

CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY

THREE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2005

A Regular meeting of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 100 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, Connecticut. Those present were:

Chairman Michael Pace

Directors: Stephen Cassano (Present until 11:45 a.m.)
Benson Cohn
Mark Cooper
James Francis
Edna Karanian
Mark Lauretti (Present beginning at 9:40 a.m.)
Theodore Martland
Raymond O'Brien
Andrew Sullivan
Timothy Griswold - Ad-Hoc, Mid-Connecticut Project
Elizabeth Horton Sheff – Ad-Hoc, Mid-Connecticut Project

Present from the CRRA staff:

Tom Kirk, President
Jim Bolduc, Chief Financial Officer
Peter Egan, Director of Environmental Affairs & Development
Floyd Gent, Director of Operations
Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services
Paul Nonnenmacher, Director of Public Affairs
Michael Bzdyra, Government Relations Liaison
David Bodendorf, Senior Environmental Engineer
Michael Tracey, Operations & Construction Manager
Donna Tracy, Executive Assistant
Kristen Greig, Secretary to the Board/Paralegal

Also present were: Gina McCarthy – DEP Commissioner, Dave Arruda of MDC, Max E. Ballardo of CCEJ, Jack Boyko of CTN, Virginia Gerena of CCEJ, Steve Kesten of CTN, Frank Marci of USA Hauling & Recycling, Mark Mitchell, M.D. of CCEJ, Dennis Schain of DEP, Dawn Simonsen of CCEJ, Jerry Tyminski of SCRRRA.

Chairman Pace called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and stated that a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pace requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Mr. Bolduc explained that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) reviews the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) on an annual basis and recognizes organizations that meet GFOA standards. Mr. Bolduc informed the Board that CRRA was recognized for fiscal year 2004 for the content and quality of the CAFR. Mr. Bolduc stated that, considering the difficulties faced with the Enron situation, this award was a tribute to the hard work of the Accounting Department and the organization as a whole.

Director Sullivan stated that the award is reflective of the commitment of the Accounting staff and presented the award to Ms. Vo-Le and the Accounting Department. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Pace thanked Ms. Vo-Le and the Accounting Department for their hard work.

Ms. Vo-Le introduced herself and the Accounting staff, including Agata Herasimowicz, Nancy Jacques, John Jubb, Diane Le, and Marion Miller to the Board. Ms. Vo-Le stated that the award was received for meeting the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting. Ms. Vo-Le said that this achievement could not have been accomplished without the hard work and dedication of the Accounting and Finance Department staff members. Ms. Vo-Le also thanked Mr. Bolduc for his support and leadership.

Ms. Vo-Le noted that the Accounting Department is in the process of completing the fiscal year 2005 CAFR, which would be submitted to GFOA next week. Ms. Vo-Le thanked the Board for inviting the Accounting Department to the meeting and said it was an honor to be there.

Chairman Pace noted that CRRA has gone through some major transitions over the last few years and said it was imperative for CRRA to maintain transparent and accurate accounting standards. Chairman Pace thanked Ms. Vo-Le and the Accounting Department. Director O'Brien stated that Ms. Vo-Le and her staff deserve full credit for the repeating recognition that was received for accounting standards and acknowledged Mr. Bolduc, Director Sullivan, and Chairman Pace for their leadership.

PUBLIC PORTION

Chairman Pace said that the agenda allowed for a public portion in which the Board would accept written testimony and allow individuals to speak for a limit of three minutes.

Dr. Mark Mitchell of the Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice addressed the Board with the following statement:

“Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board. My name is Dr. Mark Mitchell. I am President of the Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice. In my opinion, the relationship between CRRA and the residents and officials of the City of Hartford is deteriorating quickly. Residents feel disrespected, disregarded, and exploited. Our primary concerns about health, safety, and fairness are being ignored. Staff have been antagonistic, hostile, and deceitful and have destroyed any credibility that the “new CRRA” Board of

Directors has tried to establish. The anger, mistrust and resentment in the community runs very deep. CRRA has become the poster child for environmental racism in Connecticut.

