

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
SOLID WASTE DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM
286 Welchville Road, Alloway, New Jersey 08001
Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 4:30 pm**

Vice Chairperson Schneider called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and read the Open Public Meetings Act statement. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting has been provided to the public in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act by publication in the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times, newspapers circulated in Salem County, and by posting notice in the Salem County Clerk's Office and SCIA Office. Copies of the Board minutes of this meeting will be posted on www.scianj.com.

ROLL CALL

Bestwick, Susan	Absent
Crane, Laura	Present
Davis, Barry	Present
Schneider, Lewis	Present
Warner, Richard	Present

Also Present: Julie Acton, Executive Director; Parker Smith, Landfill Manager; Sandra Kearney, Recording Secretary; Michael Aimino, Esquire; and Mayor P. Ed McKelvey, Alloway Township.

MINUTES

The March 14, 2024, Board meeting minutes were distributed to all members for review, prior to this meeting. Vice Chairperson Schneider request the Approval of March 14, 2024 minutes.

(M) Laura Crane **(S)** Barry Davis
Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notice of non-compliance from Delcora. ALS laboratory failed to test for (3) contaminants. Safety Coordinator Matt DeAngelis will follow up with ALS.

OPRA request received and responded to by Director Acton.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Copies of this report were distributed to all members prior to the meeting. Executive Director Acton stated that Giordano's Recycling will be at SCIA on May 14 to discuss the potential for a Wet Waste Organic (food) Recycling Facility in Salem City.

OldCastle (formerly SJ AG Products facility, Elmer NJ) will be at the May Board meeting to discuss their request/need for evening/night hours.

Reminded Board members that Financial Disclosure statements have been mailed and requested they be completed and returned promptly.

SOLID WASTE REPORTS

Landfill Statistical Report, Engineer's Report and Landfill Manager's Report. Copies of these reports were distributed to all members prior to the meeting and Landfill Manager Smith reported that the above average rainfall (8.4" above same period 2023) has resulted in increased leachate hauling and treatment costs. Beneficial-use cover revenue is down, SCIA had to purchase virgin cover material. Speculating that bad weather has also slowed down beneficial-use cover projects.

The PSEG special project began on April 8. Day 4 and there have been minimal problems. Pre-planning was key in minimizing problems. Material is arriving wetter than expected, but project work is running very smoothly.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee (Lewis Schneider) – Committee Chairman Schneider advised that he visited SCIA earlier this week to visually observe some of the first loads of material from the PSEG special project. Impressed with what he saw and how it was handled.

Ad Hoc Committee (Richard Warner) – Committee Chairman Warner advised that he attended the recent Finlaw Building meeting which clarified some of his questions/concerns.

Personnel Committee (Laura Crane) – Committee Chairman Crane advised that the Personnel Manual has been completely reviewed and is ready for draft. The goal is to have a finished "draft" document for the June Board Meeting so it can be reviewed by the board and possibly adopted in July.

Solid Waste Committee (Barry Davis) – Committee Chairman Davis reported that Senator Burzichelli and Assemblyman Bailey visited SCIA last week to discuss fecal coliform (of gull and deer origin) assessments and the need for state guidelines and subsequent legislature assistance. Documents were provided by SCIA to help him understand the current situation and SCIA's concerns. SCIA will begin sampling program.

Vice Chairman Schneider, without objection, ordered the Executive Director's report, Landfill Manager's report, landfill statistical report, Engineer's report and the committee reports be received and filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finlaw Building discussed under Ad Hoc Committee report.

NEW BUSINESS

- **RESOLUTION 2024-47:** Authorizing Payment of Bills
(M) Laura Crane (S) Barry Davis
Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.
- **RESOLUTION 2024-48:** Authorizing SCS Engineers Consulting Services to assist with the Landfill Gas Collection System Bidding and CQA Services
Board member Davis commented that the contract needed to be added to the resolution.
(M) Laura Crane (S) Barry Davis
Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ed McKelvy, Alloway Township, thanked the Board for their time. Wanted to acknowledge SCIA’s pre-planning and communication efforts as related to the PSEG special project. The meeting held here on Wednesday, April 10 was informative, strategic in nature and included high level personnel from the waste originator. He noted that what he learned at that meeting will make his response to any residential calls/concerns much easier to respond to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **RESOLUTION 2024-49:** Authorizing Executive Session (4:58 PM)
- The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is potential litigations, contract negotiations and attorney/client work product/legal advice.
(M) Laura Crane (S) Barry Davis
Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

Motion to end Executive Session (5:24 PM):
(M) Laura Crane (S) Barry Davis
Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

Motion to approve bonuses in connection and completion of Special Project work.
Management \$3000.00; Full time employees \$1,00.00; Part time employees (more than 20 hours during this project period) \$500.00
(M) Laura Crane (S) Barry Davis
Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

ADJOURN

Vice Chairperson Schneider asked if there was any further business for the Board. Hearing no one, Vice Chairperson Schneider adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.

(M) Laura Crane (S) Barry Davis
Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

<p style="text-align: center;">REMINDER The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for <u>Thursday, May 9, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.</u> Solid Waste Division Conference Room</p>

Respectfully submitted,
/S/ Sandra Kearney
Recording Secretary