

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes – January 20, 2012

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 20, 2012 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, Lloyd Zastrow, and Carlton Zentner

Vic Imrie was excused.

Staff members present: Sharon Ehrhardt & Rob Klotz

Guests: John Molinaro, Chair-Jefferson County Board; Mark Heal, Account Manager-Veolia, Don Smith, Manager-Waste Management

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 – October 21, 2011

Carlton Zentner made a motion to accept the October 21, 2011 minutes as written and Jennifer Hanneman seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0**

6. COMMUNICATIONS – DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Public Notice of an Air Pollution Permit Application Review (Redi-Serve Foods Division)

No discussion.

- b. Veolia ES Solid Waste Up For Sale

Sharon asked Mark Heal if he could explain why Veolia was for sale. Mark said that because of the poor European economy, Veolia is selling the garbage collection part of the business in the US for cash flow. His best bet would be that an investment company would buy the business. The large waste haulers like Waste Management and Republic would not be able to purchase all the Veolia waste business because of the federal regulation against monopolies. Don Smith agreed with Mark that maybe a smaller waste company like Waste Connection or an investment company could buy Veolia, or Veolia could be broken apart and sold. They said the asking price would be about a billion dollars. They think it could take sometime before it would be sold. Mark said he worked in the hazardous waste section and wasn't worried. Veolia still has the state hazardous waste contract for this year before bids would go out. He also said that in the years he has worked for Veolia it has gone through six name changes.

- c. Wisconsin Legislative Update (Legislation impacting Solid Waste/Recycling/Composting Facilities)

No discussion.

- d. Recycling Resolution Approved by U.S. Senate

No discussion.

- e. "Bottle Deposit States Create More Jobs" & "Company Turns Old Beverages-Even Beer-Into Ethanol"

Carlton was interested in this article and would like to see a bottle bill in Wisconsin. Sharon told the Committee that a new member of the Wisconsin Council on Recycling has helped implement bottle bills and would support legislation for a bottle bill in Wisconsin. The problem is that beer and soda industries have always lobbied against it. Sharon said states that have bottle bills recycle 75/80% more bottles or cans than states without the billed.

Wisconsin recycles about 40/50% of all beverage cans and bottles. This average has remained the same for about ten years.

- f. 2011 Assembly Bill 383 “(4m)(bm) of the statues; relating to: the disposal of oil absorbent materials.” This is just a change in the collection of absorbent materials like wipe/spill rags or other absorbent materials. It should not make any changes for the Committee in collecting oil filters and absorbent materials at Clean Sweep. This is more of a bill language change.
- g. Pepin County “Municipal Recycling Programs Adapting to State Aid Cut” Sharon told the Committee that this in the first County that she knows of that has stopped curbside collection of recyclable. Pepin has done this because of the Governors budget that reduced RU grants by 40%. The residents and businesses of Pepin County have the choice of hiring a private contractor for curbside recycling or taking the recyclable items to a transfer site.
- h. American Bar Association “From Birth to Rebirth: Will Product Stewardship Save Resource?” No discussion.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

Don S. handed out a “Compliance Monitoring and Evaluation Report” from the DNR, done 11/17/2011. One thing that needed improvement was the leachate line they have been working on to clear it of obstructions. They have been using grease release agent to help clean the line. In the spring they plan to have a router company try to remove the last of the obstructions. The landfill air permit was renewed for another year. They also got authorization to accept liquids for four years. They don’t take a lot of liquids because they can use their own leachate. They also got the bio-pile modification for aerating contaminated soils. This means they were approved for a quicker treatment on contaminated soil which they often use for landfill cover. Modification to the line system design - under drain – approved by the state will save them a million dollars. Don found an error in the host fees; they will be sending us a copy of the revised host fee by the end of the month. Don also gave us some past and future projections.

2008-301 Ton (included 100 year storm and flood waste)

2009-247 Ton

2010-262 Ton (16 Ton from a special job)

2011-280 Ton (62 Ton from a special job)

2012-220 Ton estimate (He said they are starting to see some brown field properties being cleaned up so that number could increase.)

9. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION UPDATE ON CLEAN SWEEP INFORMATION

a. HH, Ag, and Drug Grant Applications

We received the 2012 DATCP grants and here are the amounts:

Household \$12,600 - Ag \$9,300 - Drug \$7,500 (The drug grant includes costs for the witnessed burn)

Sheriff Paul Milbrath will again host the witnessed burn collections in the fall.

b. 2011 Clean Sweep Final Report

Sharon handed out the final reports for the 2011 Clean Sweeps. The disposal costs for 2011 were \$56,556.95. This included the witnessed burn cost of \$1,764.02. We were \$10,443.05 under the \$67,000 budgeted for the year. Rob budgeted \$67,000 for 2012.

d. Donations Update

Sharon handed out sheets listing the past three years of donations. Here is the breakdown:

2010		2011		2012	
Donations	\$ 5,620.00	Donations	\$ 2,550.00	Donations	\$ 3,165.00
Vehicle Fee	\$ 2,215.01	FortCare	\$ 5,000.00	FortCare	\$ 5,000.00
Watertown	\$20,000.00	Watertown	\$20,000.00		
		Vehicle Fee	\$ 2,550.00		
		Grants	\$31,413.00		
		URT	\$ 6,324.24		
TOTALS	\$27,835.01		\$67,838.24		\$ 8,165.00

e. Electronic Collections Update

Sharon handed out an electronic collections summary for 2010, 2011 and 2012. By the end of the 2012 program year, Jefferson County will have collected close to a million pounds of electronics. That total does not include the pounds of electronics collected before the state e-cycle program in 2010. We collected 148,368 pounds of electronics from Clean Sweep events between 2005-2009 program years. Since then we have collected 832,815 pounds. For a total of 981,183 pounds of electronics collected in Jefferson County. Sharon also told the Committee that she had to pay URT for the following items:

Batteries: Fort Atkinson \$46.80 and Watertown \$75.03 = Total of \$121.83

Mercury Device Disposal: \$400.00

MIS Electronic Equipment for 2011: \$843.08

The Committee said these were small charges considering all the electronics we have collected.

We also received two checks from URT for the electronics recycled this year, \$5,542.12 & \$782.12 = \$6,324.12.

f. Drug Collections Update

The costs for drug disposal: \$1,764.02 witnessed burn, \$1,309.08 Clean Sweep events and \$1,339.90 supplies for a total cost of \$4,413.00. When Sharon filed the final drug grant report she could only request the \$4,413.00 of the \$7,500 grant we received. Drug disposal costs are much lower than chemicals. We also reduce our costs by emptying the bottles. Rob told the Committee we should pursue placing drug collections containers at more sites. Sharon told them the only possible sites would be the cities of Whitewater and Fort Atkinson because they have police officers on site at all times. In order to be a collection site you need police present. Sharon checked with Waterloo they have clerical staff on site during the day, not a police officer. Rob said we could afford to pay for drug containers at Whitewater and Fort Atkinson. Sharon asked if she could make a deal with Whitewater and say we would pay for half the drug disposal costs and in Fort Atkinson pay for all the drug disposal costs. The Committee agreed to let her communicate with both cities for drug drop-off containers. Sharon also told the Committee that the EPA stopped all mail back programs in Wisconsin and Maine. Steve Brachman-UW Extension said he thinks the EPA is in the process of rewriting some of its rules and wants to keep law enforcement in the equation.

10. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE ON VIDEO PROSPECTUS

Sharon, Steve G. and Jim Leser did a phone conference and reviewed the final script. Jim sent a copy of the April Clean Sweep interviews for Steve's and Sharon's review and to pick out sound bites for the video. Maybe, by the March meeting Sharon will have a preview of the video.

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

Sharon has all the information compiled. Sharon pointed out the Towns of Concord, Ixonia, and Farmington never turn in the surveys. Sharon will distribute the surveys once we schedule Donna Haugom for a meeting to discuss the surveys and the next steps. Sharon will check with Donna as to when she is available.

12. UPDATE FROM SHARON ON WI COUNCIL ON RECYCLING AND AROW ACTIVITIES

Sharon did not attend the December WI Council on Recycling meeting. Sharon plans to attend the next Council meeting at WIRMC in the Wisconsin Dells. Sharon sent AROW nomination papers for Sheriff Paul Milbrath and Rick Schultz to receive awards. All the articles for the Wisconsin Counties Magazine were submitted by January 10, 2012. Jennifer Block said she would send extra copies of the magazine to Sharon to take to WIRMC on behalf of AROW.

13. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE AIR QUALITY INFORMATION

Sharon asked the Committee whether they would like copies of DNR air permit approvals or renewals. Carlton said yes, he would like a copy. The members said Sharon could put copies in their county mail boxes.

14. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

No discussion.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE AND POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS

Don asked that the Clean Sweep dates be listed on the next agenda. Here are the dates Sharon has confirmed:

Saturday, April 14, 2012, Jefferson County Fair Park
Saturday, May 19, 2012, Watertown Street Department
Saturday, September 15, 2012, Fort Atkinson Public Works Department
Friday, October 5, 2012, Whitewater Public Works Complex

The Committee agreed to cancel the Friday, February 17, 2012 meeting because Sharon and Don R are going to conference February 29-March 2, 2012. The next meeting will be March 16 to discuss the Clean Sweeps for Fair Park and Watertown.

March Meeting

- Video review and discussion
- April and May Clean Sweep updates

June Meeting

- Possible disaster debris management discussion with Donna Haugom

16. ADJOURN

Carlton Zentner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. and Lloyd Zastrow seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0**

Meeting Dates for the following months:

Friday, February 17, 2012 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 – Friday, March 2, 2012 – WIRMC (Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference)

Friday, March 16, 2012 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

Saturday, April 14, 2012 – Clean Sweep – Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Avenue, Jefferson

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

Friday, May 18, 2012 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

Saturday, May 19, 2012 – Clean Sweep – City of Watertown Street Dept., 811 S. First Street, Watertown

Friday, June 15, 2012 – 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