

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

April 17, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Don Reese called the meeting of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee to order at 8:05 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2009 at UW-Extension, 864 Collins Road, Room 12, Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549.

2. ROLL CALL (ESTABLISH A QUORUM)

Committee members present at 8:05 a.m. were Don Reese-Chair, Walt Christensen-Vice Chair, and Vic Imrie.

Carlton Zentner was excused

Greg David arrived at 8:10 a.m.

Staff member present: Rob Klotz and Sharon Ehrhardt

Guest present: Gary Petre-Jefferson County Administrator, Paul Novitzke-Director of Fair Park, and Richard Schultz-Street Superintendent, City of Watertown

3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Sharon Ehrhardt stated that the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee complied with open meetings law requirements.

4. REVIEW THE AGENDA

Consensus was to move Items 12 and 13 up for the convenience of Paul and Gary.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 27, 2009

Vic Imrie made a motion to accept the March 27, 2009 minutes as written and Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 3-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon gave the Committee the February 25, 2009 Be SMART minutes. She explained that the Be SMART group is considering a partnership/merger with AROW (Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin).

Sharon also recommended that if the partnership/merger happens, the Committee should further reduce the amount of money given to Be SMART. The Committee pays \$500 with \$75 for the updating of the website. The AROW membership costs \$95 a year.

Sharon brought two paid bills for the Committee to view; Econoprint Inc. and Wisconsin Be SMART Coalition. No comment was made.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Channel 3000. Com "Analog TVs Abundant in 'Clean Sweep' Waste Collection"
Email to County's State Representatives "SB107 & Clean Sweep Program"

Clean Sweep Editorial “Fifteen Cents to Protect Our Waters and Our Health. Now That's a Deal!”
Resource Recycling “Electronic Newsletter – March 27, 2009”

Additional Correspondence handed out at the meeting

Wisconsin Be SMART Coalition “Meeting Minutes 2/25/2009”

Ed Jepsen-DNR Email “Alternative Fueled Vehicles Program and Jefferson County”

2008 Wisconsin Clean Sweep “Ag, HHW, and Prescription Drug Grant Program Summary”

The Daily News Web Edition “Recycling Market Threatens Consumers”

Walt Christensen is looking into the alternative fueled vehicles program for Jefferson County and asked Sharon to put this on the June agenda. The above email from Ed Jepsen talks about the alternative fueled vehicles program that Walt is researching.

8. DON SMITH, MANAGER DEER TRACK PARK LANDFILL – DISCUSS UPDATES AT THE LANDFILL

Don Reese said that Don Smith was on vacation. He said tonnages were still down because C&D (Construction & Demolition) were low with the slowdown of manufacturing and new building construction.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF A COUNTY REFUSE REMOVAL AND RECYCLING VENDOR FOR 2009-2011

Paul Novitzke and Gray Petre attended the Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting to explain and discuss the new selection of county refuse removal and recycling vendor for 2009-2011. Paul gave the Committee a refuse removal comparison sheet with a monthly individual departmental cost. Paul explained that Veolia would do a sponsorship for the Fair Park. Carlton said the sponsorship covered the cost difference between John's and Veolia. Paul explained that it would still save \$5,292 a year. In the sponsorship Veolia will be giving the Fair Park \$10,000 up front. Veolia is willing to bring extra recycling and trash containers to the Fair Park when it holds large events. The Committee has always been concerned about recycling at Fair Park. Sharon asked that they get yearly event accountability reports from Veolia on how much in recycling is done at all the County's facilities and for the Fair Park's large events. Sharon also pointed out that when the County does another contract for refuse removal they should think about the recycling items as a commodity meaning we pay to have them hauled away, but the hauler realizes the value in recycling glass, plastic, and aluminum. Right now the recycling market has bottomed out but it will bounce back once manufacturing rebounds. Rob pointed out that no matter how small the savings; the County needs to save wherever possible. Sharon asked the Committee and Paul if they want her to visit each of the vendors at fair time and hand out certificates to the vendors who recycle. They said yes, they want to continue the good will practice to the vendors at fair.

Greg David made a motion to approve sponsorship and change refuse removal and recycling vendor for 2009-2011 from John's to Veolia Environmental Services and Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

10. DISCUSS FUTURE OF EDUCATION AND POSSIBILITIES FOR DIRECTION OF EDUCATION

The Committee asked that this be put on the agenda for June. Staff and Committee members will try to think of ways to do education with little money and staff time.

