

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

February 20, 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, February 20, 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, Carlton Zentner, and Vic Imrie.

Greg David arrived at 8:07 a.m.

Staff member present: Sharon Ehrhardt

Guest present: Richard Schultz, Superintendent-City of Watertown Street Department, Thomas Kramp, Superintendent-Department of Public Works-City of Fort Atkinson, Dennis Heling, Director-Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium, Gail Scott, RN/BSN Director/Health Officer-Jefferson County Health Department, and Tim Anderson, Environmental Health-Jefferson County

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 keep the agenda as presented

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 21, 2008

Vic Imrie made a motion to accept the November 21, 2008 minutes as written and Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon thanked the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee for the memorial gifts and cards in remembrance of her mother Valeria Buechel and her brother Dennis Buechel.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Email from Roger Springman - DATCP - "2009 Drug Grant Situation"

The Wheeler Report – "Doyle Orders Additional Reductions in State Spending"

AROW (Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin) – "AROW Membership Information"

2009 Joint Winter Conference & Trade Show – "March 11-13, 2009 at Chula Visa Resort, Wisconsin Dells"

Resource Recycling – "December 5, 2008 Newsletter"

Waste News – "32 Recyclers Join E-scrap Certification Program"

Waste News – "Electronics Makers' Recycling Venture Launches"

Miles Harter – Dynamic Recycling – "Electronics Recycling Pricing Quotes"

[The above correspondence was sent out in December and below is new correspondence.](#)
[Jefferson County “Renewable Energy Infrastructure & Capacity Building Projects”](#)
[Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection “2009 Annual Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Management & Waste Disposal Awareness Training”](#)
[Bruce Haukom’s Retirement Party, Saturday, March 7, 2009](#)
[Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection “Clean Sweep Grantees”](#)
[Senator Mark Miller “Joint Committee on Finance”](#)
[Email Ed Jepsen-DNR “Jefferson County Ozone Data”](#)
[Email Joanie Burns DNR “Proposed Rulemaking \(ANPR\) Controlled Substance Disposal”](#)
[Fair Park “2009 Recycling Requirements for Vendors”](#)
[Wisconsin State Journal “Giving a New Life to Tired Computers”](#)
[Email Alerts “Take Bake My TV”](#)
[Veolia ES News “November 2008: E-Waste: Prepare for the Holidays”](#)
[Air Matters “Two Issue for December 2008”](#)
[Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau “January, 2009”](#)
[Senator Mark Miller “Senate Bill 397: Electronics Recycling Legislation”](#)
[Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources “Television Recycling Media Kit”](#)

Sharon explained that Senator Mark Miller’s Bill 397 could save the Committee in electronic disposal costs. Electronics costs the Committee between \$12,000 and \$15,000 in disposal fees each year. This includes electronics from the Jefferson County MIS Department and from clean sweeps. Carlton Zentner volunteered to write a letter to our legislators supporting Senator Mark Miller’s Senate Bill 397: “Electronics Recycling Legislation”. Carlton will bring the letter to the next Committee meeting for approval.

8. MARK HEAL – DISCUSS CLEAN SWEEPS FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

Mark Heal confirmed that Veolia got the state contract for collecting hazardous waste at clean sweep events for the southern and central part of Wisconsin. Mark said the labor cost has changed from \$54 to \$56 per hour and the basic per pound charge has changed from \$1.02 to \$1.06 a pound. Mark said for the Committee to cut costs at clean sweeps, get volunteers to handle all the electronics. Get volunteers to help with pharmaceuticals, surveys and paper work. The more volunteers we have, the more the cost for Veolia staff is reduced. Mark also suggested that we don’t take walk-ins. The Committee discussed cutting the number of clean sweeps or limiting the number of participants.

Dave Ehlinger presented the Committee with a 2009 financial statement. Dave explained to the Committee if we didn’t make cuts to our clean sweep program that by the year 2011 we would be out of money. The tipping fee has decreased by about \$10,000 a year for the last four year that we get from Deer Track Park Landfill and without getting any clean sweep grants from the state we won’t have the funds to run the program.

Carlton Zentner made a motion to limit the number of participants to 100 per each 2009 clean sweep event with the exception of businesses, because businesses pay for the disposal of their materials. Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

The Motion carried 5-0

9. 2009 ANNUAL WISCONSIN HAZARDOUS DISPOSAL AWARENESS TRAINING

Sharon asked Mark if the hazardous disposal awareness training would be something the Committee members should attend. Mark said it is free and it would be good training for Committee members. Sharon will send the schedule to each member. The training date is Tuesday, March 31 at Mendota Conference Center, Madison. Committee members will have to contact Sharon by Monday, March 23, 2009 if they plan to attend. Sharon will reserve the Zoning van for that day.

10. THOMAS KRAMP, SUPERINTENDENT, DPW FORT ATKINSON – DISCUSS CLEAN SWEEP AT NEW FORT LOCATION

Tom said that he is sure that the new location at the Public Works Department in Fort Atkinson will work out for the clean sweep on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Mark Heal and Sharon agreed it was

a good location with good traffic flow. He also said that right now he has no money in the budget that could be used for clean sweeps. Tom will investigate if Fort Atkinson could help with costs in 2010. Sharon explained that if each of the communities in Jefferson County could find ways of helping support clean sweeps, the program could continue. Clean sweep programs need to find better ways of funding their programs without grant monies and because of reduction in tipping fees from the landfill. Without clean sweeps, all communities will face the problems of disposing hazardous chemicals that enter into their waste streams as well as electronics and pharmaceutical. Clean sweeps have been a good cheap vehicle for disposal of hazardous materials.

11. RICHARD SCHULTZ, STREET SUPERINTENDENT, STREET DEPARTMENT WATERTOWN – DISCUSS CLEAN SWEEP AT WATERTOWN LOCATION

Richard said that he was going to approach Mayor Krueger again about funding clean sweeps in Watertown. Richard said that cleanup from improper disposal can be costly and if it is hazardous material it becomes an even greater cost. He doesn't want Watertown residents dumping hazardous materials like oil or antifreeze down storm drains or in the waste stream system. Richard said he would have liked to have two clean sweeps a year in Watertown. Sharon said that because of the cost it could not happen. Sharon did mention that Whitewater has always paid for it's residents to attend clean sweeps. Unfortunately we don't have a high attendance from Whitewater. Dean Fischer, Director of Public Works, is trying to get the word out about clean sweeps to the residents of Whitewater with more promotions.

12. EDWARD JEPSEN-DISCUSS FINE PARTICULATE DESIGNATIONS AND JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALSO DISCUSS GRANTS AND NEW DIESEL GRANT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

Ed Jepsen (DNR-Air Management) updated the Committee on 2008 Jefferson County ozone values and indicated the county retained it's ozone attainment status. Questions were asked regarding flooding and the impacts on fine particulate concentrations. Ed responded that flooding is not considered a fine particulate source, but may have mold related health impacts.

Ed provided a copy of the federal *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: A Guide to Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Opportunities for Local and Tribal Governments* to the supervisors and an electronic copy to Sharon, Dennis Heling and Greg David. Ed described the grant opportunities and offered to help with a grant application if desired. Dennis Heling, Director of Economic Development Consortium, indicated he has insight into what opportunities new and existing businesses in Jefferson County might be seeking. Dennis Heling also talked about the grants that might be available to Jefferson County and Jefferson County businesses. Ed said he would continue to send future grant opportunities to Sharon and Dennis. The Committee discussed the financial difficulties of Renew Energy and Dennis indicated Renew had filed for Chapter 11.

Ed briefly described the process and outcome of the Governor's Task Force on Global Warming. Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions will be needed from all sectors, especially electric generation and transportation. There is no "silver bullet" solution. Rather many actions or "silver buckshot" with everyone making changes over time to reduce our carbon footprint.

13. DON SMITH-DISCUSS DEER TRACK PARK LANDFILL UPDATES

- **EXPLAIN WHERE DEER TRACK PARK REVENUES COME FROM**
- **2008 DEER TRACK PARK TIPPING FEE**

Don Smith was not able to come to the meeting. We will put him on the next meeting agenda.

14. DISCUSS COMMITTEE SUPPORT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY RENEWABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE & CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS. POSSIBLE MOTION.

Greg David told the Committee about the three grants that he wrote with the help of Doug Johnson for the following projects:

Project 1 – Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation & Renewable Energy Facility

Project 2 – Integrated Renewable Energy and Wastewater Treatment Project

Project 2b – Integrated Renewable Energy and Wastewater Treatment Project Aspect 2b

Project 3 – CNG Filling Station Infrastructure/Clean Diesel Initiative

Greg handed out a description of each project with status, cost, and employment opportunities.

Greg asked the Committee if they would support him with Committee approval for the projects.

Carlton Zentner made a motion to consider the mission of Air Quality as part of the Committee and to accept and recognize the possible value of the projects that Greg David proposed with no monetary or staff cost. Possible appropriation to Economic Development or other appropriate departments in the future may be considered. Don Reese seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

15. DISCUSS ASH TREE DISPOSAL AND DEER CARCASS DISPOSAL

The emerald ash tree bug has not reached Jefferson County yet. Did not have time to fully discuss this issue and will put it on the next meeting agenda.

16. UPDATE COMMITTEE ON PROGRESS OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Presentation will be at March 27, 2009 Committee meeting.

17. RECEIVED 2009 PHARMACEUTICAL GRANT AND DISCUSS FUTURE GRANT INFORMATION

This was discussed with agenda item 8.

18. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDING PROJECTS

No discussion; will be on next agenda.

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

No discussion; will be on next agenda.

20. DISCUSS BUDGET ITEMS

- **AROW MEMBERSHIP \$95.00**

Sharon said the membership fee was sent and we are now members of AROW.

- **2009 CONFERENCE BUDGET**

Discussed 2009 budget with Dave Ehlinger during agenda item 8 discussions.

- **FOOD BUDGET CLEAN SWEEPS**

We will stop buying food for clean sweeps, because no monies are available for this. We supplied food for volunteers and staff.

- **BUDGET FOR NEWSPAPERS**

Stop newspaper subscriptions. Committee members will bring articles pertaining to Solid Waste/Air Quality to Sharon at the Committee meetings.

- **SIGNING AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS**

The Committee said that as long as Rob or Sharon see the bills and approves them, no Committee action is necessary. Carlton requested that Sharon bring one copy of the bills to the Committee for review. With the tight budget they would like to see on a monthly basis where their money is spent.

- **PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$1,000 APPROVAL**

The Committee said that the County already had an approval system in place so that they would not have to see the purchase orders. The Committee always initiated any large purchases. Sharon said the only purchase orders she writes for the Committee over \$1,000 are for the clean sweep vendors: Veolia, Cascade – Assets Management, and Econoprint.

21. DISCUSS ASSESSMENT PLAN AND POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIONS

No discussion occurred.

22. DISCUSS MEETING SCHEDULE AND SITE FOR 2009

The Committee is keeping the same meeting schedule for 2009.

23. DISCUSS ATTENDANCE AT THE 2009 JOINT WINTER CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

No discussion occurred.

24. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH OR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March

- Put presentation of educational programs on agenda
- Update Clean Sweep Information
- Don Smith – Deer Track Park Landfill
- Update on Solid Waste/Air Quality Plans

14. ADJOURN

Walt Christensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 and Greg David seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0

Meeting Dates for the following months.

Friday, March 27, 2009 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

Saturday, April 4, 2009 – Clean Sweep – Jefferson County Fair Park

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

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

Friday, May 15, 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