“The CRRA Board of Directors, although cordial, has perpetuated and expanded a system designed to exploit low-income communities and communities of color in the name of fiscal responsibility for itself and member towns that are not responsible for the effects of their own wastes on the human health, safety and quality of life of others. I believe that CRRA has lost its sense of mission to coordinate the waste handling system in Connecticut, to implement the state Solid Waste Management Plan, and to serve and protect all residents of the state in a fair and equitable manner as an arm of the State Department of Environmental Protection. CRRA is using its money and power to compete with the organizations that it is supposed to coordinate, and to further exploit residents of Hartford, Bridgeport and perhaps other unsuspecting towns.

“Specifically, I, and many other Hartford residents are concerned about:

- Threats to health and safety that CRRA’s facilities raise.
- Continued efforts to expand the size and number of waste facilities in Hartford, the most overburdened community in the state.
- Efforts to make Hartford liable for the post closure maintenance of the landfill that CRRA built and operated, and from which it profited greatly.
- Few Hartford residents or people of color are hired on staff or as contractors for CRRA.
- CRRA staff opposes community efforts to reduce the toxicity of the waste stream.
- CRRA provides few host community benefits to Hartford and little investment in the community.
- CRRA’s trash incinerator in Hartford has dozens of fires and explosions each year.
- A 23 year-old contract with no expiration date limits the ability of the City of Hartford to protect the interest of its residents or regulate CRRA’s facilities in the city.
- CRRA’s apparent use of secrecy and eminent domain powers to establish two new landfills.
- CRRA’s marginalizing and limiting the input on the Board of Directors of representatives of the communities most affected by its operations, Hartford and Bridgeport.

“As long as these issues remain unaddressed, and the deceit and mistrust continues, CRRA will have an increasingly difficult time operating in the City of Hartford. If CRRA wants to move forward with its plans to, as I see it, duplicate and then abandon its paper recycling facility in Hartford, I would suggest that CRRA negotiate these issues in good faith.”

Ms. Virginia Gerena of the Connecticut Coalition of Environmental Justice asked how successful the electronics recycling program was and asked when the next collection date would be in the Waterbury area or in West Hartford. Ms. Gerena also asked if there was any incentive for the cities to take part in the electronics recycling, and aside from the benefit of recycling the materials, who benefits from the program.

Mr. Bzdyra responded that it was possible that there could be a collection in Waterbury in the spring of 2006. Mr. Gent stated that there was excellent participation in the most recent electronics recycling events and said that CRRA encourages the towns to participate through education. Mr. Gent said that, at this point, electronics recycling still represents a cost to the towns because the cost of recycling electronics is approximately \$0.16 per pound. Mr. Gent said the real benefit is the environmental benefit of getting electronics out of the waste stream.

Director Horton Sheff asked Dr. Mitchell for more information of the fire calls mentioned in his address to the Board. Dr. Mitchell stated that as of October, there were fifty-one fire calls, with approximately one-third of those being false alarms. Dr. Mitchell stated that one incident required firefighters from all of the stations in Hartford to fight the fire. Dr. Mitchell said that, even though there are seventy towns that contribute trash to the Project, only one town provides fire services for the facilities in Hartford.

Chairman Pace said that he would like to begin a dialogue with Dr. Mitchell to address some of his statements, because some of the statements made are totally inaccurate. Chairman Pace said that CRRA is always willing to address the concerns of the public and stated that some of the adjectives used in Dr. Mitchell's statement are inappropriate. Chairman Pace said that he and Mr. Kirk would like to address Dr. Mitchell and any other groups.

Regarding public health and safety of CRRA facilities, Chairman Pace noted that a CRRA facility in Hartford was recognized as being one of the cleanest facilities in the country. Chairman Pace said that he applauded the public's interest, but said that he found the statement that "CRRA has become the poster child for environmental racism" very disturbing. Chairman Pace said that he takes strong exception to that statement.

Director Martland stated that he takes umbrage to Dr. Mitchell's statement. Director Martland said that these allegations personally assault each Board member and added that he believes Dr. Mitchell is a purveyor of falsehoods, which is not to the advantage of the people of Hartford or of the State of Connecticut.

