

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes – January 21, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Don Reese called the meeting of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 21, 2011 at Jefferson County Courthouse, 320 S. Main Street – Room 203, Jefferson, WI 53549

2. ROLL CALL (ESTABLISH A QUORUM)

Committee members present at 8:30 a.m. were Don Reese, Jennifer Hanneman, Vic Imrie and Lloyd Zastrow

Excused Absent: Carlton Zentner

Staff members present: Rob Klotz and Sharon Ehrhardt

Guests: John Molinaro, Chair-Jefferson County Board, Rick Schultz, Superintendent-City of Watertown Street Department, Vic Karaliunas, Recycling Manager-Town of Ixonia, Don Smith, Manager-Deer Track Park Landfill

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

Agenda approved as presented.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 12, 2010

Vic Imrie made a motion to accept the November 12, 2010 minutes as written and Jennifer Hanneman seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

John M. received an email January 20, 2011 from Fireside in response to the donation letters that were sent out by the Committee asking for support to the Clean Sweep Program. They said that they would like to support the Clean Sweep Program, but they get 100's of requests each year for donations and they have to respectfully decline. John thanked them for considering Clean Sweep and maybe in the future when the economy changes they might reconsider Clean Sweep.

Vic K. said that the electronics collections have been going well. Don R. got a complaint from one of his constituents in the Town of Farmington. Ixonia transfer station had a new employee and they questioned why they were bringing electronics from Farmington. We told Donna Hann about it and she explained that they had a new employee at the transfer station. Vic K. said if anyone ever gets a complaint they should contact him and he will take care of it. Vic K. also thanked Sharon for keeping the Town up to date on what is going on with the Committee and sending additional information about drugs, electronics, and chemicals.

Rick S. told the Committee that Watertown is taking small appliances and Sharon can post it on the County website. The residents of Jefferson County can drop their small appliances at the same place where they bring their electronics, at 727 W. Cady Street. Rick also said that he is working with a carpeting recycling company from Milwaukee. Rick is going to finance on Monday to see if they can contribute \$700 for the trailer. The company is called CLEAR (Carpet Landfill Elimination and Recycling) and is opening at N. 76th Street, the former Red Carpet bowling center. The end product is going to end up being a plastic pellet that can be sold back to manufacturers for many different uses. Some of the uses are carpet, carpet cushions, plastic-wood composites, parking stops, picnic tables, parking benches, automobile parts, nylon pellets, and erosion control products. Check out the company on www.landfillclear.com. The money that Watertown would spend on landfill costs would be greater than the cost of recycling the carpeting. Once this is in place, Rick will let Sharon know and this will be open to all residents in Jefferson County.

Watertown went to the cart system for trash hauling in their City. This will help reduce costs and increase efficiency for trash hauling in the City of Watertown. Watertown is also recycling numbers 1-7 plastic containers which will be sent to John's Disposal.

7. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION CORRESPONDENCE OR REPORTS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

a. "Beneficial Management Practices for Mitigating Hazardous Air Emissions from Animal Waste in Wisconsin" – December 13, 2010 Report

This report was sent to Committee members for review. No discussion at this time.

8. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION UPDATE FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT-DEER TRACK PARK LANDFILL – DON SMITH, MANAGER

Don S. distributed the following handouts:

- 1) Email on "CEO Update – Waste Management's New Direction"
- 2) January 7, 2010 "Plan of Operation Approval Modification, Deer Track Park Landfill (#3230)"
- 3) November 2, 2010 "Plan of Operation Approval Modification, Petroleum Contaminated Soil Processing Facility at the Deer Track Park Landfill (#4049)"
- 4) November 29, 2010 "Plan of Operation Approval Modification, Deer Track Park Landfill (#3230)"
- 5) "2010 Actual Tonnage" which was 218,640.36 tons for 2010.

Jefferson County's share of the hosting fees will be \$76,524.13. Rob said that this amount was better than he budgeted for in 2011. Three of the handouts were recent approvals for the landfill. January 7th modified special waste that they take that is not found in house trash. Special wastes have to be tested to make sure they are not hazardous waste. The landfill requested these modifications so they could be more competitive and in line with their competitors. They have a separate license to process contaminated soil and they had to tie that into the waste specials. They put contaminated soil into the bio pile and treat it and then use it for cover on the landfill. They also modified their long term care bond which can be monitored for 40 years after the close of the landfill. This bond has to be updated periodically. They also had to revise the closure bond. Sharon asked Don if it would be possible to film at the landfill. Don S. said he would work on getting approval. The landfill would be filmed in a positive way to explain that there are better disposal and recycling options than landfilling for electronics, drugs and chemicals. Rob said that they could review what was filmed.

Don R asked about the newspaper article which said there was a body in the landfill. Don S. gave the Committee a copy of the article and because it is an ongoing investigation he cannot talk about it at this time.

9. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION UPDATE ON CLEAN SWEEP INFORMATION

a. Ag & Household, and Drug Grants

Jefferson County received three grants which include \$9,100 Ag, \$17,900 household, and \$7,500 drugs for the 2011 grant year. Even though we were awarded these grants for our Clean Sweep program there is no guarantee we will receive the amounts until Governor Scott Walker passes the budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal period.

b. Clean Sweeps

Sharon gave the Committee the final reports for the 2010 Clean Sweep program. Sharon explained the reason the number of participants are down is because we limit the number of people per event to 100 – 115. Don R. said that he thinks we should continue to use those limits. Sharon said that because we now have a year round place to bring electronics and drugs we will see the number go down at clean sweeps. We should try to get more farms to come to this year's events because last year the number was low. Ebert's Greenhouse didn't come last year because we didn't have a grant. DATCP covers part of Ebert's costs for Clean Sweep. Sharon didn't know the percentages because Veolia takes care of that for us. We might get more farmers because they can't throw their oil filters in the landfill. Vic said Ixonia transfer station will take residents' oil filters for recycling. John's Disposal will also take oil filters and Veolia is working on it. Wal-Marts with auto service centers might take oil filters: Sharon will check it out. John M. suggested that maybe we contact the Farm Bureau or other ag groups to see if they could do some kind of collections for the farmers to make it easier for them. Don S. said this is one of those laws that was enacted before the markets were ready. Don S. suggested that we find out as many places as possible that will

take the oil filters and post this on our website so we don't take up our Clean Sweep appointments with just oil filters. Watertown has not started collecting oil filters from residents. Vic K. said they called the DNR because they had concerns on what constitutes an oily rag and DNR replied something that you can ring out. Sharon remarked that the DNR said when cleaning up an oily spill or just cleaning if you have less than one gallon of material you can toss it in the trash. This does not include the oil filter or oil. This is only materials absorbing the spill.

Sharon also handed out a hazardous waste training schedule. The training class is educational and not required for grants. DATCP asked Veolia to put this together for hazardous waste collectors. Sharon said if you never took the class it is helpful to understand how materials need to be sorted and also helps in understanding the costs charged by Veolia at Clean Sweep events.

c. Electronics Collections

Since January 2010 we have sent 234,622 pounds of electronics to URT for recycling. URT is offering us a new contract where they will pay us .02 cent a pound for PCs and laptops and they will continue to take the rest of the other electronics free. It will not give us a lot of money, but will cover the costs we have to pay to dispose of our county's electronics. In 2010 the disposal costs were \$800. Phil Ristow, Corporation Counsel will have look over the contract to make sure it is correct before it is signed. The contract didn't have the three sites with MOU's and Sharon will request that information be added.

Vic Imrie made a motion to accept the new contract with URT Inc. for recycling our electronics subject to Phil Ristow's approval and Jennifer Hanneman seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4-0

Watertown Daily Times said that it will be doing an environmental supplement again in April. Sharon wanted to know if the Committee was willing to pay for a full page ad like we have done in the past. When we do a full page ad they in turn published our resource directory free. A full page ad costs about \$900. They said they might want to do an article on our Clean Sweep program including the electronic and drug collections. Sharon said she didn't know if they would write the article or if we would have to write the article. Don felt that we should write the article to include information about the Sheriff's drug collections. Don also said that he would like some of the drug collection information put on the County's new facebook page.

Jennifer Hanneman made a motion to place an ad in the Watertown Daily Times April environmental supplement and Lloyd Zastrow seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4-0

d. Drug Collections

The Sheriff told Sharon that they had to empty the container about eight times since it has been in place. Sharon said that on Tuesday, John Schloemer and another pharmacist named Tom sorted the drugs with the Sheriff. They filled a 14 gallon container with about 40 pounds of controlled drugs and two 55 gallon containers with non-controlled drugs. The drugs were taken out of bottles. The Sheriff asked Sharon to check with DATCP because of our grants whether residents from a nursing home can bring drugs to the Sheriff's for disposal and the answer was yes. DATCP considers nursing home residents the same as home residents; it's just that they have to live in a controlled environment. Sheriff needs heavy-duty bags for the drug container and Sharon told the Sheriff she would check to see if the Committee would pay for them. Rob suggested that we should pay and therefore need a motion from the Committee for approval the purchasing of heavy-duty bags.

