

Preserving the environment through integrated recovery and disposal.

Introductory No. 4

Resolution No. 4

Introduced by: Mr. Williams

Seconded by: Mr. Roberts

RE: APPROVAL OF ONEIDA-HERKIMER SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MISSION STATEMENT AND PERFORMANCE MEASURE REPORT FOR 2015

WHEREAS, Section 2824-a of the New York State Public Authorities Law requires that the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority (the “Authority”) develop and adopt a Mission Statement and Performance Measures to assist the Authority in evaluating accomplishments of the mission and goals of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority was required to file a Mission Statement and Performance Measures with the Authorities Budget Office (ABO) on or before March 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Authority adopted its Mission Statement and Performance Measures with adoption of Resolution No. 36 of 2010 and filed as required; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is also required to annually review its Mission Statement and Performance Measures and publish a Measurement Report; and

WHEREAS, the Governance Committee of the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority has developed the attached Performance Measure Report for 2015 and recommends adoption by the full Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority Board of Directors has reviewed and hereby approves the Authority’s current Mission Statement without modifications at this time; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority Board of Directors hereby approves the attached Performance Measure Report for 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Authority Board of Directors further directs the Secretary of the Board to file and post the Performance Measure Report for 2015 in accordance with the New York State Public Authorities Law.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Dated: March 28, 2016

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AUTHORITY MISSION STATEMENT AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority is a New York public benefit corporation which was created by the State Legislature at the request of Oneida and Herkimer Counties by passage of Article 8, Title 13-FF of the New York Public Authority Law on September 1, 1988. The Authority was created to address environmental problems associated with improper solid waste disposal, to develop new facilities and programs for waste reduction and recycling, and to address the lack of long-term disposal capacity for non-recyclable waste. With this charge and mandatory recycling laws enacted by both Counties, the Authority has developed a regional, comprehensive, integrated system of facilities to serve all the residents, businesses, industries and institutions of the two Counties. This integrated system promotes reduction, maximizes recycling, and provides safe, economical disposal for non-recyclable waste. The Authority owns and operates a Recycling Center, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, Green Waste Composting Facility, Regional Landfill, and three transfer stations. Services include recycling, backyard composting, providing public education, promoting waste reduction and reuse of materials, and school “Go Green” initiatives, full-scale electronics collection and sludge management. The Authority developed the region’s first local solid waste management plan in 1991. The plan included development of the comprehensive integrated solid waste management system. The original plan has been fully implemented. The Authority has developed a new 10-year plan to guide the region’s solid waste management through 2020.

The Authority is governed by a 10-member Board of Directors, employs 80 people and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$25 million.

In 2007 the Authority won a landmark case in the United States Supreme Court (United Haulers v. Oneida-Herkimer) establishing a national precedent for local public solid waste systems.

The Authority revenue structure is primarily a fee for service system. A system tip fee is charged for all non-recyclable waste delivered to the Authority. These fees cover the majority of expenses in the Authority budget. The Authority receives additional revenue from other sources such as investments, sale of landfill gas, sale of carbon credits, sale of recyclables, and grants. The Authority receives no funding from the Counties.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Implementation of local solid waste management plan including continuous review and application of new technologies.

- ✓ Compliance with all federal and state regulatory requirements.
- ✓ Maintenance of long-term stable rates and prudent fiscal management.
- ✓ 100% compliance with all ABO reporting requirements.
- ✓ Operating with full transparency and good governance.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Authority’s mission is the management of the region’s solid waste and recyclable material in an environmentally sound, cost-effective, efficient and safe manner. The Authority remains committed to maintaining and enhancing the region’s self-reliant integrated solid waste management system while protecting the health, safety and welfare of the region.

2015 PERFORMANCE MEASURE REPORT

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Implementation of Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) including continuous review and application of new technologies for all systems, facilities and processes:

- Supported waste reduction through NYS Product Stewardship Council.
- Completed fourth operational year of single stream Recycling Center in Utica.
- Continued to process over 36,800 tons of recyclables at Recycling Center.
- Built an addition to the single stream Recycling Center to facilitate larger tipping floor and provide opportunity to process additional recyclables.
- Continued operation of the Landfill Gas (LFG) to Electricity Facility, which utilizes two generators to convert LFG (methane) to electricity. The facility represents a joint venture by the Authority and WMRE (Waste Management Renewable Energy) to provide green energy made from landfill gas to the market.
- Installed 14 new gas collection wells at the Regional Landfill (RLF) continuing to advance the active landfill gas collection system which bring the total number of wells to 73.
- Conducted pharmaceutical collection day for residents at Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility.
- Held semi-annual home composter and rain barrel sale, as well as educational seminars.
- Continued to safely and economically dispose of over 277,000 tons of waste at RLF.
- Continued to process over 8,700 tons of green waste, and converted it into marketable compost at Utica Compost Facility.
- Continued to safely dispose of over 53,199 gallons of household hazardous waste from over 10,593 area households at the HHW Facility.
- Recycled approximately 600 tons of electronics and computers.
- Continued implementation of a “Go Green” School Recycling Program that assists teachers, students and staff on the value of recycling, conservation and environmental stewardship.
- Continued to achieve higher than projected waste densities at Regional Landfill through use of GPS technology and compaction equipment, extending the projected life of the Regional Landfill.
- Continued organics (food waste) recovery programs in schools and colleges and continued to accept spent hops from FX Matt Brewery for composting.
- Initiated preliminary evaluation of the ability to divert source separated food waste to the Oneida County Waste Water Treatment Plant’s planned anaerobic digester.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Compliance with all Federal and State regulatory requirements.

- Maintained compliance with all Facility Permits and Regulations.
- Renewed Western Transfer Station Operating Permit.
- Developed and submitted the following Annual Reports: Eastern Transfer Station, Western Transfer Station, Green Waste Compost Facility, Source Separated Organic Waste Facility, Waste Transporter, Recycling Center, Planning Unit Recycling Report, Regional Landfill, Webb Transfer Station, Land Clearing Debris Facility, Brush Processing Facility, Pallet Processing Facility, Waste Oil

and Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Electronic Waste Collection Site per 6NYCRR Part 360 Permits/ Registrations.

- Developed and submitted Title V Air Regulations Compliance Certifications & Emission Statements for RLF.
- Developed and submitted SPDES (stormwater management) Annual Certifications and DMRs for RLF, Utica Complex, and Western Transfer Station in Rome.
- Developed and submitted NYSDEC required Closure Post-Closure Report for Ash Landfill, Rome, NY.
- Developed and submitted NYSDEC required quarterly Operational Water Quality Reports for Regional Landfill - Ava, NY.
- Developed and submitted NYSDEC required State Agency Environmental Audit.
- Conducted NYSDEC required weekly inspections related to RLF SPDES permits.
- Continued employee training in Spill Prevention, Safety, Fire Prevention, Bloodborne Pathogens, etc.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Maintenance of long-term stable rates and prudent fiscal management.

- Tipping fees for municipal solid waste and sludge were reduced in 2015 for the third consecutive year. Tipping fees remain lower than tipping fees in 1992.
- Finance Committee charged Senior Management to prepare an extensive long-term financial plan that projects revenues, expenses, capital purchases and future tipping fees for the next five years.
- Authority participated in a refinancing of the 2006 EFC Bonds which will reduce debt service by approximately \$1,200,000 over the next 11 years.
- Authority finished 2015 with an operating surplus in excess of \$4,485,000.
- Authority continued to make yearly deposits to a Landfill Equipment Replacement Fund.
- Authority continued to fund future landfill cell expansions with current tipping fees.
- Authority made all necessary deposits to Landfill Closure Funds as required.
- Completed second year of Intergovernmental Agreement with Oswego County for Processing and Marketing of Recyclables. This Agreement generated revenue of \$460,426 in 2015.
- Approved new five-year contract with Lewis County for Processing and Marketing of Recyclables, which will generate additional revenue.
- Continued to market carbon credits generated through destruction of methane at Regional Landfill.
- Authority filed all paperwork required for a \$259,000 NYS Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling program grant.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

100% compliance with all ABO reporting requirements.

- Authority filed all necessary reports with ABO on time.
- Authority updated its website to reflect all ABO requirements.
- Authority Board of Directors authorized and approved filing of all reports with ABO office.
- All Authority Board Members and Authority Senior management have attended mandatory ABO training.

- Authority staff reviewed all ABO Policy Guidances issued during the year.
- Operating with full transparency and good governance.
- Board of Directors and Governance Committee reviewed and approved policies including procurement policy, disposition of property, ethics and whistle blower policy.
- Board of Directors and Governance Committee adopted Mission Statement and performance measures.
- All agendas and minutes of committee meetings were posted on the Authority's website.
- Submitted 2015 draft budget to Counties for review and comment.
- Conducted all public hearings required for adoption of budget.
- Submitted adopted budget to County and State-wide officials.
- Finance Committee conducted four meetings during 2015 and reviewed and approved the Authority's Investment Policy.
- Finance & Audit Committees met with independent auditors to review the 2015 audit.