

Minutes of the April 17, 2012, ANJR Board of Directors Meeting at Green Sky Industries, Inc., Clifton, N.J.

Members Present: Dominick D'Altilio, Monica Gismondi, Ron Hutchinson, Bernie Paterson, Wayne DeFeo, Anthony Giordano, Penny Jones, Joe McNellis, Ann Moore, Carole Tolmachewich, Matt Vastano, Alan Yoss, Maite Quinn and Eadaoin Quinn (representing Fred Cornell), Gary Sondermeyer (representing Valerie Montecalvo), and Marie Kruzan.

Members Excused: Barbara Fiedler, Mark Vangieri, Donna Caputo, Reenee Casapulla, Jean Clark, Dennis DeMatte, Michelle Fisher, Andriana Kontovrakis, Ernie Kuhlwein, Patrick McGaheran, John Mulligan, Dan Napoleon, Nancy Paquette, Janet Pellichero, Gray Russell, and Melinda Williams.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. In lieu of roll call, an attendance sheet was circulated.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 21, 2012, meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Ron Hutchinson made a motion to approve the minutes, Alan Yoss seconded, and all were in favor.

Correspondence: Marie Kruzan reported on the results of the voting for the nominations for one-year appointed terms for board memberships for the following: Donna Caputo, Reenee Casapulla, Andriana Kontovrakis, Ernie Kuhlwein, Pat McGaheran, Joe McNellis, Valerie Montecalvo, John Mulligan, Dan Napoleon, Gray Russell, Melinda Williams, and Matt Vastano. Carole Tolmachewich made a motion to approve the slate, Monica Gismondi seconded, and all approved. Note: The elected board members had voted via e-mail on the candidates for the appointed positions.

Officers' Reports

President's Report

Annual Meeting:

President D'Altilio reported that the March 28 meeting was "fantastic, one of our best." He said there were a few issues early on because of the large number of attendees, but those issues were taken care of.

Changes in the bylaws: Dom said he will re-format them because they're in different fonts, after which they will be posted on the ANJR website.

New Jersey WasteWise Business Network Meetings:

Dom encouraged anyone who might attend future meetings to promote ANJR whenever possible.

Letter to NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin: Dom said he'd finally received a response to the letter about REA grants. He has also e-mailed suggestions from ANJR Board members to the commissioner. He expects to meet with Commissioner Martin, but no date has been set.

Changing the April board meeting to another date: Dom suggested that the board consider moving the April board meeting (regularly scheduled on the third Tuesday) to another date because of the proximity to the date of the annual meeting, etc. Carole Tolmachewich mentioned the first week in April. Bernie Peterson said he'd check on the date of the N.J. Public Works meeting, which usually occurs during the second week of April. Ann Moore made a motion to change the date of the April meeting or cancel it, Wayne DeFeo seconded, and all approved.

April 24 Celebration of the signing of the N.J. Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act into law: Dom said ANJR had promoted the event, which is to be held at Stockton College, and has asked the board members to promote it, too.

Vice Presidents:

Administration: No report.

Program:

Planning Committee Meetings: Monica Gismondi said that short meetings about such events as the fall symposium, the annual meeting, etc., will be held following board meetings, when appropriate.

Southern Tonnage Grant Workshop: Monica said the June meeting has been cancelled, and the powers-to-be will look at the month of July and possibly December for potential dates on which to reschedule the workshop. Ann Moore questioned whether moving the workshop to the end of the year would make more sense because that time of year is closer to the time when tonnage reports are prepared. On another note, someone asked about the status of the Microphone Committee, and Bernie Paterson said he will continue to work on this project.

Development: Ron Hutchinson said he's gotten a lead for Wegmans Food Markets, and he will follow up. He also said Waste Management has upgraded to the Inner Circle Silver membership category, thanks to the efforts of Anthony Giordano. In addition, overall ANJR membership has increased by about 50 between February and April.

Treasurer: Bernie Peterson read the treasurer's report, emphasizing that in both February and March, ANJR was in the black. Marie Kruzan said income is about the same as last year, but expenses are down by \$2,500.00. Ann Moore made a

motion to approve the report and file it with the auditor, Anthony Giordano seconded, and all were in favor.

Secretary: No report.

Executive Director's Report:

Membership: Marie Kruzan said the Newark Group has joined, and she credited Anthony Giordano for his involvement. She also said the Burlington County OTC had re-upped as an Inner Circle member (Ann Moore recommended that no reference to the OTC membership appear on the ANJR website).

Annual Meeting: Marie reported a net increase of \$1,000 more revenue this year over last year, and she attributed that primarily to there being more attendees in 2012 (there were about the same number of exhibitors in 2012 as in 2011). She recommended that in the future several announcements should be made regarding the two seating options for lunch (downstairs and upstairs). Leftover food was taken to the Burlington County Food Bank.