Director O'Brien offered to assist with initiating a dialogue with Dr. Mitchell and his group so any misconceptions could be cleared up. Director O'Brien stated that he was concerned that Dr. Mitchell addressed the Board in September, but did not raise any of these issues. Director O'Brien said he was wondering what changed Dr. Mitchell's position since that meeting. Director O'Brien agreed that Dr. Mitchell's choice of words would not accomplish anything.

Chairman Pace stated that he would like to return to the agenda and invited Commissioner Gina McCarthy to address the Board.

INTRODUCTION OF CT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSIONER McCARTHY

Commissioner McCarthy thanked the Board for inviting her and recognized Chairman Pace and thanked him for his leadership. Commissioner McCarthy said that she would like to discuss several matters with the Board, including the Solid Waste Management Plan and challenges that Connecticut faces with respect to solid waste.

Commissioner McCarthy began her address with a brief review of her background and her experience in the solid waste industry. Regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan, Commissioner McCarthy stated that DEP recognizes that waste operates like any other product in that it follows the rules of interstate commerce, but said that it is a market that nobody likes or

wants. Commissioner McCarthy said that if the state truly wants to address solid waste, then the focus needs to be on recycling and reducing the amount of waste and acknowledged that CRRA has been a major investor in recycling over the past years. Commissioner McCarthy said that the challenges are finding ways to reduce and manage waste in a consumer market and ensuring that recycling remains a viable option. Commissioner McCarthy addressed the problem of having to divert waste out-of-state because Connecticut currently generates and will continue to generate more waste than it has the capacity to dispose of and said that the job of the Solid Waste Management Plan is to address those issues. Commissioner McCarthy noted that the Solid Waste Management Plan needs to be reviewed at least every five years to address changes in the market.

Commissioner McCarthy stated that one challenge facing the state is finding a balance between a reasonable cost of disposing of waste and a cost that will give residents of Connecticut incentive to recycle and reduce the amount of waste in the waste stream. Commissioner McCarthy said that she does not want out-of-state diversion of waste to be so cheap that it does not encourage people to reduce and recycle because that would only be shifting an environmental burden from one community to another with no respect for whether there is an environmental impact associated with that. Commissioner McCarthy said that, by working together, the State can figure out a way to strike the right balance.

Commissioner McCarthy discussed the need to work with manufacturers to address these issues fundamentally by encouraging them to use non-toxic, recyclable and reusable materials in their products and packaging. A brief discussion ensued regarding the impact of Connecticut's influence on manufacturers and legislation. In this discussion, Commissioner McCarthy noted the advantage of acting regionally on these issues and pointed out Connecticut's buying power and education as leverage on these matters. There was also a short discussion on how education can play a role in meeting the needs of Connecticut's waste disposal and recycling needs.

Chairman Pace thanked Commissioner McCarthy and noted that CRRA has and will continue to take the lead in recycling in Connecticut.

Vice-Chairman Cassano requested to briefly address some of the concerns voiced by Dr. Mitchell earlier in the meeting. Regarding the voting and participation of Ad-Hoc members, Vice-Chairman Cassano pointed that any restrictions on Ad-Hoc participation are set forth by legislation, not the CRRA Board. Vice-Chairman Cassano noted that the charges made at the meeting are unsubstantiated and said that CRRA needs to respond. Vice-Chairman Cassano stated that CRRA should meet with Dr. Mitchell and address these issues again at the next Board meeting.

Chairman Pace stated that the Board always appreciates the public's comments, but said that he takes exception when such inflammatory statements are made. Chairman Pace said that there has been a fair amount of misinformation disseminated at this meeting and to communities involved with CRRA. Chairman Pace informed the Board that he requested that a presentation be developed to address the misinformation about CRRA and to inform people of the truth.

