



Memorandum

DATE: February 22, 2024

TO: Chairman and Members of the Board

FROM: Kevin H. Roche, CEO/General Manager

SUBJECT: **Agenda – Full Board of Directors Meeting**

There was an **ecomaine** Board of Directors Meeting held on **February 15, 2024**. The meeting was called to order by Erik Street, Vice Chair.

Item 1: **Approval of the Minutes**

Mike Murray motioned to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2024. The motion was second by Troy Moon. All in favor.

Item 2: **Presentation: Master Plan – Portland Water District (PWD Biosolids) Seth Garrison, General Manager & Scott Firmin, Director – Wastewater Services**

Scott Firmin and Seth Garrison presented an overview of the recently completed Portland Water District (PWD) Master Plan. The Master Plan focused on the management of biosolids and recommendations for future development.

The report provided current cost associated with transportation, facilities operations and the escalation of fees in the management of the current operations. Troy Moon provided an update on current legislation as it relates to PFAS and Bulky Waste Management by the EPA and State Government. The report discussed possible solutions in reduction of volume of biosolids, disposal options & alternative uses. Scott also reviewed onsite and offsite disposal options, most specifically the benefits of developing partnerships/regionalization discussions. There was a lengthy discussion.

Item 3: **Board Membership, Officers & Committee Assignments**

Erik Street discussed the importance of board member participation in committees. He noted that a letter of interest in committee assignments will be sent out shortly from Bill Shane, Chair. Linda Boudreau shared the importance of involvement with the committees and encouraged all to participate in a committee.

Item 4: **Presentation: Environmental Report – Dr. Anne Hewes, Environmental Manager**

Anne Hewes (Staff) reported on the results of the Annual Stack Test. She reviewed the air pollution controls and the continuous emission monitoring

managed by ecomaine staff. She discussed the methods of monitoring pollutants and state legislative requirements. She reviewed current emissions and future emissions requirements under consideration by the Environmental Protection Agency.

In addition, she briefed the board on the Iodine Incident Report and the efforts of staff in investigating and evaluating control measures to reduce future incidents. There was a brief discussion that followed.

Item 5: Outreach & Recycling Committee Report – Caleb Hemphill, Chair

Caleb Hemphill reported that the committee last met on February 8, 2024.

Eco-Fest – The decision has been made to forgo hosting our own Eco-Fest event and instead staff will join in the City of Portland’s Earth Day Celebration event that will be hosted in Payson Park. More details to come.

Eco-Excellence – At the February 8 committee meeting we selected the winners of the eco-Excellence Awards and have made the decision to include the award ceremony as part of the annual meeting this year rather than host a stand-alone event in March.

Item 6: Finance & Audit Committee Report – Anne Bilodeau, Chair

Anne Bilodeau reported that the committee last met on January 18, 2024, and reported out to the Full Board on that date.

Anne noted that the board approved the bond financing resolution for \$35.5 million and provided management with authority to move forward with both temporary financing and permanent financing of those bonds.

The next Finance & Audit committee meeting will be held on March 28, 2024 on the FY 25 Budget all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Item 7: Ecomaine membership opportunities for York County Municipalities

Kevin Roche (staff) briefed the board on York County Municipalities’ interest in services from ecomaine. Current contracts will expire in 2025 with the current provider. There was a discussion on the board’s interest in bringing on additional towns and direction to staff.

Terry Deering motioned to authorize staff to continue to move forward with bringing more towns into ecomaine with a letter of intent or contracts. The motion was second by Anne Bilodeau. All in Favor.

Adjourn: Linda Cohen motioned to adjourn. The motion was second by Linda Cohen. All in favor.

Present:

Dennis Abbott, Anne Bilodeau, Linda Boudreau, Carrie Castleman-Ross, Linda Cohen, Donald Cushing Jr., Terry Deering, Mike Foley, Matthew Frank, Caleb Hemphill, Troy Moon, Mike Murray, Rod Regier, Heidi Richards, Erik Street & Matthew Sturgis

Guest:

Seth Garrison, Scott Firmin

Staff:

Jamie Garvin, Wei Huang, Greg L'Heureux, Anne Hewes, Bea Johnson, Jason Kenney, Denise Mungen, Kevin Roche & Kevin Trytek