mr. O'Connell, that the Board of Directors vote to approve the following corrected resolution that detailed the proposed tipping fees and the supporting RSWA budget for Fiscal Year 2005 to be effective July 1, 2004:

RESOLUTION

**ADOPTION OF THE RIVANNA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BUDGET AND RELATED TIPPING FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004**

WHEREAS, the Authority has advertised and held a public hearing on May 24, 2004, concerning the proposed Fiscal Year 2005 budget and related tipping fee increases in accordance with Section 15.2-5136(H) of the Code of Virginia, as amended;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority, Board of Directors hereby adopts the accompanying rate schedule effective July 1, 2004 and the Fiscal Year 2005 budget as summarized in the attached table.

TIPPING FEES PER TON:	
IVY MUC	
Clean Fill Material	\$ 6.50
Document Destruction	\$ 64.00
Grindable Vegetative Material	\$ 39.00
MSW – Ivy Transfer Station	\$ 61.00
Pallets	\$ 44.00
Tires, Whole	\$166.00
BFI ZION CROSSROADS	
MSW – Contract Disposal at Zion	\$ 57.00

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VOTE

AYES: Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Mueller, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Tucker

NAYS: 0

ABSENT DURING VOTE: 0

ABSENT DURING MEETING: 0

In regards to **Item 5c), Proposed FY 2005 Personnel Changes**, Mr. Wood reported on the following four recommended personnel changes to the personnel policies and compensation plan:

Mr. Wood noted that the request for a 3.5 percent merit increase, one additional Driver/Equipment Operator position, and the new Solid Waste Administrator position were detailed in the budget.

Mr. Wood further stated that the request for a salary scale adjustment was not included in the budget. The justification for this request was to keep RSWA's compensation plan competitive with the local and industry markets.

During the ensuing discussion concerning the new Solid Waste Administrator position, the Board agreed that funding should remain in the budget for this position with the provision that it not be filled until the new Executive Director has had the opportunity to review RSWA's future operational needs.

Upon a motion by Mr. O'Connell, and seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board of Directors voted to approve the proposed FY 2005 personnel changes as detailed in the Board report with the provision that the Solid Waste Administrator position not be filled until after the Executive Director has reviewed RSWA's future operational needs. The motion was approved by a 5 to 0 vote.

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 Closed Meeting

There was no need for a closed meeting.

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8.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Mueller moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Tucker. All members voted aye, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Gary O'Connell
Secretary – Treasurer