

# SOCRRA

Regular Meeting – December 9, 2009

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 – Hazel Park Memorial Library

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mrs. S. W. Ball, Chair.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Municipality</u>
B. Jerome (Alternate)	3	Berkley
C. Wilson	3	Beverly Hills
T. M. Markus	6	Birmingham
*M. Pollock	4	Clawson
B. A. Photiades	5	Ferndale
A. LeCureaux	4	Hazel Park
C. Galed (Alternate)	2	Huntington Woods
J. Mueller	1	Lathrup Village
K. Yee	5	Oak Park
S. W. Ball	1	Pleasant Ridge
G. Rassel	15	Royal Oak
T. L. Richnak	<u>15</u>	Troy
TOTAL:	64	

Absent

None

\*Mr. M. Pollock, representative from the City of Clawson (4 votes), arrived at 9:37 a.m.

*Notice was received from the City of Clawson that Mr. Mark Pollock was appointed Representative on the SOCRRA Board, effective at today's meeting.*

Also Present

J. A. McKeen, General Manager  
M. A. Czuprenski, Operations Director  
J. Schandavel, Authority Engineer  
K. Hyde, Executive Assistant  
R. Davis, General Counsel

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The Chair recognized visitors and called for public comment. There being no persons present who wished to be heard, the Chair closed the public comment segment.

- 11733 -

Motion by Mr. T. M. Markus, supported by Mr. C. Wilson:

That the agenda be approved as revised to include a Legal Opinion on a Contractor Issue.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Markus, Photiades, LeCureaux, Galed, Mueller, Yee, Ball, Rassel, Richnak  
(60 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Pollock (4 votes)

**Motion carried.**

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#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. T. M. Markus, supported by Mr. B. Jerome:

That the Consent Agenda be approved as submitted.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

That the November 9, 2009 Board Meeting minutes be approved as typed and circulated.

#### **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS – NO. RA-684**

That Warrant No. RA-684 in the amount of \$1,204,814.04 be approved and payments authorized.

#### **MRF BUDGET ANALYSIS – OCTOBER 2009**

That the Board receive and file the MRF Budget Analysis-October 2009 report.

#### **NOVEMBER RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING**

That the report on the November 18 Recycling Committee meeting be received and filed.

#### **RECYCLING EDUCATION**

That the report on Recycling Education be received and filed.

### **WINTER YARD WASTE DROP-OFF FOR RESIDENTS**

That the report on the Winter Yard Waste Drop-off for Residents be received and filed.

### **PURCHASE OF BALER WIRE**

That, in accordance with the Authority's Purchasing Policy and bids received on November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Board authorize purchase of a half load of baling wire (approximately 20,000 pounds) to Cavert Wire Company, at a cost of \$0.4650 per pound.

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

That the monthly information reports be received and filed.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Markus, Photiades, LeCureaux, Galed, Mueller, Yee, Ball, Rassel, Richnak  
(60 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: Pollock (4 votes)

**Motion carried.**

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Motion by Mr. J. Mueller, supported by Mr. A. LeCureaux:

That the report on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) be received and filed.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Markus, Photiades, LeCureaux, Galed, Mueller, Yee, Ball, Rassel, Richnak  
(60 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: Pollock (4 votes)

**Motion carried.**

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Motion by Mr. J. Mueller, supported by Mr. A. LeCureaux:

That the report on the Recycling Bin Blitz III – November 2009 be received and filed.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Markus, Photiades, LeCureaux, Galed, Mueller, Yee, Ball, Rassel, Richnak  
(60 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: Pollock (4 votes)

**Motion carried.**

Mr. M. Pollock, representative from the City of Clawson (4 votes), arrived at 9:37 a.m.

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Motion by Mr. T. M. Markus, supported by Mr. A. LeCureaux:

That the SOCRRA Board opposes House Bill 5558, House Bill 5559 and House Joint Resolution MM as being bad public policy.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Markus, Photiades, LeCureaux, Galed, Mueller, Yee, Ball, Rassel, Richnak, Pollock (64 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

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Motion by Mr. T. M. Markus, supported by Mrs. C. Galed:

SOCRRA RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
SENATE BILL 725  
AND  
HOUSE BILL 5334

**Whereas**, the County of Oakland enacted and the State of Michigan approved the Oakland County Solid Waste Plan, which identifies composting of yard waste to be the most effective management approach for these biodegradable materials, and

**Whereas**, SOCRRA and the 12 SOCRRA communities of Berkley, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak and Troy, have demonstrated leadership in best practices in solid waste management, recycling and composting and has instituted many programs which reduce waste and increase recycling and composting, and

**Whereas**, at considerable expense since 1992, SOCRRA has constructed and operated a composting facility to ensure that yard waste from the SOCRRA member communities would be properly composted and returned to use as a soil amendment that protects plants, minimizes erosion, and improves soil composition and nutritive value that is highly valued by the residents of the SOCRRA communities. SOCRRA's composting operation is consistent with the requirements of the Oakland County Solid Waste Plan, and

**Whereas**, landfills are not designed to effectively handle biodegradable material. Disposing of yard waste in landfills, even landfills with methane capture systems, allows significant amounts of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, to escape into the atmosphere, resulting in adverse impacts on the environment, and

**Whereas**, introducing yard waste into Michigan's landfills will not have an appreciable impact on energy production and will accelerate the depletion of existing landfill space, eventually causing an increase in disposal costs for Michigan's residents and businesses, and

**Whereas**, composting operations employ 4 people for every 10,000 tons composted and disposing of yard waste in landfills only employs 1 person for every 10,000 tons, resulting in a net loss of 3 jobs for every 10,000 tons diverted from compost facilities to landfills,

**It is hereby resolved that**, SOCRRA opposes Senate Bill 735 and House Bill 5334 which would lift the ban on yard waste from certain landfills, because of their detrimental effect on SOCRRA, the 12 SOCRRA communities, the local and state economies and the environment.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Markus, Photiades, LeCureaux, Galed, Mueller, Yee, Ball, Rassel, Richnak, Pollock (64 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

- 11739 -

Motion by Mr. T. M. Markus, supported by Mr. A. LeCureaux:

That the Board convene in closed session to discuss the legal opinion from General Counsel on a contractor issue pursuant to MCL 15.268(h).

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Markus, Photiades, LeCureaux, Galed, Mueller, Yee, Ball, Rassel, Richnak, Pollock (64 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

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The meeting was adjourned into closed session at 9:43 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 10:08 a.m.

- 11741 -

Motion by Mr. T. M. Markus, supported by Mr. A. LeCureaux:

That, in regard to the contractor issue, the Board follow the legal strategy discussed in closed session.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Markus, Photiades, LeCureaux, Galed, Mueller, Yee, Ball, Rassel, Richnak, Pollock (64 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

- 11742 -

Motion by Mr. A. LeCureaux, supported by Mr. K. Yee:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Markus, Photiades, LeCureaux, Galed, Mueller, Yee, Ball, Rassel, Richnak,  
Pollock (64 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair

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Secretary