Lloyd Zastrow made a motion to approve paying for the bags the Sheriff needs for the drop drop-off container in the jail lobby and Jennifer Hanneman seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4-0

Sharon also told the Committee that the Watertown Police Department will soon have a drug drop-off box at their station. We are going to run the controlled drugs through the witnessed burn in the fall with the Sheriff, and the non-controlled drugs will go through our Clean Sweep program. We received a \$7,500 grant for drug disposal and Sharon checked with Mark Heal-Veolia account manager whether that should

be enough money to cover our Clean Sweeps, the Sheriff's drug drop-off collections, and the Watertown/Lake Mills Police Departments collections and he said that should cover it all. We will have to match the grant with 25% (\$1,875) in-kind service or actual costs. We should not have a problem matching this amount. Rob suggested we let this year's costs go through our Clean Sweep Program so we can get actual costs for disposal. John Molinaro said Sharon should try getting a list of the large pharmaceutical companies and sending letters requesting donations. Rob also told John that we requested a year ago a list of all businesses in Jefferson County from Dennis Heling.

e. Clean Sweep Donation Letters

Sharon said that so far this year we have received \$1,000 from the Towns. The donation letters were sent out the beginning of January for local businesses.

10. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-LETTER TO LEGISLATORS ABOUT CLEAN SWEEP FUNDS

Sharon didn't get the letters done for the legislators. Sharon handed out a notice from AROW scheduling a meeting with legislators for February 2, 2011. John M. was going to organize a meeting with all local legislators in Jefferson County. Sharon asked the Committee if they still wanted a letter to the legislators or only personal contract. John M. said to send a letter first and then personal contract would be good. John M. also said that it should be acted upon first because of the State budget meeting coming up. Rob said to use the letter from donations as a basis for the letter to the legislators and email to all the legislators. The letter needs to be approved of by Don R. and Rob before emailing.

11. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE ON SCHOOL LETTER FOR ENERGY STAR & GREEN HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Sharon said that we have the local schools listed on the website who are Energy Star and Green & Healthy. She just needs to send a letter to the schools explaining how the Committee will honor the schools that participate in the programs and also inform them about our Clean Sweep Program.

12. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT INVENTORY

Sharon said she didn't get time to put a list together. Don R wanted to know if Donna was going to help her. Sharon said we should get it started and Donna will review it. Sharon said some of the questions she would like to ask are if they have a way of removing down trees and branches in case of a tornado or ice storm and if they contract with their waste haulers for extra debris pickup in case of a disaster. Sharon said when she has a list of questions she will bring it back to the Committee for review.

John M. asked Rob if he thought about getting an intern to help Sharon with some of the Solid Waste Committee collection of data, like helping gather information about debris management or sending letters to pharmaceutical companies and requesting donations. Rob said he would consider it as a possible option.

13. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE ON VIDEO PROSPECTUS

Sharon hasn't heard back from Steve or Jim on the video. Don asked if we were going to do something this spring and Sharon said yes. They plan on filming the first Clean Sweep, April 9th and then schedule the landfill, electronics recycling sites and drug drop-off sites.

14. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION 2011 BUDGET

Sharon puts this on each month's agenda in case Rob needs to share something with the Committee. The only new information is what we discussed earlier with Don S. about hosting fees. Rob had everything budgeted low and didn't think we would have any problems with four Clean Sweeps this year. We just have to watch the drug disposal costs this year.

15. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-LETTER FROM HEART OF THE CITY – FORT ATKINSON

In the month of September the Committee was supposed call this number so they could help in getting a grant for the Heart of the City. This was a grant call in for only the month of September.

16. SET FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE; NEXT MEETING DATE AND POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee said to keep the meetings on the third Friday of the month. The Committee said that because Sharon has a lot of letters to get out for the Committee they would not have a meeting in February,

but have a meeting in March. If there is something someone would like to discuss and put on the agenda it should be given to Don R. or Sharon two weeks ahead of the meeting.

March 18, 2011 Agenda

- **Update on Educational Video**
- **Update on Clean Sweep Program, Drugs, Electronics, Chemicals**
- **Update on Letters**
- **WIRMC Update**

17. ADJOURN

Vic Imrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and Lloyd Zastrow seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting Dates for the following months:

Friday, March 18, 2011 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

Saturday, April 9, 2011 – First Clean Sweep of the year. Jefferson County Fair Park – 8-11 a.m.

Friday, April 15, 2011 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

Friday, May 20, 2011 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

Saturday, May 21, 2011 – Second Clean Sweep of the year. Watertown Street Department – 8-11 a.m.

Friday, June 17, 2011 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

Friday, July 15, 2011 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

These minutes will be reviewed and acted upon at the next Solid Waste & Air Quality Committee meeting. See those minutes for the record of action. A digital recording of these minutes is available upon request.

Secretary of Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee