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**Addison County Solid Waste Management District
Minutes
Board of Supervisors Meeting No. 331
Thursday, February 16, 2023, 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting on Zoom**

1. OPEN MEETING – ROLL CALL – The Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting was called to order by Tim Wickland, Chair at 7:00 PM on February 16, 2023. Present:

Town	Vote	Supervisor/Alternate	Town	Vote	Supervisor/Alternate
<i>Addison</i>	1	Bill Munoff	<i>Orwell</i>	1	
<i>Bridport</i>	1	Ed Payne	<i>Panton</i>	1	Paul Sokal
<i>Bristol</i>	2	Joel Bouvier	<i>Ripton</i>	1	/Steve Zwicky
<i>Cornwall</i>	1	(Vacant)	<i>Salisbury</i>	1	
<i>Ferrisburgh</i>	2	David Olson	<i>Shoreham</i>	1	Randy Orvis
<i>Goshen</i>	1	Annina Seiler	<i>Starksboro</i>	1	Susan Jefferies
<i>Leicester</i>	1		<i>Vergennes</i>	2	Cheryl Brinkman
<i>Lincoln</i>	1	Bill Finger	<i>Waltham</i>	1	
<i>Middlebury</i>	4	Diane Mott	<i>Weybridge</i>	1	Tim Wickland
<i>Monkton</i>	1	Deborah Gaynor	<i>Whiting</i>	1	Eric Zuesse
<i>New Haven</i>	1				
<i>Staff:</i>		Teresa Kuczynski (TK), District Mgr.; Patti Johnson (PJ), Business Mgr.; Emily Johnston (EJ), Public Outreach Coordinator; Don Maglienti (DM), Programs Manager; Gabriella Stevens (GS), AmeriCorps member.	<i>Guests:</i>		

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA –

Motion #1: R.Orvis moved to approve the agenda. S.Jefferies seconded the motion.

VOTE on Motion #1: Yes –14 (Addison, Bridport, Ferrisburgh (2), Goshen, Lincoln, Monkton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No – 0. Abstain – 0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – The Chair opened the public comment period.

4. MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS – N/A.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING NO. 330 –

Motion #2: C.Brinkman moved to approve the minutes of meeting No. 330. R.Orvis seconded the motion.

VOTE on Motion #2: Yes –18 (Addison, Bridport, Ferrisburgh (2), Goshen, Lincoln, Middlebury (4), Monkton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No – 0. Abstain – 0.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS –

a. December 2022 Financial Report – PJ presented the December Financials showing a (\$49,944) net loss in the General Fund (GF). The Dec. MSW/C&D tonnage of 1,855 tons was 38 tons higher than Dec. 2021, and year-end tonnage of 23,706 was 859 tons higher than in 2021. Dec. 2022 transactions were 4,382, and year-end transactions of 59,113 were 3,726 lower than in 2021. As for tires, 60 tons of tires

1 were collected in Dec., and year-end 471 tons were 162 tons higher than in 2021. No Food Waste was
2 hauled in Dec., finishing the year with a total of 53 tons, 27 tons lower than in 2021. The Transfer Station
3 received 355 tons of Single Stream Recyclables in Dec., with 4,294 tons at the year-end, 234 tons less than
4 in 2021. The final year-end, unaudited GF balance was \$281,904, or \$128,865 over the \$153,039 budget.

5 **b. December 2022 Single Stream Recycling Report** – The Transfer Station delivered 348 tons of
6 single-stream recyclables to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Dec., and 4,345 tons in 2022. The
7 Dec. processing fee was steady at \$130/ton. Year-end fuel surcharge fees were \$4,198. Year-end net loss
8 in the Recycling Fund was (\$34,727). C.Brinkman asked that we just report in whole numbers.

9 **c. EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure Grant Update** – With only two months to complete, this was a
10 complicated grant application that could not be submitted by the Feb. 15th. Another round of grant funding will
11 be available in the future.

12 **d. Municipal Diversion Grant Applications** – N/A

13 **e. School Diversion Grant Applications** – N/A

14 15 7. New Business:

16 **a. Tech Group, Inc. Introduction to Cloud Conversion** – PJ told the BOS that the District is currently
17 exploring the option of moving all District computer files to the Cloud. Currently, the District's files and
18 software are kept on an aging PC, which will need to be replaced in the near future. The E.Bd, staff and the
19 District's third-party IT support and security partner, Tech Group, had discussed two options: (1) replacing
20 the old PC with an actual server; or (2) switching over to the cloud, whereby all files will be stored offsite. At
21 the request of the E.Bd, PJ will do more research on the cloud and check out alternative options to find the best
22 fit for the District.

23 **b. Update on Purchase & Sale Agreement, Design & Permitting – New Haven** - TK reported that
24 the District has met its Buyer obligations prior to closing. We are waiting for a few items from Sellers, and
25 pending receipt of those, we plan to close on Thursday, February 23. E.Payne asked how long the process has
26 taken, and TK responded that the District has been working on this project for two years.

