

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes – August 19, 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, August 19, 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 and Jennifer Hanneman
John Molinaro was in attendance for a quorum.

Carlton Zentner Arrived 8:35 a.m.

Vic Imrie was excused. Lloyd Zastrow was absent.

Staff member present: Sharon Ehrhardt & Rob Klotz

Guests: John Molinaro, Chair-Jefferson County Board; Rick Schultz, Superintendent-Street Dept. City of Watertown and Vic Karaliunas-Recycling Manager, Town of Ixonia

3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Don Reese 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 – June 17, 2011

Jennifer Hanneman made a motion to accept the June 17, 2011 minutes as written and Don Reese seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vic Karaliunas said that he would send the signed MOU after the Town of Ixonia's next meeting. He asked the Committee if that would be a problem for DATCP grants. Sharon said that it would not be a problem.

Sharon listened to a conference call from the Midwest Product Stewardship Council and the only things moving forward with some type of product stewardship are fluorescent light bulbs and paint. The only movement on pharmaceuticals is the Great Lake Basin initiative with its mail-back program. The pharmaceutical companies are not doing anything at all except to lobby against product stewardship and state legislation. Sharon said there is a higher rate of death by drug overdose than car accidents in most states. Until the media and other networking sources get this message out to the public and legislatures, not much will be done. The fire and police departments and environmental groups are behind drug collections for the safety of our families and water supplies.

Vic Karaliunas thanked the Committee and Sharon for the updates he receives about different recycling and environmental issues. He said the updates are helpful and appreciated.

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

Sharon handed out the Green & Healthy School newsletter and the DNR's contest for schools. Sharon sent this information to the schools on her contact list.

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

Don R. said that there wasn't much to report at the landfill. He said that landfill revenues are still down because of the economy and slow construction industry. Don S. was not able to attend the Committee meeting.

9. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION UPDATE FROM RICK SCHULTZ ON CARPET, MATTRESS, UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE RECYCLING IN WATERTOWN

Rick reported that he didn't get much support from the City of Watertown Council in adding mattresses and upholstered furniture to the recycling list. He said that he is working on the budget and is putting the issue aside for the time being. Rick said he did find a company in Darien, WI that recycles carpeting, mattresses, and upholstered furniture. The furniture is burned. Rick said he had a load of carpeting that can't be recycled and he is using a Watertown trucking company to take it to Darien. He would have to send his skidsteer with the trucking company to unload the carpeting. They bought a grappling bucket for the skidsteer; Rick said he would also like to get a dump trailer. That expense would go into his budget and with what the Governor did they are going to have to raise their rate by \$1.30 so it will cost each household \$8.60 for recycling and solid waste per month. Rick said he would continue to try and find a solution for mattresses and upholstered furniture. Rick is partnering with LampUSA in Watertown to recycle Styrofoam. He is meeting LampUSA at the Watertown Daily Times and will send Sharon a copy of the article to put on our website for resident information.

10. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION UPDATE ON CLEAN SWEEP INFORMATION

a. HH, Ag, and Drug Grant Applications

Sharon made a copy of grant applications for the Committee members. Sharon informed Vic K. that she made him the volunteer coordinator so she could tie the Town of Ixonia into the grant. We applied for the following amounts: \$18,000 household, \$10,000 ag and \$10,000 drug. Sharon pointed out that the dates she used for next year are tentative until we hear if we get the grants. Sharon said on the new grant application they are now asking for a Sheriff to volunteer to do a witnessed burn. They will now pay for any expenses a Sheriff incurs like hotel or food. They want to give other Sheriffs a chance to volunteer. Mark Heal didn't think another sheriff would volunteer because it is so easy to bring the drugs to Jefferson County. He said it would be nice if a Sheriff from northern Wisconsin would volunteer to gather drugs from the northern counties. Brad Dunlap-DOJ gathers the drugs from the central area of Wisconsin and brings them to the Sheriff's Office for the witnessed burn. Sharon said that on the grant application she made a note stating that the Sheriff would take drugs from all parties whether they had a grant or not. Mark Heal said that the witnessed burn is open to anyone in Wisconsin collecting controlled and non-controlled drugs. Our point score for the grant is 27. The total points obtainable are 36, so we are 9 short. The reason we are 9 short is because we have had grants in the past; you get more points if you haven't had any past grants. They want to make it easier for new communities to receive grants.

b. MOU Updates for Grant Applications

Watertown and Fort Atkinson have returned their signed MOUs. Vic K is taking his to the next Town of Ixonia meeting for approval. We have not gotten Whitewater's as of this meeting.

