

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

March 27, 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, March 27, 2009 at UW-Extension, 864 Collins Road, Room 12, Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549.

2. ROLL CALL (ESTABLISH A QUORUM)

Committee members present at 8:00 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: Steve Grabow, UW-Extension

Guest arrived at 8:40: Jeff DeGarmo, Account Executive-CRT Processing

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 Item 11 up when Jeff DeGarmo arrived.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 20, 2009

Vic Imrie made a motion to accept the February 20, 2009 minutes as written and Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon told the Committee that we received a donation of \$200 for the clean sweep program from the Heart of the City, Fort Atkinson. The Committee signed a Certificate of Appreciation for the Heart of the City.

The AROW (Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin) membership packet arrived and the Committee reviewed the contents.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Email from Roger Springman - DATCP - "Useful Concepts and Facts"

Email from Roger Springman - DATCP - "DEA Wants Comments on Controlled Substances"

Email from Roger Springman - DATCP - "Clean Sweep Progress"

Email from Ed Jepsen – DNR – "Resources to Assist Local Governments Maximize Economic Recovery Funds"

Email from Ed Jepsen – DNR – “Alternative Fuel & Advanced Technology Vehicles Pilot Program”

Email AROW – “SB 107 for Electronics Recycling Introduced”

AROW – “Draft AROW Product Stewardship Policy”

AROW – “Draft for Approval – Annual Meeting February 28, 2008”

AROW – “2008 Director’s/Annual Report Draft”

Be SMART – “Annual Report 2008”

Veolia ES News “March 2009: Business is Greening”

Resource Recycling “Electronic Newsletter – March 13, 2009”

Walt was interested in the email from Ed Jepsen-DNR “Alternative Fuel & Advanced Technology Vehicles Pilot Program”. Walt asked if any Jefferson County departments planned on buying new vehicles this year. This grant would allow the county to purchase more efficient and alternative fuel vehicles with the grant paying the difference. Don said the Highway Department planned on buying new trucks. Sharon said that if there was an interest in applying for the grant, Ed Jepsen would be willing to help with the process. Ed has offered his services in the past to help Jefferson County take advantage of the grants he sends to the Committee for review. Walt and Greg said they would look into the possibilities.

Walt & Greg had a few suggestions to the letter Carlton created to be sent to Senator Mark Miller and Representative Penny Bernard Shaber. This letter supports Senate Bill 107. They will send the changes to Sharon so she can put the draft on letterhead to be sent to Miller and Shaber electronically.

8. PRESENTATION OF EVALUATION OF EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Steve Grabow presented the evaluation report on the education plan using four scenarios:

A. Be SMART

B. Train the trainer model

C. Provide resource materials only

D. Independent contractor (scaled down/adapted version of Be SMART).

The evaluation was also based on an eight-point criteria. Scenario D, Independent contractor fully meets the criterion. The workshops were held in January and February. Steve Grabow understands that the Committee at this time could not afford Scenario D, but this might be a short term problem. He recommends that the Committee look at alternative options. There might be possibilities that could come close to Scenario D without great financial costs. The Committee asked Sharon to put this on the April agenda to discuss options.

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

Don Reese said that Don Smith could not make the meeting, because he had a tour this morning. Don said not much was going on at the landfill and that tonnages were down. Less tonnage could mean less contractual fees for the Solid Waste/Air Quality programs. Don also said that they were cleaning up paper from the spring winds.

10. DISCUSS ASH TREE DISPOSAL AND DEER CARCASS DISPOSAL

Greg David said that the Town & County RCDC (Resource Conservation Development Council) has partnered with the DNR to create education workshops regarding emerald ash borer this summer and fall. These workshops will address the issues of infestation of the emerald ash borer and the eradication of the disease and what are possible solutions concerning recycling of the end product.

Sharon said she did not have time to call local deer processors to see how they dispose of the deer carcasses. Sharon will try to make contact by the next meeting.

11. DISCUSS CLEAN SWEEPS FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

- **Possible Electronic Vendor Change**

Jeff and Sharon explained why we should use CRT Processing instead of Cascade Asset Management. We would be saving 5 cents a pound for electronic recycling. It would cost us 17 cents a pound instead of 22 cents a pound. In the past we paid for recycling CPUs and laptops; CRT does not charge for those items. CRT also said that the first two clean sweeps Samsung would pay for all the electronic recycling. We would have to pay \$75 round trip for the truck to drop off and pick up the pallets. When the Senate Bill 107 is passed there will be no charge for electronic recycling and CRT will handle everything. We will be charged for fluorescent lamps, compact lamps and ballasts but it is still 2 cents cheaper than the past disposal rate. Sharon will meet with the maintenance group from the county facilities and introduced them to CRT for cheaper lamp recycling. CRT would pick up at each facility. The chemicals from each facility would still have to be sent to a clean sweep.

Jeff assured the Committee that all assets are recycled in accordance with all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines. They carry \$3 million in pollution liability insurance and have an established closure fund to protect long-term interests. They issue certificates of recycling for every customer shipment to complete the required tracking of potentially hazardous electronics. CRT guarantee their comprehensive data destruction system complies with federal laws and regulations, including the Federal Privacy Act, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and state legislation. CRT meets the U.S. Department of Defense and National Security Agency requirements for purging classified information on magnetic disk and tape media, and Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act requirements for device and media control policies that govern the receipt and removal of hardware and electronic media (including disposal, media reuse and accountability).

Carlton asked why we didn't wait for a Committee decision before taking action. Sharon said Rob was with her when they met with Jeff from CRT and because clean sweep was within the next two weeks they had to take action. By going with CRT we would be saving money so the decision was based on timeline and money savings. Don Reese said that when we picked vendors the first time there was not Committee action. The staff took care of the details.

Greg David made a motion to change vendors from Cascade-Asset Management to CRT Processing for this year's clean sweeps with possibilities to investigate new vendors next year if needed. Carlton Zentner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

- **Discuss Governor's 2009 Budget/Elimination of Clean Sweep Grants**

Without get the 2009 clean sweep grant money the Committee might have to cut the last two clean sweep of the year. The Committee is waiting for the final costs of the two spring clean sweeps and to see if the clean sweep grants get reinstated before making a decision. We could wait until the end of June before a decision has to be made.

- **Carlton's Letter for the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee in Support of Senator Mark Miller's Senate Bill 107 for Electronics Recycling**

The Committee members read Carlton's letter and want to make two small changes to the letter. They would send the final draft to Sharon to put on letterhead and Sharon would then send it to Senator Mark Miller and Representative Penny Bernard Shaber.

12. DISCUSS 2009 SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY BUDGET REPORT FROM DAVE EHLINGER

The Committee said they would like this put back on the April agenda when Rob Klotz and Dave Ehlinger could attend and explain this in more detail.

13. DISCUSS GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON RECYCLING MEETING ON MARCH 13, 2009

Sharon told the Committee she addressed the Council asking that they support Senator Miller's Senate Bill 107 and also support the reinstating of the clean sweep grants in the Governor's budget. There were other DNR and county representatives also supporting action by the Council on these two issues. The Council is going to take action by letters to the Governor and other state representatives. Greg David agreed it was a good meeting.

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 might be on this Steering Committee and would give up to date reports on the Steering Committee's actions.

16. DISCUSS ASSESSMENT PLAN AND POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIONS

No discussion occurred. Put back on April's agenda.

17. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH OR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April

- **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**

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 – UW-Extension, Room 12

Friday, June 19, 2009 – Possible Tour of CRT Processing instead of meeting.

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