# YORK COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE AUTHORITY (YCSWA)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 18, 2024 | YCSWA Management Center

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

Patrick Ball, Chairperson
Felicia Dell, Vice Chairperson
John Klinedinst, Secretary
Tim Malinky, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Ed Heindel, Board Member
Joe Mulá, Board Member
Michael Hershey, Associate Board Member
Charles Calkins, Solicitor

Dave Vollero, Executive Director
Jerry Grim, Assistant Executive Director
Jen Cristofoletti, Manager, Community Services
Doug Jasitt, Manager, Engineering & Operations
Gregg Pearson, Manager, Recycling & Planning
Mindy Waltemyer, Recording Secretary

#### **ABSENT:**

Alex Chiaruttini, Board Member Chick Renn, Treasurer

#### **VISITORS:**

#### **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 18, 2024. Chairperson Ball called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. Chairperson Ball then called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Chairperson Ball requested Secretary Klinedinst take roll call. Secretary Klinedinst verified the board meeting had a quorum.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT:**

Solicitor Calkins reported an Executive Session was called to order at 5:35 PM. Items discussed included the 2025 Authority budget, host fee, and tip fee; the Authority's litigation with Lobar; innovative municipal solid waste (MSW) processing systems; and a US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ruling of interest to the Authority. The Executive Session concluded at 6:30 PM.

### **JULY 2024 MEETING MINUTES:**

Chairperson Ball called for the approval of the Authority's July 17, 2024 board meeting minutes.

Mr. Heindel moved to approve the July 17, 2024 board meeting minutes. Ms. Dell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **DIVISION REPORTS:**

**Administrative Division** 

The July 2024 Financial Reports were distributed to the board for review in the prior months.

Mr. Klinedinst moved to accept the Financial Reports for July 2024. Mr. Mulá seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Grim presented the Financial Reports for August 2024:

The **Accounts Payable Check Register** (check numbers 45006 to 45086) provided disbursements totaling \$1,151,891.99.

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 \$7,188,073.02, 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, 2024 of \$2,915,000.00.

The **Budget Comparison Report** reflected Total Revenues Year to Date (YTD) of \$35,686,047.06 (66.84% of budget), Total Expenses YTD of \$30,992,812.54 (58.05% of budget), and Total Tons of waste received YTD at the York County Resource Recovery Center (YCRRC) of 298,576.32 (67.86% of the 440,000-ton goal for the year).

The Expense Budget Comparison Report followed.

The **Monthly Receipts Report** showed 37,912 tons of waste were delivered to the YCRRC resulting in Accounts Receivable activity with an ending balance of \$2,334,896.72, Deposits for the month totaled \$5,150,984.30, Total Monies Received YTD for Accounts Receivable and Cash Sales were \$23,323,137.49, Total Monies Received YTD for Energy Sales were \$9,279,630.65, Total Monies Received YTD for YRS Metal Sales were \$2,591,302.23, and the Energy Rate for July 2024 sales was \$0.038/kWh.

The Past Due Accounts Report followed.

The YRS Ash Financial Report showed a net savings to the Authority YTD of \$538,237.61.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Klinedinst moved to accept the Financial Reports for August 2024 as presented. Mr. Heindel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Grim then presented the proposed 2025 Authority Budget that had been distributed earlier and analyzed by the Board at a recent workshop. The budget authorizes expenditures up to \$51,630,000 not including Long Term Capital Project funding or General Surplus funding for processing 440,000 tons, and also authorizes additional expenditures of \$44.16 per ton for each ton processed over 440,000 tons. The budget establishment of the 2025 York County MSW tip fee required additional discussion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Malinky moved to adopt the 2025 Authority Budget as presented, specifically authorizing expenditures up to \$51,630,000 not including Long Term Capital Project funding or General Surplus funding for processing 440,000 tons. Also authorizing additional expenditures of \$44.16 per ton for each ton processed over 440,000 tons. The budget establishes the 2025 York County MSW tip fee at \$83.00 per ton. Ms. Dell seconded the motion.

Discussion followed during which Mr. Heindel raised concern that the budget as proposed would not provide adequate net profitability to properly fund both operational and future capital funding goals as earlier established by the Board.

Mr. Heindel moved to amend the motion on the table by striking the \$83 per ton tip fee and adding an \$84.00 per ton tip fee. Mr. Mulá seconded the motion.

