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**HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, May 29, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
HRRR Office**

MINUTES

Chairman Mike Gill called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with a quorum of four members of the Executive Committee present, i.e. M. Gill, R. Marconi, D. Schiesel, and H. Rosenthal Also in attendance was HRRR Director C. Reedy. M. Boughton entered the meeting at 9:22 a.m. during discussion of agenda item 2. D. Schiesel left the meeting at 10:05 a.m during discussion of agenda item 5.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by D. Schiesel, second by H. Rosenthal, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2007 Executive Committee meeting as presented. **Vote:** D. Schiesel, H. Rosenthal and M. Gill in favor. R. Marconi abstaining since he was not present at the meeting.

2007-08 Budget

The Executive Committee reviewed the budget, revised after changes approved at the April 20 meeting. R. Marconi asked if the federal investigation would have an effect on cash flow for 2007-08. C. Reedy said the effect would be positive, if any. D. Schiesel recommended that \$250 be added to the public education line and \$5 to the staffing line in order to balance the budget between revenue and expense for the coming year. (M. Boughton entered the meeting at this point.) **Motion** by H. Rosenthal, second by D. Schiesel, to recommend the 2007-08 budget as presented, but with the changes suggested by D. Schiesel, to the full Authority for approval at the annual meeting. **Vote:** All in favor.

Legislative Update

C. Reedy reported that it appears that HRRR's legislative agenda for the current session will be realized. The Director and Chairman met with the Deputy House Speaker to discuss the financial ramifications to HRRR of the expanded bottle bill once the bill was changed as it came out of the Environment Committee to eliminate the municipal recycling grant program through DEP funded with the escheats. Speaker Aman has publicly stated that the bottle bill is "dead" for this session and would not be called for a vote in the House. The Governor's proposed hauler licensing did not make it out of the Environment Committee. Either of these bills could re-appear in the budget implementer or by amendment on the floor of the House or Senate before the session ends June 6. Area

legislators who have been especially helpful and responsive to HRRA's interests this term include Clark Chapin, Bob Godfrey and Mary Ann Carson.

IPC Procurement Options Review

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed various options for the future of the IPC, the information each member would like to have for use in decision-making, the effect of the federal investigation on the region's solid waste and recycling programs, the effect of the *Oneida-Herkimer* flow control decision from the U. S. Supreme Court on options that could be considered, and the long term public policy interests of the region in an integrated solid waste management plan. (D. Schiesel had to leave the meeting about half way through the discussion to get to another appointment.)

Motion by H. Rosenthal, second by M. Boughton, that the Executive Committee continue to monitor the federal case and research the options relating to the recycling contract. **Vote:** All in favor.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 10: 45 a.m.