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Julianne Bender (Bushkill)

David Backenstoe, Esq.

Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2024

9:30 AM

Location: Moore Township Municipal Building

The First Regional Compost Authority held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at Moore Township Municipal Building, 2491 Community Drive, Bath, Pa. at 9:30 a.m.

Present at the meeting were Ilene Eckhart, Richard Gable, Julianne Bender, Randy Knauss, Alice Rehrig, Andrea Martin (Barry Isett and Associates); Zachary Walzcer and David Backenstoe, Esq. Absent: No representative from East Allen Township. Chairman Richard Gable called the meeting to order.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the public.

Minutes: Ms. Bender made a motion to approve the August, 2024 minutes; seconded by Mr. Gable. On the motion, by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Chairman/Vice Chairman Reports: Mr. Gable indicated that he heard Mr. Unangst has been appointed as the East Allen representative.

Treasurers Report/Bills for Approval: Ms. Eckhart made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and Bills as presented and pay the bills; seconded by Ms. Bender. On the motion, by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Solicitor: On file.

Engineer: Ms. Martin updated the members regarding the East Allen review process. She added that East Allen Township requested a member from the FRCA to be present at the October PC meeting.

She further updated that she continues to work on the building plan. Mr. Gable questioned the plan the East Allen Planning Commission would review. She indicated that the Township engineer would look at the plan, it will not go back to Planning Commission thereafter and it will not go to the Supervisors.

Ms. Martin further reviewed the potential water supply to the site from the City of Bethlehem. She noted she met with Rob Taylor and provided a sketch from the Bethlehem GIS system to a point of connection. She noted it appears that there is water accessible across the street. This is a 12" line with the hydrant

attached in this location. The City is going to attempt to trace the water across Weaversville Rd to find out more information on this location and the potential to connect. There is a need for a 2" or larger line for the FRCA property. It was discussed that the existing well might be able to be used as a fire protection source. A boring under Weaversville road would still need a Penndot highway occupancy permit. Ms. Martin noted there might be the ability to use the existing casing line. The City Engineer did not feel that pressure would be a concern. Feasibility still needs to be reviewed by the City.

Ms. Martin indicated the master site plan, discussed many "future" items, which were removed from the official submission in order to not overcomplicate the issue.

Business Items:

A. Site Manager Report: Mr. Walczer noted the new loader has been received. There was some work completed on the Beast grinder since the last meeting.

As follow-up to discussion from the last meeting regarding the Peterson, parts are available. The computer board is generic and available and there are retrofits. This is approximately \$18,000 for the substantial repair, which should take place next year (new floor and housing over the mill).

B. Fee Analysis: There was follow-up discussion regarding Yard Waste Composting Agreements & Rates Draft. Following consideration of the effect of the proposed rates, rates will be recalculated and this item will be returned for further discussion at the October meeting.

Comments of Member Community Representatives: None.

Public to be Heard: None

There being no further business Ms. Bender made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 AM; seconded by Ms. Eckhart. On the motion, by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart
Member – Allen Township