Mr. Kirk stated that he did not want the Board to get the impression that management has not been addressing the community or specifically Dr. Mitchell's group. Mr. Kirk said that management addressed these same matters at a meeting a few weeks ago. Mr. Kirk gave a

presentation to the Board addressing the misconceptions regarding CRRA, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2005 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chairman Pace requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2005 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was made by Director O’Brien and seconded by Director Cohn.

The minutes as presented were approved. Directors Martland abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Stephen Cassano, Vice-Chairman	X		
Benson Cohn	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Theodore Martland			X
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Andrew Sullivan	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
Timothy Griswold, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PREPARATION OF A REVISED CLOSURE PLAN FOR THE CRRA HARTFORD LANDFILL

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the above-captioned matter. The motion was made by Vice-Chairman Cassano.

RESOLVED: That the President is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Fuss & O’Neill Inc. to perform engineering services associated with the preparation of a revised closure plan for the CRRA Hartford Landfill substantially as discussed and presented at this meeting.

Director O’Brien seconded the motion.

Mr. Kirk stated that the Request for Services would allow Fuss & O’Neill to provide a revised closure plan for the Hartford Landfill for \$146,000. Mr. Kirk explained that CRRA has

committed to using state-of-the-art closure technology on the landfill so the original closure plan will have to be revised accordingly and submitted to the DEP for approval. Mr. Kirk stated that Fuss & O'Neill is the most appropriate and skilled contractor to complete these services.

Chairman Pace noted that this Board made the decision to close the Hartford Landfill and further decided to proceed with the closure using state-of-the-art methods and materials.

Director O'Brien referred the Board to the table on page 3, which shows the proposals and prices. Director O'Brien noted that the Fuss & O'Neill proposal includes over \$13,000 in contingencies that none of the other proposals included and further noted that the SCS proposal was missing several items, for which they gave a verbal quote for \$30,000. Director O'Brien stated that considering that verbal increase, Fuss & O'Neill is the low bidder for these services. Chairman Pace also noted that SCS does not have landfill closure experience. Director Sullivan also noted that the evaluation of the different bidders shows that Fuss & O'Neill is clearly the appropriate contractor for this work.

Director Martland pointed out that Fuss & O'Neill has the highest hourly rate and asked if TRC's proposal was reviewed as thoroughly as those of Fuss & O'Neill and SCS. Mr. Egan responded that CRRA received four bids for this work and the bids from Fuss & O'Neill and SCS were significantly better than the others. Mr. Egan said that TRC put very little thought into the bid and explained that the proposal appeared to consist simply of a photocopy of the scope of work supplied by CRRA and a price schedule. Mr. Egan explained that it did not seem appropriate to bring TRC in for an interview.

Mr. Egan said that, of all of the bidders, Fuss & O'Neill has the most landfill closure experience and credibility with the DEP on design closure plans which is important for a project of this significance. Director Martland stated that he thought TRC should have been interviewed. Mr. Egan noted that all of the firms who submitted proposals were previously interviewed prior to being given three-year engineering services agreements with CRRA. Mr. Egan said that CRRA employs TRC on a number of projects and CRRA is very familiar with the company.

Chairman Pace noted that his review of the scope of work and the information submitted indicates that Fuss & O'Neill seems like the appropriate contractor for this job. Director Martland stated that he agrees with the recommendation, but feels that when there are only four bidders, all four bidders should be interviewed.

Director Karanian stated that this matter emphasizes the importance of education and communication with the community and the representative groups. Director Karanian pointed out that the fifth bullet discusses reaching out to community groups for input on future use plans and asked what would be done to improve communication with the community. Mr. Egan stated that CRRA has already reached out to a number of members of the North Hartford community. Mr. Egan stated that they were informed of the initiative and, with the input of the community, CRRA agrees that the enhanced cap is the best method of closure for the landfill. Mr. Egan said further input would be solicited from those groups when it comes time to choose the final cap, to ensure it provides the most flexibility for future use. Mr. Egan said that CRRA wants the community involved in those initiatives.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Stephen Cassano, Vie-Chairman	X		
Benson Cohn	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Andrew Sullivan	X		
Timothy Griswold, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut	X		
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
NONE			

RESOLUTION REGARDING MID-CONNECTICUT PROJECT WASTE PROCESSING FACILITY MSW FLOOR REPAIRS

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the referenced item. Director O'Brien made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the President is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Merritt Contractors, Inc. to implement repairs to the MSW floor located at the Mid-Connecticut Waste Processing Facility, substantially as presented and discussed at this meeting.

