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**ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 20, 2003 at Somesville Fire House**

PRESENT: Bob Kates (Trenton), Elliott Spiker (Tremont), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Ellen Brawley (clerk), Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles)

VISITORS: Frank Gray (Tremont Solid Waste Committee), Millard Billings (Tremont Acting Town Manager), Lyle Dever (SWH), Laurie Schreiber (Bar Harbor Times)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:30

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 16th, 2003 as distributed. (Kates, Spiker, 3-0)

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Ratification of October decisions: It was moved, seconded and voted to ratify all votes taken at the meeting of October 16th, 2003. as distributed. (Spiker, Kates, 3-0)

Site visits to PERC and MRRA. The members who visited PERC were impressed by how well the facility is operated. Tony said that if others wanted a tour, he felt the PERC folks would be glad to take another group around.

Information regarding EMR/PERC billings. It was agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting, when Leon Yeaton could explain better what these documents signify.

Letters of Appointment. Elliot Spiker provided his letter of appointment from the Tremont selectmen. Beverly Sanborn's letter still needs to be signed by Cranberry Isles' selectmen.

Status of EMR and Ellsworth relative to the ADD. Ellsworth is still in limbo, as they have not yet hired a new city manager and the acting manager does not want to enter into discussions with us. Greg Lounder, the most enthusiastic city councilor, was defeated by a few votes in the recent election. As for EMR, Tony has sent Lee Worcester's proposed confidentiality agreement to the lawyers, who have made some suggestions because of our nature as a quasi-municipal organization. Tony will send the proposed changes to EMR and try to get an agreement together as quickly as possible, so that he and Elliot can get the negotiations started.

Status of local Solid Waste Committees. Bob Kates will be meeting with the selectmen in Trenton next week. Neither Trenton nor Cranberry Isles has yet found any members for the committee. Tremont is active and going great guns. They are currently considering a cardboard ordinance, and learning about pay-as-you-throw systems. Southwest Harbor (under the leadership of selectman Trudy Bickford) is trying to get a committee together. Tony is in the process of reviving the Mt. Desert committee.

Other Business. Laurie (as a citizen) suggested that ADD might work with the schools and the Bar Harbor Times on a curriculum unit for science or social studies on the amount and composition of solid waste. She will check with her editor as to whether she can participate in such a project while covering the ADD. Bob and Beverly volunteered to work with her on the project if she is given the go-ahead.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be at 1:30 on Thursday, December 18, 2003 at the Somesville Fire House.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn. (Sanborn, Kates, 4-0)

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk