

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 18, 2023
Minutes Approved, June 12, 2023

Attendance: Directors: Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Carey Donovan (Tremont), Jim Fortune (Cranberry Isles via Zoom), Martha B. Higgins (Trenton)
Absent: Richard Ladd (Frenchboro)

Public: Priscilla Ksionzyk, Ellen Pope, Sean Sullivan – via Zoom

1. Call to order 9:30 a.m. by Smith.
2. Consider acceptance of draft regular meeting minutes of February 16, 2023.
 - A. **Motion to approve Draft Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2023, with one correction.**
Motion: Fortune; Second, Smith. 3-0. (Higgins had not yet joined the meeting.)
3. Financial Report.
 - A. **Motion to approve Financial Report.**
Motion: Smith; Second, Donovan, 4-0.
5. Regular Business.
 - A. Congressionally Directed Spending funding application update. Acadia Disposal District has been awarded \$350,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending towards creating a facility that would receive Household Hazardous Waste on MDI. The goal would be for Environmental Projects, Inc. (EPI) to collect the waste and deliver it to appropriate facilities. This project is still in its infancy. We would need permission from EMR (transfer station) to locate a facility on its property, and it would require DEP permits, and a business arrangement with EPI. We have yet to determine plans for construction, and for staffing, and would likely require additional funding. There is much left to be determined.
 - B. MRC and Hampden solid waste management facility update. Innovative Resources is interested in owning and operating the Hampden facility and has sufficient financial resources to purchase the plant. They have until June 2 to assess the operations of the plant and determine whether they want proceed with this this project. If they purchase the plant, MRC will retain 10% ownership and a seat at the table. The MRC is hopeful that Innovative Resources will be the future owner, but in the meantime they are exploring other financing opportunities in the event that the MRC becomes the owner and operator of the plant.
 - C. HHW and UW event location and scheduling for 2023.
The 2023 HHW/UW event is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 23, at MDI High School in the back parking lot. Each ADD town needs to provide at least one volunteer for the day.

HHW and UW will be collected from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

D. ADD Website Update.

Donovan reports that there have been problems with updating the website. Numerous spam emails find their way to the site, and are forwarded to Donovan from Barn Dog Creative, the website developer. When Donovan reports these as spam, it registers Barn Dog Creative as spam and that interferes with our ability to communicate with Leslie Fournier, the owner of Barn Dog Creative. Donovan will work on sorting this out with Barn Dog Creative so that we can maintain effective communication.

E. Director Comments. Martha Higgins let the ADD know that Trenton is not currently recycling its materials. The town had set an amount of money for recycling, and that spending level has been met. A recycling budget for the year beginning July 1 will be on the warrant for Town Meeting, and a higher amount will be recommended. Higgins would like to know to what extent the materials they have sent to Casella are actually being recycled. Smith advised her to call Casella and talk with Shelby Wright. Phone number is 207-592-6432.

6. Assignments per Director.

- Smith will send out a draft budget with assessment per town, after the results of the Southwest Harbor Town Meeting. Southwest Harbor will be voting on whether to re-join the Acadia Disposal District.
- Smith will follow-up with Acadia National Park re: next steps for the proposed HHW/UW facility.
- Higgins will talk with Shelby Wright re: Casella's recycling operation.
- Donovan will work with Barn Dog Creative on updating the ADD website.

7. Input from attending public. Members of the public had concerns and questions about the pending HHW/UW facility. We let them know that it was in its very beginning stages and that more info would be available as we proceed further with this project.

8. Any other business as may be legally conducted. None.

9. Next regularly scheduled meeting. TBD.

10. Executive session: None scheduled.

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion, Smith; Second, Higgins, 4-0.