11. DISCUSS APRIL 4, 2009 AND MAY 9, 2009 CLEAN SWEEPS

As of the meeting, Sharon did not have the invoices from Veolia or CRT Processing. The April 4 clean sweep had 183 participants with 157 households, 15 farms, 1 ag business and 8 VSQG businesses. Out of the 183 participants 49 had drugs, 141 had electronics, and 91 had chemicals. Only 3 participants brought only drugs; most of the participants brought in a combination of all three. Rick from Watertown said they have lots of appointments still open for chemicals for the May 9 clean sweep. The Watertown clean sweep can take as many electronic and drug participants that register. Rick is still working on ways to help fund clean sweep. Rick said the Mayor of Watertown and City

Council members will be volunteering their time. Sharon said we will need at least three, 2-person teams to fill out surveys. Veolia would like us to have two lines; one for chemical, drug, and electronic combinations and the second for electronics only. We might need someone just for traffic control. Mark Heal and Sharon will meet with Rick and check the site for the best solution. Rick said they have tables available for the pharmacists and Committee. Don Reese also mentioned that Steve Nass said that the foot ball coach from Watertown High School might be sending players to help unload the electronics. No further discussion was needed until the invoices were received for the first two clean sweeps. The Committee hopes that the Governor's budget will be approved sometime in June or July so they will know if there still is a possibility for the grants. Overall the clean sweep went very well with all the volunteer help we had. Participants waited less than 15 minutes. We took in 25 gaylord totes of electronics. We are waiting to hear from CRT Processing how many pounds of electronics were saved from being thrown in the landfill. The four Lake Mills High School students did a good job of unloading the electronics from the cars and placing them in the totes. One of the students helped with surveys. Most of the Wal-Mart volunteers helped with surveys. The Committee asked Sharon to put together an appreciation certificate that would be sent to the boys at the high school for volunteering and one for Assistant Coach Nass. The Committee also asked that after the May 9 clean sweep, Sharon put something in the paper recognizing the good work the entire volunteer staff did for clean sweep.

12. DISCUSS 2009 SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY BUDGET

The Committee asked how much money was spent from the budget and Sharon replied very little to date because we haven't received any of the clean sweep invoices. Sharon and Rob will have a better understanding of where we stand as far as expenditures by June. The Committee asked that the budget be an item for discussion on the June agenda.

13. DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OF CLEAN SWEEP

Gary and Paul stayed for the discussion of corporate sponsorship. Gary, Paul and Rob told the Committee that Sharon should pursue the possibilities of corporate sponsorship. The Committee needs to find ways of sustaining the clean sweep program without grant money from the state. Paul said he would be willing to give Sharon informational help as she tries to put together a sponsorship package. Paul also pointed out to the Committee that there is no free sponsorship. Sponsors want to know what they will get for sponsoring your program. Examples would be signage, advertising links on your website, logos on posters, brochures, etc. Sharon will still continue with her Zoning duties as well as the new sponsorship project for Solid Waste/Air Quality.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDING PROJECTS

The Committee said this could be taken off the agenda.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STRATEGIC PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

The Committee wants this on the agenda. Don Reese will be on this Steering Committee and would be giving the Committee up to date reports on the Steering Committee's actions.

16. DISCUSS ASSESSMENT PLAN AND POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIONS

No discussion occurred. Put back on the agenda once a year for discussion and action.

17. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 15, 2009 OR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The May 15, 2009 meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting will be June 19, 2009.

18. DISCUSS TOUR OF CRT PROCESSING IN JANESVILLE FOR JUNE 19, 2009 MEETING

The Committee asked Sharon to schedule a tour of CRT Processing for the June 19, 2009 meeting. They would like to meet at 8:00 at the Courthouse and use the zoning van. The tour should be scheduled for 8:45 a.m. and after the tour they would return to the Courthouse for the Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting.

June 19, 2009 Meeting

- **Tour at CRT Processing in Janesville First**
- **Discuss Future of Education and Possibilities for Direction of Education**
- **Discuss April 4, 2009 and May 9, 2009 Clean Sweep**
- **Discuss 2009 Solid Waste/Air Quality Budget**
- **Discussion and Possible Action on Strategic Planning Steering Committee Participation**
- **Discuss Tour of CRT Processing in Janesville for June 19, 2009 Meeting**
- **Discuss Progress on Corporate Sponsorship for Clean Sweeps**

July 17, 2009 Meeting

- **Discuss Education with Elisabeth Olsen, DNR**

Vic Imrie left at 11:25 a.m.

Carlton Zentner left at 11:30 a.m.

18. ADJOURN

Don Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. and Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3-0

Meeting dates for the following months:

Saturday, May 9, 2009 – Clean Sweep – Watertown Street Department

Friday, May 15, 2009 – Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting **cancelled**

Friday, June 19, 2009 –Tour of CRT Processing and meeting of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

to follow tour at the Jefferson Courthouse.

Friday, July 17, 2009 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

These minutes will be reviewed and acted upon at next month's Solid Waste & Air Quality Committee meeting. See those minutes for the record of action.

Secretary of Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee