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**CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
REGULAR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CSWD Administrative Office & Via Zoom
May 18, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.**

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT: Paul Ruess, Paul Stabler, Alan Nye, Lee Perry, Ken Spencer

CSWD STAFF PRESENT: Joey Cantania, Ethan Housman, Amy Jewel, Sarah Reeves

PUBLIC PRESENT: Sven Kvinlaug

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order Agenda
2. Public Comment Period
3. Consent Agenda - April 13, 2026, Minutes
4. Public Hearing
 - a. Notice of Violation - The Pickled Perch
5. Executive Session
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

Paul Ruess called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m.

Agenda #1. Agenda – Approved as presented.

Agenda #2. Public Comment Period – No members of the public were present.

Agenda #3. Consent Agenda – Approved as presented.

Agenda #4. Public Hearing

a. Notice of Violation - The Pickled Perch

ALAN NYE made a motion, seconded by PAUL STABLER to open the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

P. Ruess stated this hearing is on the notice of violation received by the Pickled Peach on May 1, 2026, for failure to comply with Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) Management Ordinances to properly separate and divert food residuals. P. Ruess stated the Pickled Perch had requested the hearing after receiving the violation. E. Housman highlighted previous violations from 2025, and suspension in the services with Myers. Due to repeated noncompliance with ordinance requirements, both compliance and civil penalties are being recommended.

S. Kvinlaug stated that his other business is in New York and his financial information was hacked. He was unaware that the invoices for Myers services were not being paid and had lapsed. S. Kvinlaug stated that the services are currently prepaid through the end of the year. S. He has made changes to staffing since the notice of violation was received. E. Housman stated non-payment was the reason for suspension of services with Myers.

S. Kvinlaug stated once he found out the issue with the payment, he took appropriate action to get the new card information to Myers to reinstate services. Answering a question from K. Spencer, S. Kvinlaug said that the staff member previously responsible for food waste disposal is no longer with the restaurant and all staff are fully trained in the proper disposal procedures. Answering a question from L. Perry, S. Kvinlaug stated he is monitoring the restaurant personally to ensure daily compliance with proper food waste disposal. Answering a question from P. Stabler, E. Housman stated there has not been a follow-up visit at the Pickle Perch since the notice of violation on May 1, 2026.

P. Ruess stated, should the Board find that the Pickled Perch be in violation of Sections 3.8 and 3.9 of CSWD's Ordinance, the recommendation will be a of fine of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) for each violation for those two sections for a potential total of \$1,600 in civil penalties, as well as being required to provide a written declaration that the restaurant will adhere to the corrective action plan that S. Kvinlaug submitted on April 25, 2025, and to cooperate with all future CSWD efforts to confirm to the restaurants compliance.

PAUL STABLER made a motion, seconded by ALAN NYE, to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on the evidence which has been submitted in this notice of violation. Motion passed 5-0.

ALAN NYE made a motion, seconded by PAUL STABLER, to exit the Executive session. Motion passed 5-0.

P. Ruess stated that the Executive Board finds that the Pickled Perch violated Sections 3.8 and 3.9 of CSWD's ordinance and that the Pickled Perch be fined \$500 for each of those violations for a total of \$1,000 in civil penalties. P. Ruess stated that the Pickled Perch will be required to provide a written declaration to the corrective action plan that S. Kvinlaug submitted on April 25, 2025, and must maintain an ongoing compliance with the ordinance and cooperate with all future CSWD efforts to confirm the restaurant's compliance. P. Ruess stated this plan requires participation in scheduled on-site review by CSWD staff and restaurant management of the corrective action plan and food waste and recycling programs within fifteen days of the receipt of the proposed order.

PAUL STABLER made a motion, seconded by ALAN NYE, to close the Public Hearing session. Motion passed 5-0.

Agenda #5.Executive Session

KEN SPENCER made a motion, seconded by PAUL STABLER, to move that the Executive Board of Commissioners of the Chittenden Solid Waste District go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters , where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the District, its member municipalities, and other public bodies or persons involved at a substantial disadvantage and to permit authorized staff, other invited interested parties to be present for this session. Motion passed 5-0.

ALAN NYE made a motion, seconded by PAUL STABLER, to exit Executive Session. Motion passed 5-0.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Agenda #6. Other Business

None

Agenda #7. Adjournment

PAUL STABLER made a motion, seconded ALAN NYE to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

I agree that this is an original copy of minutes, and they have been approved by the Executive Board at the , meeting held in South Burlington.

Amy Jewell, Secretary

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Harrison
Recording Secretary