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Chairman

# **AUTHORITY MEETING**

# Main Atrium

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission 305 Research Drive, Athens GA 30605 August 14, 2024

## **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
- II. Introduction of Visitors
- III. Approval of May 2024 Minutes
- IV. Financial Report
  - a. Account Balances as of August 14, 2024
  - b. Invoices: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Billing Invoice FY2024
- V. Business and General Discussion
  - a. Plan review 01-2024 Preston Inert Waste Landfill
  - b. Updates to RWD grant applications for FY2025 cycle
  - c. Member County News, Events, and Initiatives
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Adjournment



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**E.H. Culpepper Conference Room** Northeast Georgia Regional Commission 305 Research Drive, Athens GA 30605 May 08, 2024

#### **MINUTES (DRAFT)**

- I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
  - a. Chairman Rickard called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.
  - b. Quorum established
- II. Introduction of Visitors and New Members
  - a. Joe Dunlop, Athens-Clarke County Solid Waste Department
  - b. Patsy Avant, Georgia EPD
- III. Review of August 2023, November 2023, and February 2024 Minutes
  - a. August: No Quorum
  - b. November: No Quorum
  - c. February: No Quorum
  - d. McCormack (Morgan County) made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Lapczynski (Madison County). Minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Financial Report
  - a. Account Balances as of January 31, 2024: \$30,666.67
  - b. Invoices: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Billing Invoices FY2024- \$2,846.21
    - i. Daniell (Oconee County) made a motion to approve with a second by Dove (Jackson County). Invoice was approved unanimously.
- V. General Discussion
  - a. Annual update of county disposal tonnages
    - *i.* Beatty (NEGRC) shared a report of CY2023 tonnages generated by each member county with disposal location and percentage of waste allocations.
    - ii. No discussion
  - b. Discussion of RWD grant applications for 2024-2025 cycle
    - i. Types of grant applications were discussed including a market study on gasification, a waste characterization study for Northeast Georgia, a recycled material market analysis, a CIRT recycling app for Northeast Georgia, and for construction of a commercial composting operation for biosolids.



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- *ii.* After a discussion of alternatives, McCormack (Morgan County) made a motion to apply to the RWD grant program for the FY2025 cycle for two topics: one application for the commercial composting facility for biosolids with the potential host site at the Oconee County inert waste landfill on SR-441 <u>and a second application for a regional waste characterization study</u>. The motion was seconded by Brindley (Greene County). The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. Member County News, Events, and Initiatives
  - i. Athens-Clarke: Georgia Composting Council chapter was recently created. ACC recently completed a pilot program for food scrap collection for their composting operation. The pilot was paid for by the RWD grant program through Georgia EPD. Joe Dunlop will share the results of the pilot with members of the Authority.
  - **ii.** Jackson: Keep Jackson County Beautiful Recycling Day was successful, received about 1,500 tons of recyclable material (the most ever received).
  - iii. **Greene**: Inquired about updated PFAS requirements. The new regulations have not been finalized by US EPA.
  - iv. **Morgan:** Tonnages annually seem to have decreased. Could be caused by a reduction in out-of-county usage at local convenience centers.
  - v. **Oglethorpe:** Tire Amnesty went well and received about 1,500 tires. Regarding soil amendment issues, the Rural Georgia Protection Alliance was recognized by the State for their work and attention ton poultry waste being used as a soil amendment across rural counties in the area.
  - vi. Oconee: Recently completed a document shred day. The County Board of Commissioners recognized a local citizen for volunteering to walk local roads and collect litter.
- VI. Public Comment

#### None

- VII. Adjournment
  - a. Dove (Jackson County) made a motion to adjourn with a second by Daniell (Oconee County). All were in favor.
  - b. Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.





INVOICE # 063024-SWA DATE: 06/30/24

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TO: NEGA Solid Waste Authority 305 Research Drive Athens, Ga 30605-2795 Phone: 706-369-5650

Reimbursement Request from NEGRC Administrative Services

Period: April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT CHARGES	YTD TOTAL
Sal	laries	1,650.95	4,723.81
Frir	nge Benefits	466.84	1,454.27
Ind	irect Cost	634.04	1,881.09
Adv	vertising	0.00	0.00
Ме	mbership & Subscriptions	0.00	0.00
Veł	hicle Rental Expenses	0.00	89.35
Tot	al	2,751.83	
SUBTOTAL		8,148.52	
PREVIOUSLY PAID AMOUNT		5,396.69	
TOTAL DUE		2,751.83	

Make all checks payable to Northeast Georgia Regional Commission If you have any questions concerning this invoice, contact Sophia Primer, <u>sprimer@negrc.org</u>

Approval Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU