



**Minutes - Jefferson County  
Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee  
Friday, August 16, 2013 at 8:00 A.M.  
Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203  
311 S. Center Avenue, Jefferson, WI 53549**

**Members:** Don Reese-Chair, Greg David-Vice Chair, John Kannard-Secretary, Carlton Zentner and Greg Torres

**Staff:** Rob Klotz and Sharon Ehrhardt

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**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Reese at 8:00.

**2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)**

John Kannard, Greg Torres and Don Reese

Greg David arrived at 8:03

Carlton Zentner arrived at 8:10

**3. Certification of Compliance With the Open Meetings Law**

Ehrhardt verified that the meeting was being held in compliance with open meetings law requirements.

**4. Public Comment**

There was no public comment. Don introduced Ben (Benjamin) Wehmeier, the new County Administrator

**5. Review the Agenda**

No changes were proposed to the agenda.

**6. Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2013**

Motion by Torres, seconded by David to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection. John Kannard abstained.

**7. Communications**

An invitation was sent to Ehrhardt for next week's US Department of Education tour of Fort Atkinson School District. The Fort Atkinson School District and Purdy Elementary School received the US Department of Education Green Ribbon award. The Fort Atkinson School District is the first in the United States to receive a district award. Ehrhardt said she would attend on behalf of the Committee. Committee members would not be available to attend.

**8. Elisabeth E. Olson-DNR Recycling & Waste Reduction Education and Outreach Coordinator – New structure for Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin (GHSWI).**

Olson gave the Committee a handout with the new structure of the Green & Healthy Schools Wisconsin program. Olson explained the revised Wisconsin program works with the US Department of Education Green Ribbon School Program. Olson said that the DNR partnered with DPI (Department of Public Instruction), WI Center for Environmental Education to help with the Green and Healthy School Program. The DNR received a \$150,000 grant from the EPA (School Health) so they were able to reconstruct the program to align with the Federal Green Ribbon Schools Program. The reason for the change is that if a school works on one program, they will also qualify for the other program, so there are no longer two separate programs to work on, but the school can receive both awards. Olson said that since they redesigned the program, they have 112 schools signed up and in the eight years before, they only had 12 schools signed up. Olson said if the Committee wanted more detailed information, they could go to this website: [www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html)

Olson also reminded the Committee about the Fort Atkinson School District tour, and hoped someone could attend. Ehrhardt told Olson she would attend and have the Committee members let her know by Monday so she can make the reservations.

Olson brought recycled pencils, stickers and tattoos for the Fort Atkinson Library. Ehrhardt explained that the Library has a reading program and gives out rewards on how many books or hours you have read. The Youth Librarian plans on having story hour read books about recycling every six months to enforce recycling at a young age.

9. **Discuss with Possible Action-Waste Management-Deer Track Park Landfill – Don Smith**

a. **Landfill Update**

Smith handed out a letter of “Transmittal of Financial Assurance Instruments” that was sent to the Town of Farmington and Jefferson County, and a letter from the Town of Farmington “Authorization to Accept Out-of State Shredder Fluff from Clayton County Recycling”

Smith said that the landfill density increased by 30% through better management of the air space. He said that should increase the life of the landfill to about 25 years. The landfill received approval for using shredder fluff for the landfill cover at night. By using fluff, they are not using clean soil for cover. They get about two loads a day. The fluff is what can't be recycled from shredded vehicles. The metals are taken out of the shredder fluff.

b. **Estimates for Budget**

Smith handed out a 2013 host fee estimate sheet. The fees are still decreasing and Reese said it will reach a bottom, but he doesn't know when. Driving the decreases is more recycling and less construction because of the economy. Klotz said he only put \$50,000 in the budget so we should be fine.

10. **Discuss with Possible Action-Update from Watertown Street Department – Rick Schultz**

Schultz told Olson that he is working on getting the Watertown School District to recycle cartons.

Schultz said that they are looking into picking up recyclables every week instead of every other week. They have increased their recycling from 18 tons to 24 tons a day, and have decreased their waste to the landfill from 36 tons to 18 tons a day.

Waterloo has contacted the City of Watertown to do their recycling and waste pickup. Schultz said that if Waterloo becomes one of their customers, they will be included in all their recycling programs. He is hoping to increase the amount of money for Clean Sweep to \$25,000. This would cover the cost of additional Waterloo residents and maybe some Dodge County residents as well.

Schultz said their mattress recycling has taken off. They were getting about 130 mattresses and box springs a month, but that increased to about 450 a month. Schultz said they went over his budget. It was same with the construction debris. They expected a container a month, but it has become a container twice a month.