The motion was seconded by Director Francis.

Mr. Tracey explained that this resolution was for the repair of 15,000 square feet of the structural slab floor at the Waste Processing Facility (WPF). Chairman Pace asked how this project would affect operations at the WPF. Mr. Tracey responded that the project would be staged so vehicles could be moved in and out of the facility without interruption. Mr. Tracey said that CRRA has experience in carefully coordinating between the facility operator and contractors to ensure that there are no disruptions to service. Chairman Pace asked if the haulers would be impacted by this project. Mr. Tracey responded that if the haulers were impacted, the impact would be minimal. Mr. Tracey added that some parts of the job are done when the facility is closed and on weekends to avoid inconveniencing the haulers. Chairman Pace asked if the haulers would be notified when these activities would occur. Mr. Tracey responded in the affirmative.

Chairman Pace asked if Merritt Contractors was the lowest bidder. Mr. Tracey responded that based on the numbers provided, O & G was the lowest bidder, but O & G did not submit a required portion of the bid for unit pricing, which could be a significant piece of the project. Mr. Tracey explained that the unit pricing would be used if there were any changes to the work, either additions or deletions. Mr. Tracey noted that O & G also made a statement in the bid package that they would not be able to complete the job within the timeframe specified in the contract. Director Martland asked if CRRA found out why O & G said they could not complete the job within the timeframe. Mr. Tracey said that, even though O & G was not brought in for an interview, he spoke to O & G's project manager regarding the timing issue and the unit pricing. Mr. Tracey stated that he was very dissatisfied with O & G's response that they thought it was in the Authority's best interest to not submit the requested pricing. Regarding the timing issue, Mr. Tracey informed the Board that O & G's project manager said they would not be able to meet the time based on the necessary phasing of the job. Mr. Tracey concluded that O & G's bid was not prepared with great thought.

Director Sullivan asked if the project completed in 2002 was similar to this project. Mr. Tracey responded in the affirmative. Director Sullivan said that, in comparing the two jobs, the price was very reasonable because a pro rata bid would have been \$750,000. Mr. Tracey said this is the third project of this nature that had been completed in the last five years and of those projects, this is the most cost advantageous on a square footage basis.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved. Director Martland abstained.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Stephen Cassano, Vie-Chairman	X		
Benson Cohn	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Theodore Martland			X
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Andrew Sullivan	X		
Timothy Griswold, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut	X		
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
NONE			

RESOLUTION REGARDING A PROPANE TANK EASEMENT AT THE SOUTH MEADOWS PROPERTY

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the referenced item. Director O'Brien made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the President is hereby authorized to execute a Propane Tank Easement in favor of the Connecticut Light & Power Company on CRRA's real property located on Maxim & Reserve Road in Hartford, Connecticut, substantially as presented and discussed at this meeting.

The motion was seconded by Director Cohn.

Mr. Kirk explained that Connecticut Light & Power Company (CL&P) currently has an easement on CRRA's property known as the South Meadows and said that this resolution would allow an additional use of that easement for a small propane tank.

Director O'Brien asked if the indemnification applied only to propane or if there would be indemnification for other materials such as oil from the trucks. Mr. Tracey stated that there is a large remediation project taking place at the South Meadows property, which would give baseline-testing results for any potential contamination from CL&P activity. Ms. Hunt added that CL&P is willing to accommodate CRRA because CRRA is doing them a favor by granting the additional easement. Ms. Hunt stated that CL&P would only utilize vehicles over an existing permanent easement used for servicing transmission and distribution lines. Ms. Hunt noted that there would be an underground fuel line, which Ms. Hunt said she has requested further information on to find out if that could be a potential source of contamination. Director O'Brien said he thought that would be the only potential source of contamination with regard to the propane because any other propane would vaporize quickly.

Chairman Pace asked why there was not a dollar value attached to this additional easement. Mr. Gent responded that there was no charge because CRRA is already precluded from use of that land because of the existing easement and said that consideration was given at the time of the property transfer. Ms. Hunt added that CRRA has also been attempting to meet with CL&P regarding the possible purchase options of two additional parcels near that property and CRRA is hoping to generate goodwill with CL&P in that matter. Ms. Hunt stated that CL&P's attorney has agreed to set up a meeting regarding those purchase options.

Director O'Brien stated that he was concerned with the risk of fire and explosion associated with an above-ground tank. Director Lauretti pointed out that the contract includes indemnification for such situations.

Chairman Cassano asked for confirmation that this easement was only for an additional use, not use of any additional property in addition to the existing easement. Ms. Hunt confirmed. Director Karanian asked if CL&P's actions are subject to review and regulation by the Department of Public Utility Control. Director Lauretti responded in the affirmative. Director O'Brien requested that the Board be supplied with copies of all DPUC proceedings regarding this matter.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board’s consensus was to proceed with approval of this resolution subject to the final draft addressing the concerns addressed by the Board.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Stephen Cassano, Vie-Chairman	X		
Benson Cohn	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Andrew Sullivan	X		
Timothy Griswold, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut	X		
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
NONE			

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY OPTIONS FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THE WALLINGFORD WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the referenced item. Director O’Brien made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That a Special Committee is hereby formed and charged to study options for the disposal of solid waste from the Wallingford Project municipalities post Project, and report thereon to this Board; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Special Committee consist of not more than five representatives of the Wallingford Project contracting municipalities, to be jointly designated by the said municipalities, and that three employees and two Board members of the Authority represent the Authority on the said Special Committee, as presented and discussed at this Board meeting.

The motion was seconded by Director Cohn.

Mr. Kirk stated that this resolution is similar to the resolution recently passed to establish a Special Committee for the Bridgeport Project. Mr. Kirk said that the future uses of the Wallingford facility and the future deposition of Wallingford Project waste may potentially be involved with the Bridgeport Project. Mr. Kirk stated that synergy could be achieved by having

the same representatives on both Committees. The Committee would include Director Lauretti, Director Martland, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Bolduc, and Mr. Gent.

Director Martland asked for confirmation that the situation in Wallingford is similar to that of Bridgeport in that CRRA does not own any real assets in the Project. Mr. Kirk confirmed and noted that at the conclusion of the operations contract, the facility operator has the option to purchase the facility for \$1.00.

Chairman Pace asked if approval was needed to appoint the members or just to establish the Committee. Ms. Hunt responded that the Committee had to be formed, but the resolution could form the Committee and authorize the Chairman to appoint members. Chairman Pace requested an amendment to establish the Special Committee and authorize the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to work collaboratively to make appointments to the Special Committee. The motion to amend was made by Director O'Brien and seconded by Director Martland. The amendment was approved unanimously.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Stephen Cassano, Vice-Chairman	X		
Benson Cohn	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Andrew Sullivan	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
Timothy Griswold, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			

RESOLUTION REGARDING WASTE EXPORT AND DIVERSION HAULING AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR THE MID-CONNECTICUT AND WALLINGFORD PROJECTS

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the referenced item. Director O'Brien made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the President is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with USA Hauling and Recycling, Energy Answers Corporation, Waste Management, and Santaro Development for waste export services for the Mid-Connecticut and Wallingford

Resources Recovery Facilities substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented at this meeting.

The motion was seconded by Director Cohn.

Mr. Kirk explained that this resolution was for approval of contracts for excess waste treatment outside of CRRA projects when necessary to meet seasonal and operational needs. Mr. Kirk noted that there are a number of different prices and said that contractors are utilized on the most cost-effective basis with the lowest cost contractors being utilized first. Mr. Kirk stated that it is not always possible to process all of the waste that is delivered so these contractors are used on an “as needed” basis.

