

**RAMSEY/WASHINGTON COUNTY  
RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT BOARD  
MAY 27, 2010  
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project was held at 8:30 a.m., May 27, 2010 at the St. Paul - Ramsey County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Section, Maplewood, Minnesota.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioners Toni Carter, Rafael Ortega, Jan Parker, Victoria Reinhardt, Janice Rettman – Ramsey County  
Commissioners Gary Kriesel, Lisa Weik – Washington County  
Basil Loveland, City of Newport Representative

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Bill Pulkrabek – Washington County

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

Mary Elizabeth Berglund, Gary Bruns, Marty Gagliardi, Zack Hansen, Judy Hunter, Kevin Johnson, Lowell Johnson, Peter Klein, Dan Krivit, Susan Kuss, Anne Lukvik, Harry McPeak, Allan Muller, Trudy Richter, Norm Schiferl, Katie Shaw, Warren Shuros, Tim Steinbeck, Mike Sullivan, Jodi Taitt, Brian Ukena

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Parker moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel, to approve the minutes.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 30, 2009 MINUTES:**

Commissioner Kriesel moved, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve the minutes.

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

Commissioners Toni Carter and Lisa Weik arrived.

**SECTION A: ADMINISTRATION**

**2009 - 2010 Monthly Report of Budget Activity:**

Susan Kuss said the 2009 – 2010 monthly disbursements are routine. There were no questions.

**2010 Work Plan**

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel, to approve the 2010 Project Work Plan.

Roll Call:        Ayes – 7        Nays – 0        Motion Carried.

**SECTION B: POLICY**

**2009 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT RESULTS REPORT**

Zack Hansen summarized the 2009 Resource Recovery Project Results Report.

**CURRENT EVENTS IN WASTE PROCESSING**

**RRT Update**

Mike Sullivan, EBF & Marty Gagliardi, RRT provided an overview of the history of the Newport Resource Recovery Facility. The RRT Elk River Facility was sold to GRE in April 2010.

Commissioner Rafael Ortega arrived.

**GRE Update**

Tim Steinbeck gave an overview on the Great River Energy (GRE). He then announced that GRE is proud to take over the ownership and operation of the Elk River Resource Processing Plant and to integrate its operation with the power plant.

**Minnesota Resource Recovery Association Update, Trudy Richter**

Trudy Richter, MRRA, updated the Project Board on the Minnesota Resource Recovery Association's perspective on Resource Recovery, about the future and what is happening elsewhere.

**CURRENT EVENTS IN WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

Zack Hansen gave an overview of the current activities in waste management.

**ORGANIC WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**Updates on Organic Waste Management**

Judy Hunter stated that Ramsey & Washington Counties have very aggressive integrated plans. She said there would be two presentations. The first one is "Commercial Organic Waste Availability" presented by Foth Environmental and JL Taitt & Associates. The second one is "Anaerobic Digestion" presented by the Saint Paul Port Authority.

**Commercial Organic Waste Availability – Foth Environmental and JL Taitt & Associates**

Two new anaerobic digestion reports were presented by Dan Krivit, Foth Environmental and Jodi Taitt, JL Taitt & Associates.

Jodi Taitt provided an overview of "An Integrated Organic Waste Management System: From the Perspective Commercial Waste Generators Report". This report analyzes anaerobic digestion as a new organic waste management concept from the perspective of commercial waste generators located in Ramsey and Washington Counties by exploring logistics of daily operations, types of upfront costs, and changes in the configuration of waste management services.

Dan Krivit provided an overview of the "Organic Materials from Commercial Establishments: A Supply Assessment Report". The assessment contains preliminary estimates of quantities of commercial organic materials not currently recovered by other programs that may be available as feedstock for an anaerobic digestion facility. It also characterizes the types of commercial establishments that may be sources of targeted organic materials such as food scraps and nonrecyclable paper.

Both reports are located on the Resource Recovery Project website.

**Anaerobic Digestion – Peter Klein, Saint Paul Port Authority**

Peter Klein, Saint Paul Port Authority, updated the Project Board that the Port Authority is moving forward with two metro anaerobic digestion projects using municipal organic as a feedstock. The intent is to have these projects permitted and to have a financing plan in place by the end of the year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Reinhardt adjourned the meeting.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victoria Reinhardt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt