



**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2020**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in special session on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. held via teleconferencing only and available live via Zoom Meeting (<https://countyofnapa.zoom.us/j/195615923>). Chair Mohler called the Zoom Meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Chair Mohler, Member Koberstein, Member Canning, Member Dillon and Vice Chair Pedroza.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Anyone who wishes to speak to the Agency Board of Directors regarding any subject over which the Board has jurisdiction, that is not on the agenda, or to request consideration to place an item on a future Board agenda, may do so at this time. Individuals will be limited to a three minute presentation. The Board of Directors cannot take action on any subject presented during non-agenda public comment.*

Company's Christy Pestoni commented on the status of the Company during this COVID-19 period. Assumed this meeting was pertaining to the COVID-19 situation. Will take a minute to update Board on the continued operation of the essential services, including collection of refuse recycling and green waste. Necessary reduction in service hours and staffing. Currently not accepting walk in bill payments. Compost sales also temporarily halted. Received information regarding funding sources from Member Koberstein and have applied for the PPP Application for Payroll and submitted to their company's bank. Business is operating using social distancing. MRF and mixed material currently going to City of Napa facility since unable to practice social distancing at the Whitehall Lane facility. Company will provide more information at the next board meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Manager Steve Lederer reported that he has been monitoring the email for any public wishing to address the board during this public comment. There is no public comment from the outside. Will continue to monitor.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Candidate for Legal Counsel, Public or Board Comment on Closed Session Item (AKA-8A)**

Agency Manager Steve Lederer reported that this meeting and this item is a result of Board's interest in retaining counsel services for the agency. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued in December and due in February. Agency received a total of four responses and two firms were pre-screened and selected to interview with the Board by staff, which included Agency Manager, County's Counsel Tom Zeleny and Chair Mohler. Board asked these interviews be held in closed session due to possible sensitive or confidential questions, which is why the meeting is set up this way. Four separate lines were set up to conduct this process. Line 1-is the public line; Line 2-is for Board discussion only, Line 3-First interview firm, Line 4-Second interview firm.

Moving to Zoom Conference Line 3 after this item.

**B. Closed Session**

Completed as scheduled. No reportable action here.

**C. Report Out From Closed Session (AKA-8C)**

In closed session, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to choose the firm Colantuono, Highsmith Whatley, PC and authorized staff to negotiate and the Chair to sign an agreement with that firm.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Teleconference meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M. The next regularly scheduled teleconference meeting of the

Agency Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., held via teleconferencing only and publically available live via Zoom Meeting (meeting instructions will be available when this agenda packet is complete).

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN (A): \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT(B): \_\_\_\_\_  
EXCUSED(X): \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: Steven Lederer, Manager of the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency

KEY

Vote: AP = Alfredo Pedroza; CC = Chris Canning; DD = Diane Dillon; MK = Mary Koberstein; MM = Margie Mohler  
BW = Brad Wagenknecht; GE = Geoff Ellsworth; GK = Gary Kraus; KD = Kerri Dorman  
The maker of the motion and second are reflected respectively in the order of the recorded vote.  
Notations next to vote: Y = Ayes; N = No; A = Abstain; B = Absent; X = Excused