

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes July 17, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Don Reese called the meeting of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee to order at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2009 at UW-Extension 864 Collins Road – Room 12, Jefferson, WI 53549

2. ROLL CALL (ESTABLISH A QUORUM)

Committee members present at 8:00 a.m. were Don Reese-Chair, Walt Christensen-Vice Chair, Greg David-Secretary, Carlton Zentner and Vic Imrie.

Staff members present: Rob Klotz and Sharon Ehrhardt

Guests present: Paul Milbrath-Sheriff Jefferson County, Tim Anderson-Jefferson County Health Department, Richard Schultz-Street Superintendent City of Watertown, John Schomler-Pharmacist Watertown Hospital, and Mark Heal-Account Manager Veolia Environmental Services

3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

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

4. REVIEW THE AGENDA

Consensus was to discuss items in order of guest convenience.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 19, 2009

Carlton Zentner made a motion to accept the June 19, 2009 minutes as written and Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 5-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon said she participated in the AROW Product Stewardship conference call on Tuesday, July 14, 2009. This call was very informative relating to Solid Waste/Air Quality issues. They discussed the SB258 which passed the Assembly and is now at the Environmental Committee headed by Senator Miller and will be on the fall session. This bill will ban oil filters and oil saturated items from landfills and will require proper disposal. This is the type of information discussed in the conference call. Anyone can dial into a conference call, and in the future Sharon will pass this information on to the Committee so they can participate or listen to the issues being discussed.

AROW Statement in Support of AB 299 – July 2009

AROW sent a support statement to the legislators in support of AB299. AB299 bans all mercury from landfills including mercury in switches. This bill will ban salvage dealers and car dealers from throwing out switches, but requires them to dispose of them in a correct matter.

Sharon got a notice this week that Apple would recycle all brands of electronics from schools free. The deadline was July 31, 2009. Sharon contacted Watertown Daily Times and Jefferson County

Daily Union and asked that they put this in their newspapers so schools could take advantage of this disposal before the deadline.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

The following correspondence was sent in the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee's packets.

Resolution No. 2009 – "Support of Clean Sweep Program Sponsorship Letter"

Jefferson County Clean Sweep Program Sponsor Opportunities "Support Letter"

Fact Sheet "Jefferson County Clean Sweep Program"

Don Smith-Waste Management "Solid Waste Tip Fee Changes Resulting from 2009-2011 Budget"

Roger Springman-DATCP "2009 and 2010 Clean Sweep Program Plans"

AROW Board of Directors Meeting "Agenda for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2009"

AROW/WI Be SMART "Discuss Merger June 17, 2009"

Air Matters "June 2009"

The Economist "Talking Rubbish"

8. DISCUSS CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM AND GRANTS FOR 2009 AND 2010

Sharon announced to the Committee that we received a new contract for the Household and Agriculture grants reflecting the 25% reduction that was passed in the State budget. Household is \$15,550 and Ag will be \$7,500 for a total of \$23,050. Kristina Gordon, WDATCP-ARM Division sent the 2009 Rank/Order Prescription Drug grant by email to Sharon. We did not receive a grant at first, but Sharon talked to Milbrath and Klotz; they said she should complain to DATCP because Jefferson County was instrumental in getting the drug program off the ground. Last year 12-14 counties and municipalities brought their drugs as far as Jefferson County to participate in a group witness burn. When she explained the disappointment to DATCP and told them that Milbrath was working with Brad Dunlop-DOJ and Mark Heal-Veolia to coordinate another witness burn this year they were quiet and said they would get back to Sharon. About half an hour later they called back and said Jefferson County would be getting some grant money. The money would be reduced by 25% so we could possibly get \$3,375. The grant money would be used for disposal of drugs collected at spring and fall Clean Sweeps. This money could also be used for the disposal of drugs from the Sheriff's Department when we get a permanent drop-off box. Sharon said when she talked to DATCP she told them that they should pay for the witness burn instead of each county having to be billed from Veolia. Mark Heal said it is a possibility that Brad Dunlop would be paying for the witness burn from funds he has. Mark H. said that it was almost impossible to do the witness burn the same day the drugs are collected at Jefferson County Sheriff's Department because we have people come from across the southern half of Wisconsin, and they need travel time.

Carlton asked if there was a better and more efficient way of collecting drugs. Milbrath and Heal explained that because of the controlled drugs, you need law enforcement at the clean sweeps. The non-controlled have no regulation, but controlled drugs do. Heal confirmed for the Committee that Wisconsin does not have a place that can burn drugs with WDNR approval. You can take your drugs to La Crosse, they put a solvent in the drugs to make them unusable, but he also takes them to Illinois to be burned. Taking them to La Crosse would not save us any money. The \$1,800 witness burn fee is divided by the counties that participate with Jefferson County.

Sharon told the Committee that sometime in late August or September, we will be getting our new grant application for 2010. We will again apply for the Household and Agriculture combined grants and the Drug grant. Sharon also requested that DATCP send her a copy of the best drug grant so she can write a better grant for next year. Don reminded the Committee that we need to send a resolution to the County Board to be used with grant applications. Sharon said she only had to update the current resolution and she would send it down to Phil Ristow for approval to put on the August 11, 2009 County Board agenda.

Greg David made a motion to send a resolution to the Jefferson County Board in support of the Household, Agriculture and Drug grants for Jefferson County Clean Sweep program and Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

Mark Heal confirmed for the Committee that we were still going to have the September 19, 2009 Clean Sweep in Fort Atkinson, and that the October 15 Clean Sweep was cancelled. Mark H. also confirmed that we will only take 100 chemical appointments; unlimited drug and electronics can be brought to the Clean Sweep event. Mark H. and Sharon will meet and inspect the Public Works site in Fort Atkinson and go over the layout before the event. Sharon said asked Tim Kramp-Public Works Department to invite some of the Fort Atkinson Council members to work as volunteers. This helped in the City of Watertown to make city officials more aware of Clean Sweeps, and Watertown Council members have become big supporters of Clean Sweep. Seeing first hand all the materials brought in to a Clean Sweep event is very enlightening.

Mark Heal said that the invoices from April & May have to be changed to reflect the final grant reports.

9. DISCUSS SUPPORT RESOLUTION SENT TO COUNTY BOARD JULY 14, 2009

This resolution passed the County Board by a 26-0 vote. (One vacant and 3 absent.)

10. DISCUSS TOWNS ASSOCIATION MEETING OF JULY 28, 2009 – PALMYRA

Sharon was to talk to the Towns Association at their July 28th meeting, but Richard Gimler did not put her on the agenda as she requested. Sharon asked the Committee how she should ask for money from the Towns and if she should do a presentation. Sharon Schmeling told Sharon that there would be no money coming from the county to support Clean Sweep. Sharon wanted to know if she should ask the Towns for a flat rate or a per person cost. Vic I. said there should be money for cleanup from the pesticide fund, but the state took that money and used it in the general fund. Walt started a motion that he would favor a percapita charge of 25 cents per person. Rob said Sharon should ask the Towns to contribute and the Committee agreed, when they sent the resolution to the County Board. The Jefferson County Board supported this by passing the resolution. Rob recommended when we have the next clean sweep that someone from the Towns be invited so they know what a clean sweep is about and what materials are brought to a Clean Sweep. Sharon said we need to look at this as a long-term commitment for the environment and options for the residents to properly dispose of hazardous materials. Greg David said he agrees that the towns and municipality should look at this as a long-term commitment to the environment. Rob said if we don't have outside funding we could only have one clean sweep next year and the next year would be iffy, and without funding, it could also eliminate Sharon's job, and the Committee would have to run future Clean Sweeps. Walt said a visit to the Towns Association is important and stated that the residents of each town should contribute to the problem of disposing of hazardous waste when they purchase hazardous materials. Don wants Sharon to go to the Towns as an education visit. Walt suggested that when Sharon approaches the Towns, she should present the following points: lay out the situation; we will be seeking money in the future; how participants from each town participates; Town's should send resolutions to the state to reinstate the funds for what they were meant to be used and funding Clean Sweep is a shared responsibility; cities, villages and businesses will be approached. Rob said maybe in a year or two if we are out of money, ask that the Clean Sweep Program be put on the tax role so everyone shares in the cost. Roger Springman from DATCP thinks that in the future, adding this to taxes would be good for Jefferson County. Carlton agreed to the five point program. The Committee asked Sharon to attend the October 27, 2009 Towns Association Meeting and do a presentation with a hand out including the five points discussed.

Motion was made by Walt Christensen that Sharon approach all municipalities and the Town's Association addressing the five points the Committee suggested and ask for voluntary help and contributions from the towns. He also requested that all Committee members should attend if at all possible. Carlton Zentner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

11. DISCUSS PROGRESS ON CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP FOR CLEAN SWEEPS

Walt made suggestions to change a few items in the sponsorship letter, and he said he would email them to Sharon for review and correction.

Carlton ask Rob to clarify that if Clean Sweep could no longer support Sharon's job, would she have a position with Zoning, and the answer was no.

Carlton asked Don Smith about the projects for the landfill fee this year and they will be down about 30-40%. Rob asked Don Smith to send an estimated projection so he could use these numbers in his budget.

12. DISCUSS 2009 SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY BUDGET

The budget was referred to in our meeting's discussions. Rob told the Committee he sent the zoning and solid waste budget to administration, but won't know anything until they are reviewed by the Finance Committee.

13. DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF A PERMANENT DROP OFF SITE FOR DRUGS

Sheboygan Press, article about medication drop off box located just inside new Sheboygan police station, was handed out to the Committee. The Sheriff wants to look at the container used by City of Sheboygan Police Department. The Sheriff will consider a permanent drop site in the lobby of the Sheriff Department. The lobby is monitored by cameras so they would see if anyone tried to taper with the container. The Sheriff would not want liquids or sharps dumped into the container. Only a Sheriff's deputy can accept drugs. It would be illegal for anyone else to take them. Tim Anderson and Walt Christensen will look for containers. The Sheriff said he would want the container modified. Walt C. said he could help modify a post office box for Paul M. Mark Heal asked Sharon to contact Steve Olsen in Fond du Lac to send a picture of the post office mail box they modified for drugs. Mark Heal said we would not have to inventory the drugs. All we need is a weight of the controlled and non-controlled drugs. The Sheriff said having an inventory of the controlled drugs for a records and justification would be nice if anyone had questions. John Schomler said the government makes this more difficult than it needs be. Sharon said lets use the Sheriff's site as a test site and the Clean Sweep Program will pay for disposal of the drugs though our grants. In two years if this turns out to be very positive, we could expand to other police departments. Mark Heal asked Sharon to call Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, and Marshfield police departments to see if sharps or liquids are a problem. Paul M. said maybe We Tips would do posters for us. HIPAA is an issue we have to address. Charlotte Silvers (HIPAA) is concerned about the privacy of the persons who bring drugs or electronics to the Clean Sweeps.

Rob Klotz asked the Committee if we have permission to purchase a used post office if one was available.

Vic Imrie made a motion to have a permanent drop off site for drugs in the sheriff's lobby and the staff to secure a container and retro fit for the sheriff' lobby for \$100.00 or less. Walt Christensen seconded motion.

Motion carried 5-0

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

Sharon told the Committee about video on the "Story of Stuff" that could be sent to the fourth grade teachers for future education. Greg David agreed with Sharon that is would be a great education tool for the classrooms. Greg is going to copy the video so each the Committee members could review the video. There is also teaching guide and a website and it encourages people to download the video and pass it on to educate people on how we became a materialistic nation.

15. DISCUSS GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON RECYCLING

The next Governor's Council on recycling will be held here in Jefferson County at UW-Extension Room 12 on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. All Committee members are invited.

16. DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLES PROGRAM FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

No discussion.

17. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON STRATEGIC PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

A second meeting will be August 19, 2009. This is planning and discussion stage.

18. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST OR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AUGUST

- **Discuss the Towns Association Meeting October 27, 2009**
- **Don Smith, Waste Management – Update on Deer Track Landfill**
- **Permanent Drop Off Site for Drugs**

18. ADJOURN

Carlton Zentner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and Greg David seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0

Meeting Dates for the following months.

Friday, August 21, 2009 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Courthouse – Room 203

Friday, September 18, 2009 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Courthouse – Cancelled

Saturday, September 19, 2009 – Clean Sweep – City of Fort Atkinson Public Works Department

Friday, October 16, 2009 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Courthouse – Room 203

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – Town's Association Meeting -

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