



Memorandum

DATE: June 22, 2026

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Board

FROM: Kevin H. Roche, CEO/General Manager

SUBJECT: Annual Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes – June 18, 2026

The **ecomaine** Annual Board of Directors meeting was held on the date noted above. Anne Bilodeau, Chair called the meeting to order.

Welcome Remarks:

Kevin Roche (Staff) welcomed everyone to the **ecomaine** Annual Board of Directors Meeting. He shared **ecomaine** mission, goals and our commitment to the communities we serve. He reflected on the history of recycling, and how it has progressed. He discussed the future of **ecomaine** and the New Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and its ongoing development. Kevin shared the growth of **ecomaine** with eleven new communities partnering from York to Sagadahoc County. In closing he thanked our board for their support and commitment to **ecomaine**.

Business Meeting:

Anne Bilodeau, Chair, thanked all who joined us for the Annual Board of Directors Meeting. She shared that this is the time to recognize the accomplishments of the past year and gain new perspectives for our future. We as an organization are entering into an exciting period of growth and opportunity and will elect the Board leadership that will help guide the future of **ecomaine**.

Anne officially called the Annual Board of Directors meeting to order and noted that Vice Chair Matt Sturgis will recognize those board members who have moved on but served us well.

Recognition of Service:

Matt Sturgis, Vice Chair, shared that our **ecomaine** Board is comprised of individuals who go above and beyond. They have important roles in the communities, they served and provided their expertise, with thoughtful insights, and support of **ecomaine's** growth. Matt acknowledged the following board members:

- Mike Murray – City of Portland Maine
- Tim Thompson – Town of Cape Elizabeth
- Linda Cohen – City of South Portland

Thank you all for your commitment to **ecomaine**.

Committee Reports:

Outreach & Recycling Report & eco-Excellence Awards – Caleb Hemphill, Chair

Caleb reported on the accomplishments of the committee, they are as follows:

- The committee distributed grants to ten schools in Maine for Waste Diversion initiatives.
- The Multi-Family Recycling Initiative has enrolled more than a dozen properties. The program provides

- logistical support to properties to help them make meaningful progress on recycling.
- The education team has delivered programming to 100% of **ecomaine's** owner communities and 90% to member communities.

The Outreach & Recycling Committee reviewed an extremely competitive group of nominees for this year's eco-Excellence Award and am excited to recognize them today, they are as follows:

- Kelly Greenlee – Individual
- Hannah Josselyn – Business
- Lynn Snow – School – Thomas Grammer School (5th Grade)
- Portland Housing Authority – Multi-Family Housing Leader
- Claire Carter – Student Leader
- City of Sanford – Municipality of the Year

Finance & Audit Committee Report – Bob Burns, Chair

Bob Burns shared the following report from the Finance & Audit Committee:

- **ecomaine** received a clean, unmodified audit for FY 25
- The committee reviewed with staff the 5-year financial plan and set rates for owner communities.
- Bonds were issued in the amount of \$41 million for investments in the landfill, waste-to-energy plant and our new recycling facility. These investments will serve our communities well.
- The committee reviewed and recommended the FY 27 Budget, which was approved by the Full Board of Director's in April. It included \$8.5 million in capital improvements for the coming year.

Bob thanked the members of the Finance & Audit Committee for their work this year.

Nominating Committee Report – Troy Moon, Chair

Troy reported that the committee met on January 8, 2026, and is recommending the following slate of Officers for FY 27:

- Anne Bilodeau – Chair
- Matthew Sturgis – Vice Chair
- Bob Burns – Treasurer & Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee
- Linda Boudreau – Secretary

Caleb Hemphill will continue his current role as an Officer and Chair of the Outreach & Recycling Committee.

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee members for their participation.

Anne Bilodeau, Chair Approval – Slate of Officer Appointments and Committee Assignments.

Anne Bilodeau asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Officers, seeing none, she asked for a motion for the Slate of Officers and a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2026, Board of Directors meeting.

Matthew Frank motioned to approve the slate of officers as presented. Tony Ward seconded the motion. All in favor.

Troy Moon motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Caleb Hemphill seconded motion. All in favor.

Introduction to Guest Speaker:

Kevin Roche introduced Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Maine. He provided a brief recap of her many roles and specifically her expertise in environmental issues. Her leadership has guided her team in the development of policy and enforcement and evolving legislation. Melanie will provide the results of the Waste Characterization Study and provide an update on the Extended Producer Responsibility program for packaging.

Melanie Loyzim opened her presentation with an overview of existing Maine Landfills and their capacity. She reviewed the progress being made in Recycling, MSW Tonnage and Waste diversion as part of the Waste Cauterization study. Melanie discussed major infrastructure investments (Waste Hub & **ecomaine**) and the Extended Producer Responsibility Program and provided a preliminary timeline of the program.

In Closing she discussed the new Maine Enterprise Licensing System launched by the DEP to process environmental permits, licenses, and compliance tracking. There was a brief Q & A session that followed.

Closing Remarks: Anne Bilodeau, Chair

Anne thanked Melanie for today's remarks and for her leadership in Maine and thanked all who attended the Annual Board of Directors meeting today.

Adjourn:

Steve Kelley made a motion to adjourn. Amber Swett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Present:

Dennis Abbott, Lisa Belanger, Anne Bilodeau, Steve Buck, Bob Burns, Patrick Christian, Mark Dion, Dave Durrell, David Field Jr., Matthew Frank, Caleb Hemphill, Matt Hill, Melissa Hutchins, Steve Kelley, Tom Kennie, Dave Madsen, Troy Moon, Lisa Pratt, Jay Redimarker, Carrye Castleman-Ross, Karen Shupe, Matthew Sturgis, Andrew Swayze, Amber Swett & Tony Ward