

**RAMSEY/WASHINGTON COUNTY
RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project was held at 9:30 pm February 28, 2013 at the Ramsey County Environmental Health Office, 2785 White Bear Avenue, Maplewood, Minnesota.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt – Ramsey County
Commissioner Autumn Lehrke– Washington County
Commissioner Gary Kriesel – Washington County

ALSO ATTENDING

Mary Elizabeth Berglund, Barry Fick, Zack Hansen, Judy Hunter, George Kuprian, Sue Kuss, Harry McPeak, Katie Shaw, Warren Shuros, Brent Wartner

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Reinhardt called the meeting to order. Commissioner Kriesel moved, seconded by Commissioner Lehrke, to approve the agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: - 3 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2012 MINUTES

Commissioner Lehrke moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel, to approve the minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: - 3 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL ADVISER SERVICES

Zack Hansen said that the Resource Recovery Project issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Financial Advisor to assist with a policy evaluation of the future of waste processing in the Counties, as well as assistance in consideration of potential purchase of a solid waste processing facility. Responses were received from two firms: Public Financial Management, Inc. and Springsted, Inc. A response review team evaluated the responses according to the criteria identified in the RFQ.

While both firms are qualified to do the work, the Springsted response was rated higher in each of the criteria, and also provides the best financial value to the Project. Based on the evaluation, the team recommends that the Project Board contract with Springsted, Inc.

Commissioner Kriesel moved, seconded by Commissioner Lehrke that the Executive Committee for the Project hereby approves an Agreement with Springsted, Incorporated with a term from March 8, 2013 to December 31, 2013 with up to three one-year renewals, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for that term, and authorizes the Chair of the Executive Committee to execute the amendment to the Agreement upon approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Project Updates

Zack Hansen said that the policy work is proceeding. They have to reach a purchase price by the end of the year. If they fail to reach a purchase price, they will have to move into arbitration. Staff will report back to the Committee after they made some progress with RRT.

Legislative Updates

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Commissioner Reinhardt said she has been meeting with Legislatures regarding the Solid Waste Coordinating Board. The meetings have been on the enforcement of MN Statute 473.848 and Product Stewardship. The Environment and Finance Committees are very supportive of this.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that when this enforcement moves forward, should there be informal discussions with staff and Dakota County regarding partnership.

Commissioner Kriesel moved, seconded by Commissioner Lehrke to reach out to Dakota County to have informal discussions.

Roll Call: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Zack Hansen mentioned that Olmsted County Staff have invited the Project Board, if interested, down to tour their facility and to have conversations with Staff and Commissioners regarding their public ownership. Project Staff could arrange to have a couple of key Commissioners meet with them. Commissioner Kriesel said he would be interested.

The next full Project Board is May 23.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reinhardt adjourned the meeting.

Approved: Victoria A. Reinhardt
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, Chair