

**RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Wednesday
May 19, 2010
Stafford County's Administration Center
Conference Room A,B,C

Meeting Convened. A regular meeting of the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) was convened at 1:35 P.M., Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at the Stafford County Administration Center, Conference Room A,B,C.

Roll Call. The following members were present: George Solley, Chairman; Harry E. Crisp, Vice Chairman; Beverly R. Cameron; Paul V. Milde, III, and Anthony J. Romanello. Matthew J. Kelly; was absent.

Also in attendance were William H. Hefty, Esq., R-Board Attorney; Robert L. Hundley, and John Brooks, Resource International, Ltd., Consulting Engineer; Tim Baroody, Deputy County Administrator; Andrew J. Mikel, Superintendent of Solid Waste Management; Diane L. Jones, Recycling Coordinator; and Patricia S. Rowe, Clerk.

Others in attendance were James Lawrence and Brett Ashton Brooks, citizens of City of Fredericksburg, Va.

Election of Chairman: Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Romanello, to nominate Mr. Crisp as Chairman effective July 1, 2010.

There were no other nominations.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Cameron, Milde, Romanello, Solley
Nay: (0)

Election of Vice Chairman: Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Crisp, to nominate Mr. Solley as interim Vice Chairman effective July 1, 2010.

There were no other nominations.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Cameron, Crisp, Milde, Romanello
Nay: (0)

Mr. Crisp motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to approve the February 17, 2010 minutes.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (5) Cameron, Crisp, Milde, Romanello, Solley
Nay: (0)

Presentation by the Public: Mr. Lawrence reported on the following:

- Agenda for the May 2010 Clean & Green Commission meeting
- Downtown recycling

Report of the R-Board Attorney. Mr. Hefty reported on the following:

- The General Assembly did not make any decisions on landfill issues.

Report of the Consulting Engineer. Mr. Hundley reported on the following:

Permit No. 589 (Cells A/B/C/D/E – Active)

- Resource continues to work with the Landfill Superintendent on the design drawings for the Part B for Phase 2. It will be submitted within the next 90 days.
- Resource worked with the landfill gas system contractor to ensure the new extraction wells were properly installed for portions of Cells B, C and D and followed with as-built surveys for the wells.
- Resource has submitted additional information requested by the VDEQ water division relative to the previously submitted composting permit application.
- Resource has prepared and discussed briefly with the Landfill Superintendent a feasibility study on the potential for wetland and stream banking of certain unused portions of the landfill property. Additional discussions will be presented during the R-Board May meeting.
- Resource coordinated with the VDEQ to ensure the proper documentation was on file to allow the use of tire chips/shred material for alternate daily cover.

Mr. Hundley and Mr. Brooks reported to the R-Board on obtaining credits for wetlands and stream restoration. Mr. Brooks reported this would require about \$500,000 investment with a potential return of \$1,500,000. Mr. Mikel stated that he would provide the Board with a full report and a recommendation at the August meeting.

Report on Finances: Mr. Mikel reported on the following:

- Landfill Aging Report
- Weight and Material Analysis
- Landfill Revenue
- Landfill Expense
- First Choice is still behind on its payments but is working with the Landfill and a payment had been received from them.
- There was a slight increase in business.
- Revenues are still down due to two main things: lack of construction material which is addressed in the proposed budget and the fact that more people are deciding to cancel their trash service and come to the landfill for free. This could also account for the increased traffic at the landfill.
- Mr. Mikel also reported that the FY10 budget was \$6.2 million. A savings of over a million dollars was recognized due to eliminating overtime and the reduction in January of residential hours. Also a capital project was moved to FY11. Total revenues for FY10 should be around \$3.6 million.

Report of Staff: Mr. Mikel reported on the following:

- VDEQ's last presentation and inspection at the landfill was very unprofessional.

