

Policies & Procurement Committee
Dec. 4, 2014
Regular Telephonic Meeting Draft Minutes

Members Present by phone: Chairman Don Stein
Committee Chairman John Adams
Vice-Chairman Richard Barlow
Ralph Eno

CRRA Staff Present: Tom Kirk, President (present by telephone)
Mark Daley, Chief Financial Officer
Peter Egan, Director of Operations and Environmental Affairs
Roger Guzowski, Contracts and Procurement Manager
Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services
Maira Kenney, HR Specialist/Board Administrator
Eileen Kearney, Temporary Board Administrator

Also Present: John Pizzimenti, USA Hauling.

Committee Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

Committee Chairman Adams noted there were no members of the public present who wished to address the Committee and said the regular meeting would commence.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2014, REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING**

Committee Chairman Adams requested a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Nov. 6, 2014, Policies & Procurement Committee meeting. The motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Vice-Chairman Barlow and seconded by Director Eno.

The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously by roll call.

2. **REVIEW AND RECOMMEND RESOLUTION REGARDING ASH RESIDUE DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR THE PRESTON RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY**

Committee Chairman Adams requested a motion on the above referenced matter. The motion to approve was made by Vice-Chairman Barlow and seconded by Director Eno.

RESOLVED: that the President is hereby authorized to execute an extension of the agreement with Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. to provide disposal services for ash residue from the Preston Resource Recovery Facility, substantially as presented and discussed at this meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call.

3. **REVIEW AND RECOMMEND RESOLUTION REGARDING REVISION TO THE MIRA'S CSWS PERMITTING, DISPOSAL AND BILLING PROCEDURES**

Committee Chairman Adams requested a motion on the above referenced matter. The motion to approve was made by Vice-Chairman Barlow and seconded by Director Eno.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors hereby approves amendments to the CONNECTICUT SOLID WASTE SYSTEM PERMITTING, DISPOSAL AND BILLING PROCEDURES, as presented and discussed at this meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call.

4. **REVIEW AND RECOMMEND RESOLUTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL PROJECTED LEGAL EXPENDITURES**

Committee Chairman Adams requested a motion on the above referenced matter. The motion to approve was made by Director Eno and seconded by Vice-Chairman Barlow.

WHEREAS, MIRA has entered into Legal Service Agreements with various law firms to perform legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has previously authorized certain amounts for payment of fiscal year 2015 projected legal fees; and

WHEREAS, MIRA expects to incur greater than authorized legal expenses from one of its counsels for its arbitration with MDC;

NOW THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED: That the following additional amount be authorized for payment of projected legal fees and costs to be incurred during fiscal year 2015:

<u>Firm:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Kainen, Escalera & McHale	\$150,000

Ms. Hunt said this resolution is an extension of a request at the last Board meeting to increase the amount of fees being paid to Kainen Escalera for MDC related expenses from the Mid-Connecticut Litigation Reserves. She updated the Committee on the status of the case.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call.

INFORMATION

Committee Chairman Adams said the Informational Section had been thoroughly reviewed and discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Adams requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion made by Vice-Chairman Barlow and seconded by Chairman Eno was approved unanimously. Chairman Adams requested that the following people remain for the Executive Session, in addition to the Committee members:

Tom Kirk
Mark Daley
Laurie Hunt, Esq.
Peter Egan

The Executive Session commenced at 11:19 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:45 a.m., the door was opened, and the Board Secretary and all members of the public (of which there were none) were invited back in for the continuation of public session. Chairman Adams noted that no votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairman Adams requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion made by Vice-Chairman Barlow and seconded by Director Eno was approved unanimously by roll call.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Kearney
Temporary Board Administrator