



Memorandum

DATE: February 24, 2023

TO: Chairman and Members of the Board

FROM: Kevin H. Roche, CEO/General Manager

SUBJECT: Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023

There was an **Executive Committee Meeting** held at **ecomaine** on the date noted above. The meeting was called to order by Bill Shane, Chairman.

Item 1 – Approval of the Minutes:

Troy Moon motioned to approve the minutes from December 15, 2022. The motion was second by Matt Sturgis. All in favor.

Abstained: Rod Regier

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

Caleb Hemphill reported that the committee just met prior to the Executive Committee meeting today, and is reporting out following highlights:

- **P.R. & Education and Outreach** - Through January 2023, staff has reached out to 40,613 people through educational outreach.
- **ecomaine** staff held an Education Session for five legislators on February 3, 2023. They are working on support for three proposed bills in the 131st Legislative Session.
- **ecomaine** staff launched the Upcycle Challenge on January 9. Submissions will be accepted through March. Finalists will be selected by the committee and then voted on by the public (online) in April.
- **Eco-Excellence Awards** – We received 13 nominations this year. The committee reviewed them prior to this meeting and will be awarding 12 eco-Excellence winners. There will be an in-person awards ceremony on March 21, here at **ecomaine**.
- **EPA Recycling Education & Outreach Grant** – Staff is preparing an application to the EPA for its new Education & Outreach grant program under the Infrastructure Act. The focus will be to increase recycling at multi-family units in ecomaine in member communities. The deadline for submission is February 15. Awards will be announced in the fall.

This concludes the Outreach & Recycling Committee Report. The next meeting of the Outreach & Recycling Committee is scheduled for April 13, 2023. All are welcome to attend.

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

Anne Bilodeau reported that the committee met on January 19, 2023, and reported out to the Full Board on that date. On March 23, 2023, the committee is scheduled to review FY 24 Budget. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Item 4 – Presentation – Stack Test & CEMS Results – Dr. Anne Hewes, Environmental Mgr.

Anne Hewes (Staff) provided a presentation and summary on the Stack Test & CEMS (Continuous Emissions Monitoring System) reports.

Item 5 – Update – SWIFT Infrastructure Grant & Recycling Grant

Reported out in the Outreach & Recycling Committee Report.

Item 6 – Executive Session – Discussion or consideration of Real Property – The Executive Committee may wish to go into Executive Session for the above item under Section, 405 (6) © of Title 1 of the Maine Revised Status.

Linda Boudreau motioned to enter Executive Session. The motion was second by Rod Regier. All in favor.

Linda Boudreau motion to exit Executive Session. The motion second by Troy Moon. All in favor.

Item 7 – Managers Report

- Kevin Roche (Staff) reported on efforts (LD 399) to repeal the Sunset Clause (3x multiplier). Staff is planning to send out letters to board members to assist in gaining support from their legislative constituents (staff provided the committee with a draft letter of support).
- Kevin Roche (Staff) reported out on the Waste Hierarchy Bill under consideration that would increase the Maine Landfilling fee by five dollars. A similar bill was passed in the last Legislative Session (130th).
- Annual Solid Waste Reporting provided a brief on the purpose of the Annual Solid Waste Reporting by the DEP.

Adjourn:

Troy Moon motioned to adjourn. The motion was second by Anne Bilodeau. All in favor.

Present: Dennis Abbott, Anne Bilodeau, Linda Boudreau, Caleb Hemphill, Jarrod Maxfield, Troy Moon, Rod Regier, Bill Shane, Erik Street & Matthew Sturgis

Staff Present: Matt Grondin, Wei Huang, Greg L'Heureux, Denise Mungen, Kevin Roche & Kevin Trytek