

RSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 20, 2004

A regular meeting of the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA) Board of Directors was held on Monday, December 20, 2004 at 2:35 p.m. in the Conference Room, Administration Building, 695 Moores Creek Lane, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Board Members Present: Mr. Michael Gaffney – Presiding, Mrs. Judith Mueller, and Mr. Robert Tucker.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Mark Graham and Mr. Gary O’Connell.

Authority Staff Present: Ms. Anne Bedarf, Mr. Bruce Edmonds, Mr. Tom Frederick, Ms. Mary Knowles, Ms. Jennifer Whitaker, Dr. Robert Wichser, and Mr. Lonnie Wood.

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, December 20, 2004 at 2:35 p.m., and he noted that a quorum was present.

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

2.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, and seconded by Mrs. Mueller, the Board of Directors by a 3 - 0 vote approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Monday, November 22, 2004.

3.0 Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Frederick stated that there were two items that he would be reporting on today. The first item concerned the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan that was submitted last summer. The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) has received a response from DEQ concerning that document. DEQ has requested that some revisions be made to the plan and that the document be resubmitted by a mid-February time frame. Some of DEQ’s questions that would affect RSWA involved specifics on timing and scope of new initiatives that were suggested in that updated plan. RSWA will be working closely with TJPDC on revisions that pertain to the Authority.

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3.0 Executive Director's Report Cont. December 20, 2004

Mr. Frederick stated that the second item concerned an update on RSWA's financial status. On-going discussions are being held concerning this issue. It had previously been reported that this matter would be presented to the Board at the point when the Authority's operational funding would become dependent upon the return by DEQ upon closure of Cell 2 (unlined) of amounts held in escrow. RSWA is reaching that point right now. It is estimated that without local government support in the future, the funds may be depleted by spring and RSWA would not be able to fund day-to-day operations.

Mr. Frederick noted that in the financial summary prepared by Mr. Lonnie Wood, revenues generated from tipping fee operations were actually ahead of budget predictions. These revenues could cover some of the projected \$1.9 million deficit, but RSWA would need additional funding to cover the remainder of that deficit amount. He felt that it was important to find an equitable solution that could enable the Authority to operate in the long term.

Concerning the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, Mrs. Mueller expressed concerns with the revisions being requested by DEQ. She felt that participants in this plan were not in a position to commit to funding these future projects. It was clearly written into the plan that these options are also dependent upon factors that could not be controlled, such as future market conditions.

4.0 Items From The Public

Mr. John Martin, Free Union, Virginia, inquired with respect to the Executive Director's Report, whether it was correct that Rivanna's present cash flow problem was caused by the City still holding considerable sums of money, pending resolution of the dispute with the County?

Mr. Gaffney reiterated what Mr. Frederick had previously reported that RSWA would experience a cash shortage this spring as a result of the City and County not having an agreement on how to address RSWA's financial situation.

Mr. Martin stated that his question was whether the City was still holding service contribution fees in escrow pending the resolution of a dispute that it had with the County.

Mrs. Mueller replied that she would not characterize it as a dispute, but rather as a lack of an agreement.

Mr. Gaffney thanked Mr. Martin for his comments.

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4.0 Items From The Public Cont. December 20, 2004

Mr. Tucker commented that Mr. Martin's initial question concerned whether the City was holding the funds in escrow, and it was his understanding that the answer to that was yes.

5.0 Consent Agenda

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

- 5a) Staff Report on Finance
- 5b) Ivy Landfill/Transfer Station Report
- 5c) McIntire Road Recycling Center/ Paper/Paper Sort Recycling
Operations Manager's Report
- 5d) Environmental Status Report
- 5e) Minutes of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting on September 14,
2004

As there were no further questions or discussion, Mr. Tucker moved, which was seconded by Mrs. Mueller, that the Board of Directors vote to approve Items 5a), b), c), d), and e) of the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a 3 – 0 vote.

6.0 Other Business

There were no Other Business items to discuss.

7.0 Other Items From Board/Staff Not On Agenda

Mr. Frederick stated that he wanted to wish everyone happy holidays.

8.0 Closed Meeting

There was no need for a closed meeting.

9.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Tucker moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Mueller. All members voted aye, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Gary O'Connell
Secretary - Treasurer

