

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 3, 2004 at Mount Desert Town Offices

PRESENT: Ellen Brawley (clerk), Lyle Dever (SWH), Bob Kates(Trenton), Elliott Spiker (Tremont), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Leon Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management), Sherry Churchill (HCPC)

VISITORS: Roger Woodbury (Acadia Recycles), Lee Worcester and Damaris Smith (EMR)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:30

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of May 20 was tabled for lack of a quorum of members who attended that meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Southwest Harbor: All the documentation has been received, including a copy of the minutes of the town meeting where membership in ADD was approved and the agreement signed by the selectmen.

Roger Woodbury: Roger is opening an automated redemption facility in Hancock Village, called *Acadia Recycles*. He's using the latest Norwegian reverse vending machines. Starting in July, he will be mounting some equipment on a truck to allow a mobile redemption center, which he will call *Acadia Recycles – the Truck*. He hopes to work with local merchants to schedule regular pickups in towns with no redemption facilities. His equipment processes and compacts the cans and bottles, thus eliminating the bags and bags of returned cans and bottles waiting for pickup at most redemption centers.

Tony asked if he'd consider running a general recycling trailer, compartmentalized for tin cans, office paper etc. Roger replied that general recycling requires a far bigger vehicle. Perhaps much later he might consider it if the redemption truck is successful.

Sherry asked how many employees Acadia Recycles will have. Roger responded that the margins in the redemption business are very low. He will start with one half-time employee. He'll be running the truck himself. The machines will handle all the bookkeeping required by distributors, and the materials will go directly to Maine Recycling in Lisbon Falls.

MOTION: To accept Southwest Harbor as a member of the ADD, with gratitude and eagerness. (Kates, Spiker) Carried 3-0.

Insurance Quotes: We have received quotes from Maine Municipal Association and from J T Robinson. The MMA quote is for \$3185 per year plus a \$500 membership fee for a total of \$3685. The Robinson quote is for \$4680. The MMA quote will be prorated to \$2010.50 if it is effective 6/17.

MOTION: To accept the MMA Insurance quote for a total of \$2010.50, to be effective 6/17/2004. (Spiker, Kates) Carried 4-0.

Confidentiality Agreement with EMR: Additional information from our attorney indicates that freedom of access laws would override any confidentiality agreement. Lee Worcester said that we can sort out the information which is confidential from that which is not. Elliott said that he feels strongly we should not sign such an agreement. Lee Worcester said that some negotiating information does not have to be made public by the Freedom of Information act – union negotiations, for example. He also stressed that he's not selling the facility alone, he's also selling what it generates. Tony said that we only want the assets, not the business. Lee Yeaton said that we should figure out how much we could afford to spend to purchase and

operate such a facility, we shouldn't need EMR's P&L statements or balance sheets. Tony agreed that he, Elliott and Lee Yeaton should make a concerted effort to find what we can afford by the end of June.

MOTION: To table the confidentiality agreement to a latter date, and to instruct the chairman to send a letter to EMR informing them of this decision. (Dever, Spiker) Carried 4-0.

Ellsworth: The new city manager has just started. Sherry has talked with him. She will meet with him in August, and walk through the issues involved with the transfer station and the ADD.

Lee Yeaton - Door to Door Pickup Info: We still need information for getting a rough estimate on a door-to-door solution. Bob has asked the selectmen if they want to cover some of the private roads in Trenton. Lyle was concerned that we must have a solution for all the MSW waste before a door-to-door-direct to PERC solution makes any sense. Lee Worcester said that EMR has never claimed to be "all or nothing", but that processing every kind of waste allows more competitive pricing. He also suggested that we should talk to the local haulers about door-to-door service. Some businesses (such as crab processors) need daily pickups. Bob wanted to know what options we have for non-MSW stuff. He reminded us that Trenton's only got a two year time frame. Options would appear to be: Ellsworth, Coastal, EMR or other. Elliott and Tony will put together assignments for the next meeting.

Legal Status: Tony will send all our legal correspondence to MMA, as legal services are part of our membership. What is the status of the various selectmen granting authority to ADD to negotiate GATT and to deal with the cardboard problem? Lyle says Southwest might have it on the agenda for 6/23. Lee has written a letter which should be helpful to the towns.

Billings: Elliott is now up on Quick Books and will send the invoices out on 6/4/04.

Roberts Rules of Order: The chairman will be conducting the meeting according to Roberts Rules of Order.

State Planning Office Figures: Lee Yeaton said that the figures sent out by the state planning office are only as good as what the towns send in. Lee Worcester says he fills out the reports for all the towns for which he provides recycling. He includes such items as seafood waste, and the ground wood used for generating electricity. He sends the same information to Mount Desert and Bar Harbor.

Assignments Per Director: Elliott and Tony will look at the bid packages from last time around, and will try to cost out the EMR facility.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for 1:30 pm on June 17th, 2004 at the Fire Station in Somesville. Greg Louder, CEO of MRC, will be our guest.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk.