



**Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority Special Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2013 - 5:00 PM**  
**Stamford Government Center – Board of Finance Room**  
**888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT**  
**Full Meeting Minutes**

Attendees

Ernie Orgera	Chairman, WPCA Board / Director of Operations
Tim Abbazia	WPCA Board Member / Board of Finance
Cristina Andreana	WPCA Board Member
Daniel Capano	WPCA Board Member
Michael Handler	WPCA Board Member / Director of Administration
Donald Huppert	WPCA Board Member
Mitchell Kaufman (absent)	WPCA Board Member / Board of Representatives
Donald Rullman	WPCA Board Member
Dan Schwartz	WPCA Board Member
William Brink	Interim Executive Director, WPCA
Rhudean Bull	Administration Manager, WPCA
Prakash Chakravarti	Supervising Engineer, WPCA
Stephen Pietrzyk	Regulatory Compliance Officer, WPCA
Marie Sabo	Laboratory Director, WPCA
Mark Turndahl	Accountant, WPCA
Daniel McCabe	WPCA Legal Counsel

Call to Order, Pledge and Roll Call

Ernie Orgera, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:08PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. A quorum was present (6 Board Members).

Discussion: USEPA Administrative Order

B. Brink informed the Board of the Administrative Order received from the US EPA last Thursday requiring responses to items related to previous communications on CMOM implementation schedules, as well as Plant exceedances of the last 2 years. He reported that the requested responses must provide in-depth timeframes with completion dates by month end. He stated that he, along with S. Pietrzyk and M. Sabo will be putting together the responses, which is not difficult but, he went on to say that, the repercussions of the commitments will be, as they will involve allotting more resources to the collection system and more aggressive inspections of FPEs in the FOG program. He said he expects it can be accomplished with some organizational changes that will be reflected in the FY 14 operating budget.

M. Handler requested that the responses to NOVs and issues pre-dating the current Board members be provided.

R. Bull stated that 2 years ago the EPA mandated that the WPCA add 2 mechanic positions; the position was just recently posted by HR and the test was being administered that very night. M. Handler stated that the Board should be advised if the City is a hindrance to progress so that they can move things along. R. Bull responded that the WPCA needs help with obtaining several items from the IT Department and B. Brink explained issues with the Toughbooks in more detail. M. Handler indicated that this was the first that he was hearing of IT and

HR issues and asked that a list of the issues be given to him on Thursday, pledging he would have them done by Friday. C. Andreana commented to be sure this gets onto the Action Item list.

Discussion: Sludge Drying and Disposal

B. Brink reported that he had met with Synagro and that they have subsequently sent an updated proposal letter that he has forwarded to the Board. He mentioned that Synagro added some “sweeteners” to their proposal with revised costs and capital improvements.

He also discussed detailed information he assembled in response to T. Abbazia’s request for future projected sludge production. D. Huppert thanked Mr. Brink for his thorough analysis.

Discussion of Strategy for Negotiation of Synagro Contract Renewal

At 5:24PM, D. Capano made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the strategy for negotiation of the Synagro contract renewal, seconded by D. Huppert. Discussion: C. Andreana referenced Section 1-210 B #24 of the FOIA Statute for the record. Vote: 6-0-0; the motion carried.

Note that Board Member D. Rullman arrived to the meeting at 5:27PM during Executive Session.

Note that Board Member T. Abbazia arrived to the meeting at 5:28PM during Executive Session.

At 6:23, D. Huppert made a motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by D. Capano. Discussion: none. Vote: 8-0-0; the motion carried. No action was taken during Executive Session.

T. Abbazia made a motion to authorize B. Brink to negotiate with Synagro a contract extension, seconded by D. Huppert. Discussion: none. Vote: 8-0-0; the motion carried.

T. Abbazia made a motion that the Board enter into an RFP to operate the Dryer Facility, seconded by D. Rullman. Discussion: C. Andreana mentioned that odor is a concern and should be a significant part of the evaluation. D. Capano stated that the Technical Committee can take this up immediately. Vote: 8-0-0; the motion carried.

Adjournment

C. Andreana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM; seconded by M. Handler. Discussion: none. Vote: 8-0-0; the motion carried.