



## Memorandum

**DATE:** November 17, 2022

**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Board

**FROM:** Kevin H. Roche, CEO/General Manager

**SUBJECT:** Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2022

There was a Full Board of Directors Meeting held at **ecomaine**. The meeting was called to order by Bill Shane, Chairman. The Chairman changed the order of the agenda to reflect discussion on **Item 4** – Five Year Plan to allow for sufficient time to discuss Rates for FY 24.

**Item #4: Five Year Plan (Re-visited)**

Kevin Roche discussed the importance of finances for the next five years, so that we know where we are headed. He discussed the feedback from the last board meeting and the task of providing the board with assumptions and options for consideration (see attached).

There was a lengthy discussion on the options on rates and impacts to the owner communities. There were several questions on the proposed options. After discussion, a vote was taken resulting in the approval of Option A (See Attached). (Note that the only rates for FY 24 are being voted on at this time. Future years are simply projections only).

**Option A - Proportional Vote Approved Rate Increase for FY 24 – MSW \$87.50 per ton (\$8 increase) & \$45 per ton (\$10 increase) Recycling – Vote – 56.43% Favor of Option A– 43.57% Opposed.**

**Item # 2: Outreach & Recycling Committee Report – Caleb Hemphill, Chair**

Caleb reported out that the committee last met on November 8, 2022, and provided the following highlights:

PR and Education & Outreach through October 2022, staff have reached 19,599 people. FY 22 numbers were larger mainly due to earlier partnership with Celtics and Mariners. The FY 23 partnership with both Maine Celtics and Mariners has begun and we are looking forward to ecomaine exposure to fans.

The committee discussed ecomaine hosting a winter event in absence of the Open House. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

The Recycling Work of Art Contest is complete, all containers are finished and placed into rotation in our communities.

The 2023 eco-Excellence Awards solicitations have launched, the committee

asked that you submit nominations to [ecomaine.org](http://ecomaine.org) or speak with staff.

The next meeting of the Outreach & Recycling Committee is February 9, 2023, all are welcome to attend.

**Item # 3: Finance & Audit Committee Report – Anne Bilodeau, Chair**

Anne Bilodeau reported that the Committee met prior to the Full Board Meeting today and provided the following recap:

- Anne reviewed a variety of cash disbursements with staff and found no issues with payables.
- The committee received a presentation from HM Payson on our Quarterly Investments.
- Greg L'Heureux (Staff) provided the committee with a brief overview of his memo to the committee on Cash Flow & Transfers due to the Turbine impact on outgoing cash.

**Item # 5: Presentation – Turbine Refurbishment Summary – Matthew Baum, Assistant Plant Manager**

Matthew Baum (Staff) presented a summarization of the completed work on the Turbine Refurbishment repairs and placement into active service.

**Item # 6: Presentation – Annual Report – Kevin Roche**

Kevin Roche (Staff) presented the FY 22 Annual Report.

**Item # 7: Managers Report**

Kevin Roche (Staff) provided a follow-up to the Blueberry Road Property, no additional action at this time.

Greg L'Heureux (staff) discussed MRC's desire to proceed with their current plans for the Hampden Facility. We are looking into the possibility of MRC partnering with **ecomaine** on the Educational Grant through the EPA.

Kevin Roche (Staff) provided a review of the Recycling Market Report.

Greg L'Heureux (Staff) reviewed the FY 23 finances.

Kevin Roche (Staff) discussed proposed legislation including renewable Energy Credits (Sunset Clause for multiplier) & continued efforts with support for the Waste Hierarchy.

**Item #1: Approval of the Minutes**

Troy Moon motioned to approve the minutes from October 15, 2022. The motion

was second by Caleb Hemphill. All in favor.

**Adjourn:** Jim Gailey motioned to adjourn. The motion was second by Erik Street. All in favor.

**Present:**

Dennis Abbott, Anne Bilodeau, Linda Boudreau, Bob Burns, Linda Cohen, Dave Durrell, Matthew Frank, Jim Gailey, Tom Hall, Caleb Hemphill, Katie Johnston, Steve Kelley, Mike Murray, Troy Moon, Ephrem Paraschak, Robert Peabody, Rod Regier, Bill Shane, Erik Street, Matthew Sturgis, Tony Ward & Rob Wood

**Guest:**

Terry Deering – Town of Gorham

**Staff:**

Matthew Baum, Matt Grondin, Greg L'Heureux, Denise Mungen & Kevin Roche