### Discussion followed.

The Board voted on the proposed amendment to the motion by Mr. Heindel. Ms. Dell and Mr. Malinky opposed the amendment. The proposed amendment did not receive the majority of the vote and was therefore defeated.

#### Discussion followed.

The original motion by Mr. Malinky was called to vote. Mr. Heindel and Mr. Mulá opposed the motion. Motion carried by majority vote.

### **Recycling & Planning Division**

Mr. Pearson presented Resolution 2024-09-01, an Authorization to Execute a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant for which the Authority will be applying in November 2024 for YCRRC transfer station developments. Discussion followed.

Mr. Klinedinst moved the Board provide authority to Executive Director Vollero and Assistant Executive Director Grim, through Resolution 24-09-01, to execute all documents and agreements between the Authority and the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to facilitate and assist in obtaining a DCED Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant for which the Authority will be applying in November 2024 for YCRRC Transfer Station developments. Ms. Dell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson next presented Amendment 1 to the Authority's Agreement with Consolidated Scrap Resources (CSR) for the sale of YCRRC Scrap Metal, which would continue the agreement from October 1, 2024 through a maximum end date of September 30, 2026 at the same rate as has been in place the past three years of the agreement. The Authority can cancel the agreement at any time with 30 days' written notice. Discussion followed.

Mr. Malinky moved the Board execute Amendment 1 to the Authority's Agreement with CSR for the sale of YCRRC Scrap Metal which would continue the agreement from October 1, 2024 through a maximum end date of September 30, 2026. Mr. Klinedinst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson next announced the Authority will be distributing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Innovative MSW Processing Systems which will be due by October 30, 2024.

Mr. Pearson next relayed the Authority will be distributing an RFP for Landfill Capacity from years 2026 through 2039 for York County MSW diverted from the YCRRC, non-processible waste, construction and demolition materials, and YCRRC ash residue. The RFP is expected to be released in November 2024. Discussion followed.

Mr. Pearson then reported the Authority's Recycling Coordinator, Mindy Waltemyer, was elected to the board of directors of the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania. Discussion followed.

### **Community Services Division**

Ms. Cristofoletti reported the Authority will be conducting Hauler Appreciation Day at the YCRRC on October 3, 2024 and invited the Board members to attend. Discussion followed.

Ms. Cristofoletti next reported the Community Services Division will be participating in the Horn Farm's Wild and Uncommon Festival on September 28, 2024. Discussion followed.

### **Engineering & Operations Division**

The YCRRC Operations Reports and Ash Recycling and Processing Facility (ARPF) Reports for July 2024 were distributed for the board to review in previous months.

Mr. Jasitt presented the YCRRC Operations Reports for August 2024. The average availability of the three combustion units was 93.7%. The turbine generator availability was 100%. Total waste processed was 39,421 tons. Average electricity production was 555 kWh per ton and 21,869,126 kWh were produced. Electricity purchased was 0 kWh. Outbound ash produced was 13,555 tons, of which 11,191 tons were processed at the Ash Recycling and Processing Facility (ARPF) and 2,365 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 2024 which showed there were 135.7 processing hours. Materials disposed at Modern Landfill were 8,262 tons. Materials marketed included 1,451 tons of ferrous metal and 129 tons of nonferrous metal. Aggregate/sand sent out for reuse was 1,404 tons. Discussion followed.

Mr. Jasitt next presented an Ash Recycling Facility (ARF) Equipment Repair Authorization recommendation. The contract with York Reduction Systems (YRS) calls for the Authority to fund repairs and replacements to the processing system up to \$4 million. YRS provided documentation of costs for filter press and air compressor drier repairs, which are qualifying projects the Authority recommends supporting. The repair costs are not to exceed \$40,000 and would be funded from the Authority's reserves. Discussion followed.

Mr. Malinky moved the Board approve expenditures up to \$40,000 to fund repairs to the ARF filter press and air compressor systems, to be funded from Authority reserves. Ms. Dell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Calkins had nothing to report.

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

Mr. Heindel requested a brief analysis of the lifetime cost effectiveness and the performance-to-intended-design of the Authority's York County Sanity Landfill's solar panel installation. Chairperson Ball asked this to be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regularly scheduled York County Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Executive Director Vollero reminded the Board of their invitation to attend a tour of the YCRRC for PA state legislators on September 19, 2024 at 9:30 AM. Discussion followed.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Ball called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 P.M.

Ms. Dell moved to adjourn the Authority board of directors meeting. Mr. Klinedinst seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

John Klinedinst, Secretary