c. September 17 and October 7 Clean Sweeps

Don R and Jennifer H said they could not make the Fort Atkinson Clean Sweep. Sharon said she would find some volunteers. For the October 7 Clean Sweep all Jefferson County has to do is furnish 4 survey takers. The Whitewater Clean Sweep does not take appointments; it is open to Jefferson County and Walworth County residents. They will take chemicals and drugs, no electronics. Don R. said he would not be able to attend the Whitewater Clean Sweep. Jennifer H. said she could possibly attend.

d. Donations and Donation Letter Update

The Committee looked over the letter and said the updated revision was ok. They wanted the letter sent out as soon as possible. Sharon said she would send it out the following week.

e. Electronic Collections and Second Year E-Cycle Final Report Update

Sharon told the Committee we have collected 482,000 pounds or 24 tons of e-waste in the last 18 months. URT said that we were their biggest collector and customer of e-waste collections. URT holds one-day events in Milwaukee, Madison and in other areas, but as permanent sites, we are the biggest. The waste collectors John's and Veolia tell their customers that they won't take it on bulk pickup days. John's charges \$35 for electronic pickups. They encourage their customers to bring the electronics to our sites. John M. wanted to know if we could put something in the tax bills about our e-waste, chemical, and drug collections. Rob said it would add cost to the tax mailing and it's not as simple as going to John Jenson with an insertion. He said the Towns also get involved. Rob said maybe we should do a monthly news article to get the word out. John M said we should be sure to send information to Amy to post on facebook. Rob and the Committee wanted Sharon to do a poster similar to her brochure and put it at each of the Town halls. Sharon should make sure that somewhere on the poster it says that the collections are free for e-waste or drugs. The posters should be more general without dates on them; they should refer to the website. Rob said maybe we could send about 100 brochures to each town.

f. Drug Collections Update

The Sheriff said he is overwhelmed with drugs. He has to empty the container weekly. Monday Sharon and some pharmacists are meeting with the Sheriff to sort drugs. The Sheriff is going to order bags for the container for which the Committee agreed to pay.

11. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT INVENTORY

We are getting the surveys in slowly. There are a couple of Towns that have a plan. Most towns check the box for more training on debris management.

12. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE ON VIDEO PROSPECTUS

Jim Leser retired and now Jim is going to work as a contractor. He will be working on the video.

13. UPDATE ON 2012 BUDGET

Rob said to put this on the October agenda. Dave E. found an error on an entry to our favor and we will give everyone a corrected copy in October. Rob said to invite Dave E. to the meeting so he can explain the 2012 budget. Rob estimated \$65,000 for landfill host fees. This number is low. For 2010 we got \$76,524. For 2011 should get about \$70,000. Rob budgeted zero for grants, because we don't know if we will get one or not. Watertown pays for their own Clean Sweep with their \$20,000 donation. Sharon said that the donations are down from last year.

14. UPDATE FROM SHARON ON WI COUNCIL ON RECYCLING

Sharon reported that the Council on Recycling has new members and this group of people will take a positive and active role in recycling. One member asked why Wisconsin doesn't have a bottle recycling program and what would it take to get one passed. The numbers show that states with bottle bills have a higher rate of recycling. The Council is represented with a diversified group of recyclers, businessmen, and local government officials. The new members asked about the budget for the Council and were surprised to find out there was none. The Council can request money if they have a project that has administrative costs to it, but that request goes through the state government channels. Rick Meyer, the President of the Council on Recycling sent out letters asking for help in solving the problem of recycling small propane containers. Sharon got a phone call from the Wisconsin Propane Gas Association. This group is willing to working with companies to get the small propane containers recycled. Sharon referred them to Cynthia Moore-DNR because she was working on that problem.

15. UPDATE ON NEW AIR EMISSION REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE

The new regulations will be coming and how they will affect Jefferson County has not been clear.

16. NEXT MEETING DATE AND POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee agreed to not have a meeting in September. The next meeting will be October 21, 2011. Don reminded Committee members that if there is something someone would like to discuss and have put on the agenda it should be given to Don R. or Sharon two weeks before the meeting.

October 21, 2011 Agenda

- 2012 Budget Review
- Debris Manager Survey Update
- Video Update
- Clean Sweep

20. ADJOURN

Carlton Zentner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and Jennifer Hanneman seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

Meeting Dates for the following months:

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

Friday, December 16, 2011 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

Friday, January 20, 2012 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

Friday, February 17, 2012 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 – Friday, March 2, 2012 – WIRMC (Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference) held by AROW, WCSWMA, and SWANA

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