

CHESTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting — East Caln

October 25, 2012

1. **Call to Order.** Bob Schoenberger, Chairman, called the October 25, 2012 *Regular Meeting* of the Chester County Solid Waste Authority to order at 5:30 p.m.

Authority Members Present

Bob Schoenberger
Peter Knipe
Ramsey G. DiLibero
William H. Shirk
Peter Marroletti
Vince Carosella
Carmen Battavio

Authority Members Absent

Management and Staff Present

Robert A. Watts
Jim Gorney

Solicitor

Vince Pompo, Esquire

2. **Chairman's Announcements/Public Comments.**

The Chairman had no announcements.

3. **Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the *Work Session Meeting* of September 20, 2012 and the *Regular Session Meeting* of September 27, 2012 were moved for approval by Mr. DiLibero and seconded by Mr. Carosella. The vote was unanimous.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Watts said he wanted to inform the Board that he and the Chairman had met with two different organizations on opposite ends of the waste conversion technology spectrum this week. Mr. Watts said he had shared with the Board a visit a few months ago to the processing technology proposed by a local company. This is a startup company with no track record who is putting together financing for their system. Mr. Watts said they visited their pilot plant near Charlotte, NC that is designed to process five tons per day of MSW prepared in Pennsylvania. Their system utilizes pyrolysis and worked for a half hour on wood chips, but got clogged up after switching to MSW. Mr. Watts said they hope to work the bugs out soon and plan to run 1,000 hours continuous for a complete evaluation. Mr. Watts said the second company – Covanta Energy shared with them some information on their CLEARGAS™ technology. Covanta is an International company and the largest operator of waste to energy plants in the United States. They operate four of the five waste to energy plants in Pennsylvania. They have been operating a commercial scale CLEARGAS™ unit in Tulsa, OK for the last 14 months. This technology utilizes gasification and has lower emissions than the mass burn technology utilized in the five Pennsylvania waste to energy plants that are currently in operation. The representatives said they are working on a two chamber system that they believe will lower the emissions even further. Mr. Watts said he is very encouraged by the technology developments and it might be possible that one of these solutions could replace or reduce the need to landfill Chester County generated waste.

C. Solid Waste News: The first item in this section was a copy of SWANA's comments on the Dallas Flow Control ruling that was discussed at last week's meeting. The second new article in this section was concerning an Iowa Solid Waste Authority considering a \$120 million dollar investment in plasma processing of waste. They were having trouble getting the local cities to back the project financially.

D. Request For Donations: The Board instructed Mr. Watts that the requesting organizations do not fit the criteria for donations by CCSWA for 2012.

G. Credit Enhancement Agreement: Mr. Marroletti moved and Mr. Carosella seconded sending the updated agreement to Chester County for their review. The vote was unanimous.

6. Facility Engineer's Report

E. Alternate Cover Demonstration Design Phase-Cost Proposal Summary: Mr. Knipe moved and Mr. Carosella seconded approving the lowest proposal – Option 2 from the ARM Group, Inc. for \$32,139. The vote was unanimous.

7. Water Management's Report

B. RO Feed Tank Repair Summary & Recommendation: Mr. Battavio moved and Mr. Marroletti seconded approving the lowest bid from IK Stoltzfus Service Corp. for \$17,770. The vote was unanimous.

10. Business Manager's Report

C. September 2012 Financial Statement: Mr. Gorney presented the Financials for September 2012 stating that we had a gain of \$307,047 for the month. Retained Earnings are at \$50,181,147. The funds invested totaled \$43,985,416.67 at month end. The interest earned in September 2012 was at a rate of 0.29% equal to 0.29% in August 2012. . Mr. Carosella made a motion to accept the October 2011 Financials as presented; Mr. Shirk seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

D. September 2012 Vendor Check Register Report: The Vendor Check Register was presented to the Board. The checks for September 2012 totaled \$1,893,043.50. Mr. Marroletti made a motion to accept the check register as presented; Mr. Battavio seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

G. 2013 Preliminary Finance Plan - Revised: The revision of the 2013 Financial Plan was submitted to the Board. The Board requested a further review of the Long Range Plan to be performed and e-mailed back to the Board Members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Prepared by,

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