February 29 Tonnage Grant Workshop: Marie said everything went well.

Committee Reports: There were none, as such, although elements of a discussion about the NJDEP Stakeholders Task Force Transformation meetings applied to some ANJR committees.

DEP Report: There was none; however, there was discussion about tonnage reports (the preliminary figures for 2010 have been released by DEP). Carole Tolmachewich was puzzled that Logan Township in Gloucester County reported 15,360 tons of food waste. Monica Gismondi said the food waste was generated at a food packing plant that occupies three warehouses in an industrial park. Monica also said that other food packing plants in Gloucester County reported 7,370 tons of food waste; thus, the overall total was 23,000 tons for the county. In addition, Monica believes the towns in Gloucester County that have higher recycling tonnage have been more successful as a result of sending letters to all of their businesses. She also said she told her 21 towns if they don't submit their tonnage reports by May 31, she'd contact their mayors and governing bodies (so there!) Anthony Giordano asked if the big paper shredding companies are reporting tonnage and whether there's a need to do some investigating. Dom said he thinks shredded paper from commercial entities such as banks may not be divvied up amongst the generators.

Continuing Business: DEP Stakeholders Task Force "Transformation" meetings. It was reported that several of these meetings have occurred and that at the last meeting "dirty MRFs" were discussed (one group will be working on criteria regarding the extraction of recyclable material at such facilities). Gary Sondermeyer said Assistant Commissioner Jane Koslinski is "getting out to all of the counties," and Dom mentioned that ANJR members are involved in three work groups. Gary believes that in the white paper

prepared by the DEP staff will include an examination of what can be implemented wiibe sent to Jane Kosinski and then to DEP Commissioner Bob Martin. Wayne DeFeo said the big issue is policy and that ANJR must decide to oppose or support what are typically call “dirty MRFs”; construction and demolition debris, along with commercial waste are the two areas that will require researching. Carole Tolmachevich said the argument of the counties is that they’ve tried this and it didn’t work, to which Wayne responded as follows: “The technology exists in Europe for clean, commercial non-food waste, and high rates of extraction are occurring there.” Marie Kruzan said a crucial element is trust. Gary Sondermeyer said “A dirty ‘MRF’ for commercial and institutional non-putrescible waste would have to be licensed and certified by DEP; the certification plan would set the criteria for these facilities. This process would raise the bar for recycling in New Jersey.” Wayne spoke about the necessity for creating an ISO-certified model, and for MRFs to prove that they’re extracting and recycling what they claim they’re doing, with the basic tenet that audits would be made by independent parties for at least a five-year period after operations commence. “Trust but verify” is Wayne’s slogan for the process. Dom said this topic must be discussed by Anthony Giordano and the Class A/ MRF Committee. Marie said she suggested that the state SWAC study the European technology. Gary said L. Grace Spencer, chair of the Assembly Environment Committee was withdrawing her bill establishing A-109 regulations for recycling businesses because it was going nowhere. Joe McNellis spoke positively about the meeting Green Sky had with Assemblywomen Grace Spencer -Chair of the Assembly Environment Committee

New Business:

Updating of the state’s solid waste plan:

Ann Moore asked if the state has indicated it will update the plan in the near future. Gary Sondermeyer said there’s no plan to do because it’s a very lengthy process. County coordinators received a letter from Jane Kosinski yesterday requiring all kinds of information that seems to be related to the plan, but Gary said that letter emanated from the situation in Union County with its put-or-pay contract.

Compliment from a Recycling Certification Series student:

A student from Ramsey notified Dom that he/she had “learned something in class,” and that Green Sky had been an excellent partner, and that Ramsey has had two paper shredding events in the past two year.

Nature’s Choice and Reliable Wood Products have been bought by Harvest Power in Waltham, MA:

Matt Vastano announced that the new company wants to develop and site food digesters on the East Coast and has the funding to do so. There is one in Vancouver, British Columbia, now. One in Tulleytown, PA where methane will be extracted during the decomposition process, is currently undergoing the permitting process. Waste Management owns 15% of the company. Matt said the company is looking for places to

site the digesters, and then it will compost food waste, harvest energy, and sell products such as compost and mulch. Matt also remarked that Nature's Choice and Reliable Wood Products will operate the facilities and will purchase trucks to be used for transporting material.

Recycling APP created: Anthony Giordano announced that his two sons have created a recycling APP called Green Machine that converts recycling tonnage to energy savings, etc. "Go on i Tunes and punch in 'Recycling Apps,'" Anthony said.

Adjournment: Anthony Giordano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Moore seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m. The next meeting will be held at the Mercer County Boat House in West Windsor at 12 noon on May 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted.
Penny Jones, Secretary pro tem