



Memorandum

DATE: January 30, 2023
TO: Chairman and Members of the Board
FROM: Kevin H. Roche, CEO/General Manager
SUBJECT: Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2023

There was a Full Board of Directors Meeting held at **ecomaine**. The meeting was called to order by Bill Shane, Chairman.

Item #1: Approval of the Minutes

Matthew Sturgis motioned to approve the minutes of November 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Troy Moon. All in favor.

Item # 2: Outreach & Recycling Committee Report – Caleb Hemphill, Chair

Caleb reported out that the committee last met on November 8, 2022, and provided the following highlights:

PR and Education & Outreach through December 2022, staff have reached 32, 422 people.

Staff are preparing an Education Session for Legislators on the morning of February 3. We are hoping for board members to attend to show support. The staff is also working on three legislative initiatives this session. More information will be provided by Kevin Roche (Staff) in his managers' report.

Eco-Excellence nominations are ending soon. The deadline is January 31, please consider a nomination from your community soon. The awards ceremony will be held here at **ecomaine** in the first floor Community Room on March 21, 2023. More information is coming soon.

Staff is working on EPA Recycling Education and Outreach Grant under the Infrastructure Act through the EPA. The grant will focus on increasing recycling at multi-family units in **ecomaine** member communities. The request will be close to \$2 million. This is in addition to the \$4mm grant for the new MRF. We are looking for letters of support sent by staff. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2023.

Staff are working on ecofest 2023, scheduled on Earth Day, April 22, 2023, at the North Yarmouth Community Center.

The next meeting of the Outreach & Recycling Committee is April 13, 2023, all are welcome to attend.

Item # 3: Finance & Audit Committee Report – Anne Bilodeau, Chair

Anne Bilodeau reported that the Committee met prior to the Full Board Meeting today and provided the following recap:

- Anne reviewed a variety of cash disbursements with staff and found no issues with payables.
- The committee received a presentation from HM Payson on our Quarterly Investments.
- Greg L'Heureux provided an overview of the Cash Flow because of the Turbine.

The next meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee will be held on March 23, 2023 at which time the committee will review the Annual Budget. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Item # 4: Presentations – Biosolids Management, Pyrolysis & Food Waste Management

Andrew Bosinger, Vice President Strategic Account & Partnership – Synagro Technologies provided a presentation on the issues of Biosolids and the impacts on Maine communities. He discussed projects related to biosolids that Synagro has completed as well as solutions and proposed partnership on biosolids and organics with ecomaine and the Portland Water District. The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period.

Hans Ouellet, Vice President Waste Processing Technology & Ian Piro, Manager – Business Development Anaergia Anaerobic Digestion & Recovery Solutions, presented on Biosolids problems and solutions and the cost associated with biosolids management. The presenters provided an overview of Anaergia Pyrolysis Technology and its development. In summary they provided insight into possibilities in maximizing the value of waste. The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period.

Item # 5: Manager's Report

Kevin Roche (Staff) reported on several Legislative initiatives that staff are working on with our Representatives.

Greg L'Heureux (Staff) updated the board on the Educational Grant through the EPA.

Adjourn: Matthew Sturgis motioned to adjourn. The motion was second by Jarrod Maxfield. All in favor.

Present:

Dennis Abbott, Anne Bilodeau, Linda Boudreau, Linda Cohen, Terry Deering, Dave Durrell,

Matthew Frank, Jim Gailey, Terry Deering, Caleb Hemphill, Doug Howard, Katie Johnston, Steve Kelley, Jarrod Maxfield, Troy Moon, Robert Peabody, Rod Regier, Tim Reiniger, Heidi Richards, Bill Shane, Erik Street, Matthew Sturgis, Amber Swett, Tony Ward & Rob Wood

Guest:

Andrew Bosinger, Vice President Strategic Account & Partnership – Synagro Technologies

Hans Ouellet, Vice President Waste Processing Technology – Anergia Technology

Ian Piro, Manager – Business Development Anergia Anaerobic Digestion & Recovery Solution – Anergia Technology

Scott Firmin – Wastewater Plant & Systems Operations – Portland Water District

Staff:

Matthew Baum, Matt Grondin, Greg L'Heureux, Wei Huang, Denise Mungen, Kevin Roche & Kevin Trytek