

**Finance Committee
February 15, 2007 Regular Meeting**

Draft Minutes

Members Present: Michael Pace, Board Chairman (present by phone until 9:52 a.m.)
James Francis, Committee Chairman
Raymond O'Brien, Committee Vice-Chairman (present by phone)
Edna Karanian (present by telephone)
Mark Lauretti (present by phone beginning at 9:14 a.m.)

CRRA Staff Present: Tom Kirk, President
Jim Bolduc, Chief Financial Officer
Bettina Bronisz, Assistant Treasurer & Director of Finance
Robert Constable, Controller
Peter Egan, Director of Environmental Affairs & Development
Floyd Gent, Director of Operations
Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services
Paul Nonnenmacher, Public Affairs Coordinator
Donna Tracy, Executive Assistant
Kristen Greig, Secretary to the Board/Paralegal

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. and noted that there was a quorum.

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the January 17, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting

Chairman Francis requested a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2007 Finance Committee meeting. The motion was made by Vice-Chairman O'Brien and seconded by Director Karanian. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call.

2. Review and Recommend for Board Approval – Mid-Connecticut Project Budget

Chairman Francis requested a motion regarding the above-captioned matter. Vice-Chairman O'Brien made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Authority has submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) a request for a modification of the Authority's Hartford Landfill permit associated with a change in slope on the landfill's east side; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is required by the terms of its Municipal Services Agreements to adopt the Mid-Connecticut Project annual budget 120 days prior to July 1, but the DEP had not acted upon the request for modification as of the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the DEP grants the requested permit modification, certain line items in the Fiscal Year 2008 Mid-Connecticut Project budget will require adjustment; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet its obligation to adopt the budget within the contractually established timeframe, the Authority has determined to adopt the budget in the alternative, depending on whether or not the requested permit modification is granted; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested Board authorization for use of appropriate Mid-Connecticut Project reserves to fund certain fiscal year 2008 expenses.

NOW THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED: That the fiscal year Proposed I 2008 Mid-Connecticut Project operating budget and capital budget be adopted substantially in the form as presented and discussed at this meeting for use in the event that the requested permit modification is not granted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the fiscal year Proposed II 2008 Mid-Connecticut Project operating budget be adopted substantially in the form presented and discussed at this meeting for use in the event that the requested permit modification is granted

The motion was seconded by Chairman Pace.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed to set the Municipal Solid Waste tip fee at \$66.00 per ton, with management being directed to make the appropriate adjustments to the proposed budget to effectuate that change.

More detailed discussion to follow.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously by roll call.

3. Review and Recommend for Board Approval Resolution Regarding the Establishment of a Tip Fee Stabilization Reserve

Chairman Francis requested a motion regarding the above-captioned matter. Vice-Chairman O'Brien made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That a Tip Fee Stabilization Reserve be established for the Mid-Connecticut Project to mitigate pending future tip fee increases.

The motion was seconded by Director Karanian.

Detailed discussion to follow.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously by roll call.

4. Review and Recommend for Board Approval Resolution Regarding the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2008 Metropolitan District Commission Mid-Connecticut Project Annual Operating Budget

Chairman Francis requested a motion regarding the bond related to the Bridgeport Project. Vice-Chairman O'Brien made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the fiscal year 2008 Metropolitan District Commission Mid-Connecticut Project Annual Operating Budget for the Waste Processing Facility, Administration and Transportation be adopted substantially in the form as presented at this meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That during the period the Hartford Landfill is accepting mixed waste, the fiscal year 2008 Metropolitan District Commission Mid-Connecticut Project Annual Operating Budget for the Hartford Landfill (All Operations) be adopted substantially in the form as presented at this meeting and utilized only on a prorated basis for each month the Hartford Landfill is accepting mixed waste.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That once the Hartford Landfill is no longer accepting mixed waste, then the fiscal year 2008 Metropolitan District Commission Mid-Connecticut Project Annual Operating Budget for the Hartford Landfill (Ash Only) be adopted substantially in the form as presented and discussed at this meeting and utilized only on a prorated basis for each remaining month in the fiscal year.

The motion was seconded by Director Karanian.

Detailed discussion to follow.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously by roll call.

5. Review and Recommend for Board Approval Resolution Regarding the Dissolution of the Regional Recycling Center Equipment Replacement Reserve (Container)

Chairman Francis requested a motion regarding the above-captioned matter. Vice-Chairman O'Brien made the following motion:

WHEREAS: The agreement between FCR Redemption Inc. and the Authority required the Authority to maintain a capital repair and replacement fund (the "Regional Recycling Center Equipment Replacement Reserve (Container)" for the Mid-Connecticut Project recycling facility; and

WHEREAS: The agreement has since expired and a new operating agreement is in place that does not obligate the Authority to maintain the Regional Recycling Center Equipment Replacement Reserve (Container) reserve; and

WHEREAS: The Authority has a Recycling Reserve that has been established to cover certain recycling related costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the existing funds in the Regional Recycling Center Equipment Replacement Reserve (Container) be transferred into the Mid-Connecticut Project Recycling Reserve.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Regional Recycling Center Equipment Replacement Reserve (Container) be dissolved.

FURTHER RESOLVED: The purpose of the Recycling Reserve be amended to include the following language: to pay for damages in the event the Authority is in default of its existing recycling agreement or to fund a buyout of the existing recycling agreement if the Authority terminates the agreement before the expiration date of the agreement.

The motion was seconded by Director Karanian.

After a brief discussion, the Committee decided that this issue would be brought to a subsequent Finance Committee meeting for further discussion. Director Karanian made a motion to table the above-mentioned matter, which was seconded by Vice-Chairman O'Brien.

The motion to table previously made and seconded was approved unanimously by roll call.

5. Executive Session

Chairman Francis requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Chairman Francis noted that he would excuse himself from the Executive Session if the discussion became related to the New Hartford suit. The motion was made by Vice-Chairman O'Brien and seconded by Director Karanian. The motion previously made and seconded was approved unanimously. Chairman Francis requested that the following people remain for the Executive Session, in addition to the Committee members:

Tom Kirk
Jim Bolduc
Laurie Hunt, Esq.

The Executive Session commenced at 11:13 a.m. and concluded at 11:45 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m. and Chairman Francis noted that no votes were taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Francis requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion made by Vice-Chairman O'Brien and seconded by Director Karanian was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Greig
Secretary to the Board/Paralegal