Director Francis asked for further information on the fuel adjustment clause in the agreement. Mr. Gent explained that CRRA faced a situation this past year where there was only one contractor available to the Wallingford Project and that contractor informed CRRA that he could not continue to provide his services at the same price due to rising fuel costs. Mr. Gent said that to avoid having contractors submit bids at extremely high rates due to the potential of higher fuel costs over the term of the contract, CRRA decided to provide a mechanism to allow CRRA to capture the advantage of lower fuel costs when they were available, but to also provide some protection for the contractors in the case that fuel costs increase. Mr. Gent noted that the contract was for a two-and-a-half year term to adjust the contracts from a calendar year basis to a fiscal year basis. A brief discussion ensued regarding the process and formula for determining fuel adjustments.

Director Griswold asked if an end destination is specified for the waste. Mr. Gent responded that prices in the bids have to specify an end destination, which information is included in the hauler’s license and permit. Mr. Gent added that end destinations are also typically added to CRRA’s pollution liability insurance as additional coverage.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Stephen Cassano, Vice-Chairman	X		
Benson Cohn	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Andrew Sullivan	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
Timothy Griswold, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			

RESOLUTION REGARDING THREE-YEAR PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the referenced item. Director O'Brien made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the President is hereby authorized to execute, deliver, and perform on behalf of this Authority, Public Relations Services Agreements as were substantially set forth in the Request for Qualifications dated September 7, 2005, for a period of three years commencing on January 1, 2006, and terminating on December 31, 2008, with the public relations firms listed below. All firms will provide service "on call."

Cubitt Jacobs & Prosek Communications

Cashman + Katz Integrated Communications

Pita Communications LLC

The motion was seconded by Director Cohn.

Mr. Nonnenmacher stated that management was recommending two of the three contracts that are being presented to the Board: Cubitt Jacobs & Prosek Communications and Pita Communications LLC. Chairman Pace requested an amendment to the motion to recommend Cubitt Jacobs & Prosek Communications and Pita Communications LLC for the panel of approved Public Relations firms. The motion to amend made by Director O'Brien and seconded by Director Cohn was approved unanimously.

Director Horton Sheff asked what the budget was for public relations services. Mr. Nonnenmacher replied that, from the General Fund, the budget is \$64,000 with smaller amounts in specific Project budgets. Mr. Nonnenmacher stated that it has been his practice to use these services extremely judiciously and stated that a substantial amount of this budget is returned to the Authority each year. Director Horton Sheff pointed out that \$64,000 is not a lot of money when one considers the public relations issues facing CRRA in the next year and asked Mr. Nonnenmacher if he felt that would be enough money to accomplish what needs to be accomplished. Mr. Nonnenmacher responded that he would leave that determination to the Board.

Director O'Brien asked if the Chair would comment on the reason that only two of the three firms are being recommended. Chairman Pace responded that the professionalism of the two recommended firms was more along the lines of the quality of work that he would expect from a contractor for CRRA.

Mr. Kirk thanked Director Horton Sheff for her recognition of the challenges that are facing CRRA. Mr. Kirk agreed that public relations has a very lean budget and said that he would not be surprised if an increase had to be requested in the future. Mr. Kirk said he is encouraged that the Board understands that it is not a trivial task to get accurate information to the public with respect to CRRA's initiatives.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Benson Cohn	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Andrew Sullivan	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
Timothy Griswold, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			

RESOLUTION REGARDING TELEPHONIC MEETING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the referenced item. Director Cohn made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the Board hereby adopts the Telephonic Meeting Policy and Procedure substantially as presented and discussed at this meeting.

The motion was seconded by Director Cooper.

Director Cohn explained that, during the last legislative session, legislation was introduced, but not passed, that would prohibit telephonic meetings. Director Cohn noted that telephonic meetings have been very beneficial to the Authority, especially for Special meetings where it would not be practical or possible to obtain a quorum in person. Director Cohn stated that the Policies & Procurement Committee has recommended the adoption of this policy and procedure to make clear the circumstances under which telephonic meetings can occur.

