

Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA)

DATE: Monday, November 30, 2020
TIME: 8:30 am
LOCATION: *Remote Meeting*

MEMBERS

Avon
Bloomfield
Bolton
Cromwell
East Granby
Enfield
Farmington
Glastonbury
Granby
Hartford
Manchester
Simsbury
South Windsor
Wethersfield

ATTENDANCE

Name	Town/Organization
Mike Bisi, Chair	Glastonbury
Josh Kelley	Bolton
Joe Doering	East Granby
Jim Hayden	East Granby
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Tony Manfre	South Windsor
Kim Bona	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG
Eric Frederickson	USA Hauling
Don Stein	Chairman MIRA Board

1. Welcome and Introductions

CCSWA Chair Mr. Mike Bisi called the annual meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Action: Approval of Minutes from October 29, 2020, Meeting

Joe Doering made a motion to approve the minutes from October 29, 2020, as presented. Josh Kelly seconded the motion and it carried.

At this time, Chairman Bisi addressed agenda item's 5-7.

5. Action Item: 2020 CCSWA Annual Meeting recognition

Mr. Bisi requested a motion to recognize this meeting as the CCSWA annual meeting versus scheduling an additional meeting in December. Russ Arnold moved to approve, Josh Kelley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Action Item: 2021 Executive Committee Election

Mr. Bisi entertained a motion to re-elect the officers as they stand as follows:
Mike Bisi, Chair

Mike Looney, Vice Chair
Josh Kelley, Secretary
John Ward, Treasurer

Russ Arnold moved to approved, Tom Roy seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Action Item: FY 2021-2022 CCSWA Budget

Mr. Bisi seeked input from the members as to whether CCSWA leave budget as is for the upcoming year or suspend dues until there is more direction as to what may be coming down the pike in the future.

Ms. Yoder explained the budget has a very healthy balance as minimal funding has been spent. Discussion followed.

Consensus of the members was that with the uncertainty of the future of MIRA and CCSWA, the best bet is to retain the membership dues so in the event the funds are needed, they are available. Russ Arnold moved to proceed with membership dues as they are but to have CCSWA be on hiatus until there is more direction, Tony Manfre seconded the motion and it carried.

At this time, Chairman Bisi resumed order of the agenda, addressing item 4.

4. MIRA Update, Tom Kirk; President and CEO, Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA)

Chairman of MIRA Board Don Stein spoke as Tom Kirk was not available. Mr. Stein state MIRA is committed by contract to provide service through 2027. How the service will be performed is unknown, however. They are looking to keep the plant alive if feasibly possible. Will use the three transfer stations they own and provide trucking as need be. The DEEP Commissioner is working on coming up with a long-term strategy for the state and MIRA is hoping for a good result. Over the next five years there could be significant tipping fee pricing increases. Unfortunately, right now, there are a lot of unknowns but MIRA plans to move forward in the most cost-effective way possible. Currently, the data is not available to provide more definitive answers. Discussion followed.

8. Open Discussion: Discussion ensued among the members regarding the potential challenges associated with the future of solid waste disposal.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Mike Bisi motioned to adjourn at 9:26 am and the motion carried unanimously.