

**RAMSEY/WASHINGTON COUNTY  
RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT BOARD  
JUNE 23, 2011  
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project was held at 9:00 a.m., June 23, 2011 at the Saint Paul - Ramsey County Public Health, Environmental Health Section, in Maplewood, Minnesota.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioners Toni Carter, Rafael Ortega, Jan Parker – Ramsey County  
Commissioners Dennis Hegberg, Gary Kriesel, Lisa Weik – Washington County

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Commissioners Victoria Reinhardt, Janice Rettman – Ramsey County  
Commissioner Bill Pulkrabek – Washington County

**ALSO ATTENDING**

Peter Barthold, Mary Elizabeth Berglund, Gary Bruns, Larry Carlson, Marty Gagliardi, Kris Hageman, Zack Hansen, Judy Hunter, Curtis Johnson, Dan Krivit, Susan Kuss, Norm Schiferl, Katie Shaw, John Springman, Warren Shuros, Paul Steinbruckner, Jodi Taitt

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Weik moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2011 MINUTES**

Commissioner Weik moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve the minutes with the addition of “of the waste stream” be added under Organic Waste Management, Policy Discussion, second paragraph, second sentence.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried.

**SECTION A: ADMINISTRATION**

**Monthly Report of Budget Activity**

Susan Kuss said the monthly disbursements are routine. There were no questions.

**SECTION B: POLICY**

**2012 Resource Recovery Project Budget**

Zack Hansen said that the previous three Project budgets have been two-year budgets, this one is presented as a one-year budget, since both the Joint Powers Agreement and RRT Processing Agreement expire at the end of 2012. There are two parts to the Project Budget: Administration and Processing. The overall budget is reduced in 2012 largely due to reduced processing costs associated with the Processing Agreement with RRT.

Commissioner Kriesel questioned the limit to the fund balance and possible one time uses. Zack Hansen replied that in the past, it was important for the Project to have the fund balance as a cash flow purpose. Our cash flow needs have diminished. The Budget Committee wanted to bring this to the attention to the Board to have a discussion in the future. He said there is no limit to what the number can be in there.

Commissioner Parker directed staff to come back with scenarios depending upon which direction we go in the future.

Zack Hansen stated that by law the fund balance can only be used for Waste Management purposes.

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Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Weik, that the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project Board hereby approves and recommends that the Ramsey and Washington County Boards approve the 2012 Resource Recovery Project Budget as recommended by the Resource Recovery Project Board Budget Committee as follows:

<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>2012</b>
Administration	\$ 796,787
Service Fee	3,500,000
Hauler Rebate	4,900,000
<u>Organic Waste</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
	\$10,196,787

<b>Financing</b>	<b>2010</b>
Washington County Participation	\$ 2,749,082
Ramsey County Participation	7,432,705
<u>Interest Income</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	\$10,196,787

Roll Call: Ayes – 5          Nays – 0          Motion Carried

**Joint County Approach for Organic Management**

Judy Hunter said as a result of the April 2011 Project Board discussion, staff was directed to develop possible joint county strategies for commercial organic waste management, focusing on education, outreach and financial interventions, with a moderate level of county involvement. No additional focus on regulatory interventions was suggested at this time. She stated that staff came up with a number of milestones on where the Counties would like to be at in 2012 & 2013. She summarized those milestones.

Commissioner Rafael Ortega arrived.

Staff asked Dan Krivit of Foth to interview each of the panelists from the April meeting, as well as several other private sector entities. A report describing the results of the interview will be available on the Resource Recovery website.

Commissioner Ortega moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker that the Project Board directs staff to further develop and explore the financial intervention strategies, of Targeted Grants Program, Rebate Program and Securing Capacity taking into account information provided by those firms previously interviewed, information developed by SWMCB in its regional work on organic waste, information gathered by the Counties in their work on the master plan revision, the work on regional solid waste planning that is taking place at the SWMCB, and report back to the Project Board on progress at the next meeting of the Board.

Roll Call: Ayes – 6          Nays – 0          Motion Carried

**Updates—RRT**

Marty Gagliardi, RRT, gave an update on the Resource Recovery Facility.

**Updates—Regional/Master Plan Update**

Judy Hunter gave a brief summary on the regional/master plan.

**Updates—September Project Board Meeting Date**

The next Project Board meeting has been scheduled for September 22, 2011.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hegberg adjourned the meeting.

Approved:

  
Commissioner Dennis Hegberg, Chair