

RSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 27, 2007

A regular meeting of the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA) Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 27, 2007 at 2:45 p.m. in the Conference Room, Administration Building, 695 Moores Creek Lane, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Board Members Present: Mr. Mark Graham, Ms. Judith Mueller, and Mr. Robert Tucker - Presiding.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Michael Gaffney 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. Tucker in the Chairman's absence on Monday, August 27, 2007 at 2:45 p.m., and he noted that a quorum was present.

2.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms. Mueller moved that the Board of Directors vote to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Monday, June 25, 2007, seconded by Mr. Graham. The motion was approved by a 2 – 0 vote. Mr. Graham abstained from the vote due to his absence from the June 25, 2007 Board of Directors meeting.

3.0 Executive Director's Report

Mr. Frederick provided a brief update on the development of the Strategic Plan. He stated that the process was moving forward on schedule at this point. He thanked everyone for their patience during the consultant's information-gathering process. During the months of July and August, a significant amount of background interviews have been scheduled with organizations and individuals, which were listed in the Board report. Almost all of those interviews have been completed. The few individuals that experienced scheduling difficulties requested that the interviews be extended into September, and RSWA was in agreement with their requests. The information currently being collected by the consultants will assist during the public meeting process later this year.

Mr. Frederick next stated that the consultants are working toward completing their tours of RSWA's different facilities and will offer suggestions to RSWA in both the short-term and long-term contexts of the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Frederick also reported that RSWA staff was assisting the consultants to identify five communities to benchmark that were similar in size and demographics to this community. The consultants will then survey those communities about the solid waste services that they provide for their citizens, including a full array of recycling programs and different ways of stratifying waste streams, and compare their sampling with solid waste services offered within our community. It was felt that this comparison information would help stimulate conversation at the public meeting.

Mr. Frederick added that if agreeable with the Board, RSWA would proceed in the next few weeks to confirm an actual date and location for the first public meeting. In order to get a broad array of individuals to the table and to avoid conflicts that would prevent interested individuals from participating in the public input process, RSWA felt that some dates would be identified sometime after Election Day but before the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Once confirmed, the public meeting date will be advertised across a broad range of media in order to obtain input and interest in that discussion.

Mr. Frederick further commented that RSWA was working toward the development of a special page on its website that would be dedicated to the Strategic Plan. Staff hoped to have that available to the public in September. A web survey is also in the process of being developed in order to allow a broad array of citizen input even before the first public meeting.

Mr. Frederick then commented that the Authority was excited about the strategic planning process and felt it was one of the best things that has happened to this organization for some time. It gives RSWA a chance for a new beginning and most importantly to serve the needs of the County of Albemarle and City of Charlottesville.

4.0 Items from the Public

Mr. Ed Strange, resident of Ivy, Virginia, commented on Mayor David Brown's letter dated June 25, 2007. He stated that the letter contained "vastly different terms than the Solid Waste Organizational Agreement, which the City and County are bound to." He was not certain as to how much progress was really being made in reaching an agreement. It was nice that the City released \$400,000 out of the funds being withheld from RSWA. There was a "long way to go to resolve this problem." He felt "in short, the City appears to want to be 50% of the vote and 30% of the pain," which he did not think was fair to the people that were paying their share in the County. He was not certain how much progress could be made without getting the City Councilors and County Supervisors directly involved.

Mr. Tucker thanked Mr. Strange for his comments.

5.0 Consent Agenda

Mr. Tucker 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) Staff Report on Ivy Material Utilization Center
- 5c) Staff Report on Recycling Operations
- 5d) Staff Report on Environmental Status
- 5e) Citizens Advisory Committee
 - Approved Minutes of May 8, 2007 Meeting
- 5f) Revision of Environmental Policy

Mr. Graham moved that the Board of Directors vote to approve Items 5a), b), c), d), e), and f) of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Mueller. The motion was approved by a 3 – 0 vote.

6.0 Other Business

There were no Other Business items this month.

7.0 Other Items from Board/Staff not on Agenda

Ms. Mueller stated that beginning September 1, 2007 the City is adding mixed paper to its curbside recycling program. With the exception of cell phones, the curbside program will collect from all of its residential customers all of the materials that will be accepted at the McIntire Recycling Center. The City was requesting that its residents put their paper in a bag, so that it does not get scattered around. She stated that the City was excited to be able to work with its contractor to expand this service and hopefully it will result in an increase in the area's recycling tonnage.

8.0 Closed Meeting

There was no need for a closed meeting.

9.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Mueller moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Graham. All members voted aye, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Judith M. Mueller
Acting Secretary - Treasurer