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28 **8. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT** – TK gave the following report: **Town Meeting Day:** TK will
29 prepare a fact sheet prior to Town Meeting Day. The BOS attendance sheets for CY2022 will go out to the
30 Town Clerks along with the appointment forms for the next BOS supervisors/alternates after Town Meeting
31 Day. **MMI Grant:** The closed-top Titan Recycling Trailer is on schedule to be delivered and invoiced by the
32 March 11th deadline for completion of equipment purchased with the VT Materials Management
33 Implementation (MMI) Grant and reimbursement of the \$80,000 from ANR. Of that total, \$40,000 is grant
34 funding for the Recycling Trailer. A final grant report will then be submitted to ANR to close out the grant by
35 May. **Legislature - H.67, EPR for HHW:** The VSWDMA Position Paper on extended producer responsibility
36 (EPR) for HHW has just been completed, with drafting by DM and Jen Holliday (CSWD). H.67 was to be
37 voted out of the House Committee on Energy & Environment (HE&E Comm.), chaired by Rep. Amy Sheldon,
38 this afternoon. There was much discussion about pesticides and its inclusion in H.67, as AAFM grant funds had
39 run out for most of us. However, AAFM seems to be reviewing pesticide grant funding again, and asked that we
40 take it out of the bill, which the HE&E Comm. has done in the latest draft. (TK just received an email that H.67
41 was unanimously passed in the HE&E Comm.) Now H.67 heads to the Ways & Means Committee for review.
42 We will send a copy of the position paper to our legislators, and to the BOS. **VT DEC Solid Waste Report to**
43 **the Legislature:** Legs. found it disappointing that Vermont has not yet reached the statewide 50% diversion
44 rate. The report also mentions that the Coventry Landfill, the only landfill in Vermont, is expected to run out of
45 capacity in 20 years. **Expansion of the Bottle Bill:** This topic is still up for consideration. Wine bottles have
46 been added back in. How the redemption centers are going to handle the expanded list of products remains to be
47 a challenge, in addition to their requested increase in the funding they receive for their efforts. **An EPR for**
48 **Packaging bill** is taking a back seat to H.67 right now. **PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals)** are a
49 major concern not only in Vermont but across the world. The EU is now contemplating the banning of PFAS in
50 many products that are sold in their member countries. The VT DEC will use an EPA grant to test food waste
51 streams for PFAS and microplastics and will work with food manufacturers to explore packaging alternatives.
52 The State of VT will begin banning PFAS in food packaging and other products starting in July. This is just a
53 start. **H.42:** H.42 was signed by Gov. Scott, approving a 1-yr extension of an exemption for physical meetings

1 by a public body, and allowing virtual-only meetings. The BOS can discuss this option at its annual
2 organizational meeting in April.

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4 **9. PROGRAMS REPORT – DM, Program Manager:** Staff have installed a new 500-gallon oil tank to
5 supplement our existing storage capacity by assisting us with storage issues encountered while awaiting service
6 from our vendor. We also recently received a new order of home compost bins for selling to our residents. Due
7 to a change in the type offered under the VT State purchasing contract, the new bins are a different model from
8 what we have been selling for many years. The bins seem to be well made and the purchase price was close to
9 our budgeted amount. DM and PJ applied for and received grant funding from VLCT PACIF for a heated
10 eyewash station to be installed in the Drop Zone building as a safety precaution to mitigate the hazards of
11 managing wet-cell lead acid batteries. **GS, AmeriCorps member:** A new Repair Fair & Swap Shop for textiles
12 will be held on February 25, 11 AM – 2 PM at the Bixby Memorial Free Library in Vergennes. Currently, 17
13 fixers, 11 event volunteers, and 17 pre-registered participants are expected on that day. Groups that have been
14 involved or are sharing support for the event include Bixby Library, Platt Memorial Library, Orwell Free
15 Library, Middlebury College, Hermit Thrush Fiber Company, and a Walden High School teacher. **EJ, Public
16 Outreach Coordinator:** EJ recently visited a local farm and a Girl Scout Troop. She organized spring
17 workshops at libraries, with one already settled in Orwell. EJ has been working with a local Anti-Plastic group
18 to help advise on compostable plastics and what is recyclable in Addison County. EJ and DM also advised the
19 Co-Op on guidelines for compostable plastic. EJ and GS are working on the Diversion Rate calculation, and in
20 that process, have reached 35 full business check-ins. EJ discussed the marketing plan for the Repair Fair and
21 the ad schedule, with the ads running on FPF and the upcoming radio ad EJ and GS recorded.

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23 **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – N/A**

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25 **11. OTHER BUSINESS – None.**

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27 **12. ADJOURN –**

28 **Motion #3: B.Finger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. B.Munoff seconded the motion.**

29 **VOTE on Motion #3: Yes –21 (Addison, Bridport, Bristol (2), Ferrisburgh (2), Goshen,
30 Lincoln, Middlebury (4), Monkton, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes
31 (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No – 0. Abstain – 0.**

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34 *I agree that this is an original of the February 16, 2023, minutes that were considered and approved by the
35 BOS at its meeting of _____.*

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38 *Teresa A. Kuczynski, District Clerk*
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