Schultz said, that the video about their recycling program has been completed, and he will send a copy to Ehrhardt to post on our website.

11. **Discuss with Possible Action-Update on Clean Sweep Information**

a. **Clean Sweep Summaries for April 13 and May 18**

**April 13 – Fair Park: \$15,333.88 Household & \$5,108.20 Ag**

**May 18 – Fair Park: \$17,082.37 Household & \$1,500.85 Ag**

**Total Cost \$39,025.30**

b. **Clean Sweep Grant Updates**

The 2014 applications for ag, household and unwanted prescription drugs grants should be post on DATCP website by the end of the week. <http://Cleansweep.wi.gov>.

The due date for submitting grant applications is Monday, Sept. 16 at 11:59 p.m.

c. **Donations Update**

Year to date total \$1,355.00

URT donated four Dell Computer Systems to Jefferson County 4-H at UW-Extension.

These computers will be used for Lego Education and Lego Mindstorm with robotics. The 4-H students make robotics and compete with other 4-H groups.

Donation letters need to be sent out by middle of September.

d. **Electronics Collections Update**

The break down of the electronics is on the summary sheet supplement. The year to date totals are \$1,972,544.40. We received \$9,233.32 from URT for scrap materials.

e. **“Responsible Electronics Recycling Act” (HR2791)**

The Committee approved Ehrhardt sending a letter to our Senators and Congressmen supporting Act (HR2791). Ehrhardt will send it to Reese & Klotz for approval before sending.

f. **Appliance Collections Update**

Year to date total 150,267 pounds

g. **Drug Collections Update**

We sorted drugs in Sheriff’s Garage – August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. We had two pharmacists each day including the Sheriff and Ehrhardt.

2 ¼ large containers of non-controlled and 1 small container of controlled

1/2 container of aerosols and 5 garbage containers of waste from drugs

This included the drugs collected from the Whitewater Police Department

The cost for the year is about \$1,000. Mark Heal told Ehrhardt that the Witnessed Burn would be held the first week in December.

Midwest Mattress Recovery wants to hold an event October 12, 2013 at Fair Park. The cost would be \$15 per piece. The Committee won’t have to do anything but help advertise it. Klotz asked if the Fair Park would charge for using the site, and Ehrhardt will check that out. The Committee didn’t have any objections to help advertise this event.

Ehrhardt said that Liberty Tires Recycling would like to hold a tire recycling event in our County. Ehrhardt said that maybe one could be in conjunction with a Clean Sweep. Liberty would charge for the disposal of tires.

12. **Discuss Town of Emmet and City of Waterloo meetings – Sharon Ehrhardt**

The Committee received a summary of the meetings in the supplement materials.

13. **Discuss Upcoming Budget for 2014 – Rob Klotz**

Klotz handed out a copy of the Solid Waste budget. We are doing ok with the budget. We did not budget for state aid because we don’t know if we will get a grant for 2014.

14. **Discuss Air Quality Updates and Trends – Sharon Ehrhardt**

No Discussion or questions at this time.

15. **Discuss AROW Updates – Sharon Ehrhardt**

Ehrhardt said she joins the phone conferences for product stewardship and education.

Not much happening with education at this time. Product stewardship is looking into carpet recycling and paint recycling stewardship. UW-Extension (Steve Brachman) is putting a bill together for pharmaceutical stewardship. Ehrhardt said she and the Sheriff attended the pharmaceutical working group meetings.

They meet quarterly.

16. **Discuss Pharmaceutical Meeting in Milwaukee June 11<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Ehrhardt**

The Sheriff was a speaker at the meeting about local government collections. The group liked his straight talk and direct approach to the problems of collecting drugs.

17. **Discuss with Possible Action-Disaster Debris Management Updates – Sharon Ehrhardt**

Ehrhardt said that she and Donna Haukom are trying to set up dates to work on the debris management.

Past meetings had to be cancelled.

18. **Upcoming Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items**

a. **September 20 Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting**

**Tour of Waste Management – Deer Track Park Landfill**

b. **September 21 Clean Sweep – Fort Atkinson**

c. **October 4 Clean Sweep – Whitewater**

**19. Adjourn**

Motion by Torres, seconded by Kannard to adjourn at 10:05 a.m. Motion carried on a voice vote with no objection.

**The Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee may discuss and/or take action on any item specifically listed on the agenda.**

***INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT 920-674-7101 SO APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.***

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**John Kannard, Secretary**