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MEETING MINUTES

RI RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION

Friday, October 16, 2026
34 Shun Pike
Johnston, Rhode Island 02919

Commissioners Present

Meredith Brady, Department of Administration, Director's Designee and Finance Committee Member
Reza Breakstone
Taylor Russo, Environmental/Recycling and Finance Committee Member
Michael Sabitoni, Chair and Ad-Hoc member of all Committees

Commissioners Absent

Charles Lombardi, Governance Committee Member
Arnold Vecchione, Environmental/Recycling and Governance Committees Member

Staff Present

David Bordieri – Special Waste Coordinator
Jason Carey – Director of Operations
Peter Connell – Senior Project and Infrastructure Systems Manager
Jennifer Delgado – Municipal Coordinator
Stephen Ferrara – Interdepartmental Business Manager
Amy Gregorek – Education and Outreach Administrator
Holly Harnois – Senior Purchasing Agent
Raymond M. Ivers –Chief Financial Officer
Sandra Kemp – Contract Accountant
Joel Kiers – Maintenance Manager
Kevin Lavallee – General Manager
Mike McGonagle – Director of Information Systems and Business Analysis
Jean McKearney – Accounts Receivable Specialist
Billy Parsons – Grounds Lead
Elisha Perito – Payroll Administrator
Jason Pizzi – Operations Manager
Nicole Potter – Operations Administrative Assistant
Jared Rhodes – Director of Policy and Programs
Bianca Savickas – Human Resources Manager
Paul Shamoian – Director of Engineering
Lou Vergato – Executive Director

Others Present

Courtney Cabral – CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
Dave Hansen - CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
Mike Hogan – House Policy Office
Joe Rodio - Rodio and Ursillo
David Ursillo – Rodio and Ursillo

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Sabitoni called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment – There was none.

3. Committee Report – Attorney Rodio advised the Board that the Finance Committee met earlier in the day and voted to recommend that the Board approve the FY 26 Year End Audited Financial Statements docketed under item 5. a.

4. Consent Agenda – Commissioner Brady motioned to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Russo. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved (4-0).

5. Other Business

   a. *FY 26 Year End Audited Financial Statements* – Dave Hansen of CLA presented the attached slide deck summarizing the FY 26 Year End Audited Financial Statements which had been distributed to the Board with the meeting materials. With the presentation concluded, attorney Rodio offered the following resolution for the Board's consideration:

      "Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Year End Audited Financial Statements".

      There being no further discussion, Commissioner Breakstone motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Russo and unanimously approved (4-0).

   b. *Cross FY 27/28 Insurance Funding (RFP 340)* – Director Savickas presented this item as detailed in the associated staff memo. Discussion having concluded she presented the following resolution for the Board's Consideration:

      "Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to renew the property and casualty coverages through Cross Insurance, Inc., pursuant to RFP 340, and to use any remaining authorized balance for insurance premiums on equipment purchased under the Corporation's approved capital plan. Total authorization shall not exceed $2,291,924.94, inclusive of applicable premiums and fees."

      Commissioner Breakstone motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brady. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved (4-0).

c. *Employee Benefits, Lincoln financial (RFP 340-FY26/27-C)* – Director Savickas presented this item as detailed in the associated staff memo. Discussion having concluded she presented the following resolution for the Board's Consideration:

> *"Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to increase the authorized amount of the RFP 340 – Employee Benefits contract with Lincoln Financial by $50,000.00, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to $195,000.00."*

Commissioner Russo motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brady. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved (4-0).

d. *MRF Conveyor Rebuild (SOL 735)* – Director Carey presented this item as detailed in the associated staff memo. Discussion having concluded he presented the following resolution for the Board's Consideration:

> *"Be it resolved the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to enter SOL 735 – MRF Conveyor Rebuild with Van Dyk Baler Corporation for an amount not to exceed $295,089.66. These funds will be disbursed from the FY'27 MRF Operations budget. The contract will commence upon execution and continue until June 30, 2027."*

Commissioner Brady motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Breakstone. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved (4-0).

e. *Cat 740 Water Truck (MPA 484)* – Director Carey presented this item as detailed in the associated staff memo. Discussion having concluded he presented the following resolution for the Board's Consideration:

> *"Be it resolved the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter MPA 484 – Caterpillar 740 Water Truck with Southworth Milton CAT, for an amount not to exceed $911,501.03. These funds will be disbursed from the FY'27 Operations budget. The contract will commence upon signature and continue until June 30, 2027.*

Commissioner Breakstone motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Russo. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved (4-0).

f. *Diesel (MPA 364)* – Director Carey presented this item as detailed in the associated staff memo. Discussion having concluded he presented the following resolution for the Board's Consideration:

> *"Be it resolved the Board of Commissioners approves the Director to increase MPA-364 by $800,000.00 with Dennis K. Burke. All other terms and conditions of this procurement will remain the same."*

Commissioner Russo motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brady. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved (4-0).

g. *Fuel Surcharge* – Director Carey presented this item as detailed in the associated staff memo. Discussion having concluded he presented the following resolution for the Board's Consideration:

> *"Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners approves the amendment to the Corporation's fee Sched le to reinstitute a fuel surcharge of $3.00 per ton, effective November 01, 2026, on the commercial inbound materials identified in the attached fee schedule. Municipal accounts shall not be subject to the surcharge.*
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> *Be it further resolved that the Executive Director is authorized only to temporarily suspend the fuel surcharge, based upon documented fuel-market conditions, the Corporation's actual or projected fuel-related expenses, and the Corporation's financial interests. The Executive Director shall notify the Board of Commissioners of any suspension at its next regularly scheduled meeting. All other proposed changes to the fuel surcharge or the related fee schedule, including any increase or decrease in the amount, permanent discontinuation, reinstatement following a suspension, or change in applicability or exemptions, shall be presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval before implementation."*

Commissioner Brady motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Russo. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved (4-0).

6. Upcoming Meetings – Chairman Sabitoni advised the Board of the upcoming meeting schedule as listed on the meeting agenda.

7. Adjourn – There being no further business Commissioner Brady motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Breakstone. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved (4-0).

Attachment A – Audit Presentation