



**Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority **SPECIAL** Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 2013 – 5:30 PM**  
**Stamford Government Center – 10<sup>th</sup> Administration Conference Room**  
**888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT**  
**Full Minutes**  
**(The meeting was not videotaped.)**

Attendees

Ernie Orgera	Chairman, WPCA Board
Michael Handler	WPCA Board Member
Tim Abbazia (absent)	WPCA Board Member
Cristina Andreana	WPCA Board Member
Daniel Capano	WPCA Board Member
Donald Huppert	WPCA Board Member
Mitchell Kaufman (absent)	WPCA Board Member
Dan Schwartz	WPCA Board Member
William Brink	Executive Director, WPCA
Rhudean Bull	Administration Manager, WPCA
Prakash Chakravarti	Supervising Engineer, WPCA
William Degnan	Plant Supervisor, WPCA
Marie Sabo	Laboratory Director, WPCA
Daniel McCabe	WPCA Legal Counsel

Call to Order, Pledge and Roll Call

Chairman, E. Orgera, called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM with Roll Call. As no flag was present in the room, the Pledge of Allegiance was omitted. A quorum was present (6 Board Members). [Note that the meeting location was moved from the Administration Conference Room, due to lack of sufficient seating, to the Operations Conference Room.]

Executive Session: Review & Discuss the Vendor Selection to RFP #616: Operation & Maintenance of Sludge Dryer Facility and Beneficial use of Biosolids

At 5:42 PM, D. Huppert made motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the selection of vendor in response to RFP #616: Operation & Maintenance of Sludge Dryer Facility and Beneficial use of Biosolids; seconded by D. Capano. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

R. Bull informed the Board shortly afterwards that the incorrect agenda had been posted; the session immediately ended. Consequently, at 5:54 PM, C. Andreana made a motion to exit Executive Session; seconded by D. Huppert. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

E. Orgera stated that there was no vote during the brief Executive Session. He went on to state for the record that since Meeting Agenda item #2 did not list "Executive Session", the session ended before any discussions took place.

Discussion & Vote: Selection of Vendor in response to RFP #616: Operation & Maintenance of Sludge Dryer Facility and Beneficial use of Biosolids: The Chairman called for discussion on the posted Meeting Agenda item #2. D. Capano reported that on August 7<sup>th</sup> the Technical Committee/Selection Committee met to review three (3) proposals from Nefco, Synagro, and Veolia. He stated that Veolia was judged to be unresponsive to the RFP

and was eliminated from consideration. During a brief discussion among Board Members as to whether the proposal review scores could be publicly announced, D. Schwartz said that they were already stated at the end of the Technical Committee Meeting and were, therefore, public already. D. Capano announced the scores as follows: Synagro – 560, Nefco – 406.5, and Veolia – 142.5. He stated that Veolia was judged to be unresponsive because they did not address the operation portion of the RFP, only the sludge removal.

D. Capano asked Attorney McCabe what bearing the Synagro bankruptcy issue has on the potential awarding of this contract to them. D. McCabe replied that he and B. Brink had conversations with counsel in Delaware who explained the reason for the bankruptcy to be elimination of some debt. He stated that they do not see any problems with the new parent company and reported that council is convinced that Synagro is now in a better and stronger position moving forward. B. Brink added that Synagro CT LLC still exists after the reorganization. D. Capano then stated that the Technical/Selection Committee recommends to the Board that Synagro be awarded the contract. M. Handler asked who was on the Committee; D. Capano answered: Lee Berta, B. Degnan, B. Brink, D. Schwartz, P. Chakravarti, and himself. C. Andreana asked if odor control was adequately addressed; D. Capano answered yes. C. Andreana also asked if the cost was in-line with our expectations; D. Capano answered yes, that it was very competitive.

D, Capano motioned to award the contract for RFP #616 to Synagro; seconded by D. Schwartz. There was no further discussion. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

#### Discussion & Vote: Amendment to existing Service Contract for Operation and Maintenance of Sludge Drying Facility

B. Brink reported that conversations were held with B. Aveni who spoke to Assistant Corporation Counsel, Burt Rosenberg, regarding an extension of the current Synagro contract for an additional 6 months. B. Rosenberg to review and confirm that extension is permissible under the current ordinance.

A draft amendment was provided to the Board for their review. D. Huppert noted a “typo” on page two (2), item # two (2). C. Andreana requested the addition of language to the effect that both parties agree to work in good faith to successfully negotiate the new contract within the 6 month period and Board Members concurred. C. Andreana motioned to accept the draft amendment extension of the existing Synagro contract with corrections and the addition of wording stating that both parties will agree to work in good faith to negotiate the new contract within the 6 month period; seconded by D. Huppert. There was no further discussion.

**Vote:** 6-0-0.

#### Adjournment

At 6:10 PM, D. Huppert motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by H. Handler. There was no discussion.

**Vote:** 6-0-0.