Director Cohn said that the policy clearly states that the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act will be applied and provided that Board members can participate in and vote at a Regular meeting by telephone only if there is a quorum in the meeting room.

Director O'Brien suggested that the footnote on the bottom of the second page include a note that the policy was reviewed and approved by the Policies & Procurement Committee.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Benson Cohn	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Andrew Sullivan	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
Timothy Griswold, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			

**RESOLUTION REGARDING HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING RENEWAL OF
HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PROGRAMS AND CONTINUATION OF THE
VISION, LIFE AND DISABILITY PROGRAMS**

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the referenced item. Director O'Brien made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors authorizes the renewal of the health and dental insurance through Anthem for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 for an estimated premium of \$682,333.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors authorizes the continuation of the vision, life, IO & G-term disability and short-term disability insurance through The Standard Insurance for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 for an estimated premium of \$78,554.

The motion was seconded by Director Cooper.

Mr. Kirk stated that this was for a renewal of the current health and dental plans at an increase of about four percent. Director Cooper noted that the Organizational Synergy & Human Resources Committee reviewed the renewal and feels that the increase is quite reasonable for the coverage that will be provided to the employees.

Director Martland noted that the two Directors that reviewed this information are from municipalities that are dealing with the same issues as faced by CRRA with regard to increasing health insurance costs.

Director Francis noted that the rates are still high because of CRRA’s small number of employees and said that the Committee will be considering options such as joining with the State plan or other quasi-public organizations to increase CRRA’s savings.

Director Sullivan noted that this expenditure is within budget because the premium listed in the resolution is the gross premium and does not include employee contributions.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Benson Cohn	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Andrew Sullivan	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
Timothy Griswold, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REVISED COMPENSATORY TIME POLICY

Chairman Pace requested a motion regarding the referenced item. Director Cooper made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the revised Compensatory Time Policy of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority be adopted substantially in the form as approved by the Organizational Synergy and Human Resources Committee.

The motion was seconded by Director O'Brien.

Director Cooper noted that this resolution is being recommended by the Organizational Synergy and Human Resources Committee in response to the Governor’s report on quasi-public agencies. Director Cooper stated that this revision to the Compensatory Time Policy would bring CRRA in compliance with the objectives of that report.

Chairman Pace asked for confirmation that senior management will not be eligible for compensatory time. Director Cooper confirmed that all salaried employees, except senior management, will be entitled to compensatory time.

Mr. Kirk noted that this policy has been confirmed to meet the recommendations of the Governor by both the Organizational Synergy and Human Resources Committee and the Policies & Procurement Committee.

Director O'Brien asked if the revision would be reported to the Governor's office. Chairman Pace asked that a copy be sent to the Governor's Office.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously.

Eligible Voters	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Michael Pace, Chairman	X		
Benson Cohn	X		
Mark Cooper	X		
James Francis	X		
Edna Karanian	X		
Mark Lauretti	X		
Theodore Martland	X		
Raymond O'Brien	X		
Andrew Sullivan	X		
Non Eligible Voters			
Timothy Griswold, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			
Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Ad Hoc, Mid-Connecticut			

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman's Report

Chairman Pace showed the Board an article from the December 11, 2005 edition of the Hartford Courant regarding a Hartford youth football team. Chairman Pace stated that this team went to the World Championship and noted that the kids on the team and the coach deserve an enormous amount of credit. Chairman Pace asked Director Cohn to have the Policies & Procurement Committee look into any ways that CRRA could recognize the team and their accomplishments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Pace requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, contract negotiations and personnel matters with appropriate staff. The motion made by Director O'Brien and seconded by Director Cooper was approved unanimously. Chairman Pace requested that the following people be invited to the Executive Session:

Tom Kirk
Jim Bolduc

Peter Egan
Floyd Gent

Laurie Hunt, Esq.

The Executive Session began at 12:05 p.m. and concluded at 1:15 p.m. Chairman Pace noted that no votes were taken.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pace requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn made by Director O'Brien and seconded by Director Cooper was approved unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen B. Greig
Secretary to the Board/Paralegal