- FY11 Budget – The Budget recommends a \$1 fee increase, minimize capital projects, and cut back on equipment purchase. The status quo budget puts the R-board at \$2.7 million in the red by 2016 and will buy approximately 2 more years. Mr. Mikel introduced some ideas on the budget and offered to bring it back to the Board in August. A healthy CIP will have about \$4.5 million in 5 years. That would be in preparation for new cell construction and new cell closure. Five years ago, non-billables accounted for about 20% of the total MSW coming in to the regional landfill. The prediction for 2011 is 80,000 tons of MSW, with 40,000 tons of non-billables. More trash is coming in but making less money across the scales. In these tough economic times, people are canceling their trash service and making a free trip to the landfill. The R-Board fiscal policy states that the R-Board operates debt free and non-subsidized, acting like a private entity. The R-Board needs to be paid for services rendered. Mr. Mikel reported that most landfills are subsidized by the general fund. Also, the county and the city would have to pay for their fees coming into the landfill. These two options would solve the problem and put the R-Board where it needs to be in five years. Other options would be significantly reducing residential hours to about 10 hours per week, closure of recycling facilities including the Belman Road site, and elimination of litter crew and sign crew.

Mr. Romanello stated there were no dollars in the County's FY11 budget to pay for departments using the landfill.

Mr. Mikel stated that the regional landfill will be going back into the C&D market reducing the rate back to the gate rate with a 6 ton maximum. Mr. Mikel also suggested a charge for items coming in by residents that require additional services. Mr. Mikel recommended that a status quo budget be approved and after discussions over the next few months, come back in August and make a recommendation to the R-Board to begin implementation at a date that the R-Board desires.

Recycling Rate: The reported recycling rate for calendar year 2009 was submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality. The unofficial rate reported was 43.5% and was lower than achieved last year. C&D showed a significant decline. Another trend is that people don't want to report to the government and a decline in the amount of compost reported, as this operation was suspended due to regulatory changes from the state DEQ, contributed to the decline. Mr. Cameron asked if the recyclables were included in the non-billable tonnage. Mr. Mikel stated no, non-billables are items going into the landfill. Recyclables are backed out and handled separately.

Correspondence:

- Letters of support from the community

New Business:

Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Crisp, to approve proposed Resolution RB10-04.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (5) Cameron, Crisp, Milde, Romanello, Solley
Nay: (0)

Resolution RB10-04 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED FY2011 RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) has reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the R-Board finds the proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget to be acceptable;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 19th day of May, 2010, that the proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget be and it hereby is adopted in the amount of FIVE MILLION NINE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$5,992,887).

Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Crisp, to approve proposed Resolution RB10-06.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (5) Cameron, Crisp, Milde, Romanello, Solley
 Nay: (0)

Resolution RB10-06 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY2011 FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, staff has deemed it necessary to increase the operating fees for the disposal of certain waste at the R-Board Regional Landfill; and

WHEREAS, CDD fees, to remain competitive, will be at the gate rate with a six ton maximum; and

WHEREAS, fees would also be increased as follows:

	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
MSW	\$39/\$35/ton	\$40/\$36/ton
CDD	\$50/ton	Gate Rate w/6 ton max.
Sludge	\$14/ton	\$16/ton

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 19th day of May, 2010, that the FY2011 Fee Schedule be and it hereby is amended to reflect the new changes effective July 1, 2010.

Mr. Crisp motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde to approve proposed Resolution RB10-05.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (6) Baroody, Cameron, Crisp, Kelly, Milde, Solley
 Nay: (0)

Resolution RB10-05 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO RENEW CONTRACT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) voted by Resolution RB05-24 to continue its relationship with Resource International, Ltd. as its engineering consultants with a professional services contract for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the R-Board has the option to renew this contract for four (4) additional years to be negotiated and approved by both parties;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 19th day of May, 2010, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute a professional services contract with Resource International, Ltd. for a period of one (1) year commencing July 1, 2010 through June 2011 in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$189,050).

Mr. Milde requested that Mr. Mikel make a report on the Regional Landfill to the Board of Supervisors.. Mr. Solley requested that anything that came out of the meeting with the Board of Supervisors be reported to the R-Board.

Future Session: The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, based on availability of Board members, in Conference Room ABC, Stafford Administration Center.

Adjournment. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:35 P.M.

George Solley, Chairman

Harry E. Crisp, Vice-Chairman

Patricia S. Rowe, Clerk

