



Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

Friday, November 21, 2014 - 8:00 a.m.

URT (Universal Recycling Technologies)
2535 Beloit Avenue, Janesville, WI 53546

Summary

Members: Don Reese-Chair, Kirk Lund-Vice Chair, and Carlton Zentner

Staff: Sharon Ehrhardt and Rob Klotz

Guests: Darryl Hartwig-Town of Farmington, Steve Pfeiffer-URT Account Manager and James Cornwell-President URT

1. Call to Order

Reese did not call a meeting to order, because no business was conducted.

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)

Committee members present were Reese, Lund and Zentner.

3. Certification of Compliance With the Open Meetings Law

Ehrhardt stated that the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee complied with open meetings law requirements.

4. Review the Agenda

No changes were proposed to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Universal Recycling Technologies Tour

A. **Place:** URT (Universal Recycling Technologies), 2535 Beloit Avenue, Janesville, WI 53546. We will be viewing the recycling processes for electronics and appliances.

Directions: Take STH 26 south to I-39 S/I-90 E; go south to exit 177 and turn right or west onto WI-11 W/Wisconsin Trunk Highway 11 W toward Janesville – Turn right onto S. County Road G/Prairie Road and continue onto Beloit Avenue – Destination will be on the right.

B. **Time:** The tour will start at 9:00 a.m.

C. **Sign-In:** Please sign in at URT; Sharon will also have a sign-in sheet and per diem sheet.

D. **Dress Requirements:** Please dress appropriately; no sandals open, toed-shoes or shorts. Please remember, we will be visiting a de-manufacturing type facility that takes apart electronics & appliances for recycling.

Notes from the tour:

Cornwell and Pfeiffer invited the Committee into their conference room and updated everyone on current URT operations. They are always looking for more efficient ways of recycling glass, metal and plastic. They try to have three to four vendors who will take the recycled materials. A lot of research goes into checking out the vendors making sure they meet the e-Steward standards and ISO certifications that URT adheres to. They are now presently looking into an alternative CRT glass recycler. The only company that recycles leaded glass is in India and they don't know how long they will continue their operations. So they are looking into a company in Spain that uses leaded glass in their tiles. They are also trying to find a better way of recycling or recovering flat screen TVs that are now showing up at the recycling sites. Flat screen TVs have a shorter life span than the old CRT screened TVs and computer monitors. Cornwell said the industry expects CRT screened TVs recycling rates to continue for the next five years, then we should expect to see reductions in those types of screens which also include the computer monitors.

Cornwell said that the Jefferson County recycling sites are working well and he appreciates the

staff and Committee that supports them. Ehrhardt asked Cornwell if we would be charged for any disposal costs in the near future and he said not at this time. The value in materials collected offset the recycling cost and as of now they will continue to pay us ten cents a pound for whole CPUs and laptops computers.

After this discussion the Committee toured the working plant. No pictures are allowed because they have developed a lot of the processes themselves and some patents are pending. The tour was very interesting-watching the employees work and seeing the sorting process along with making it into a raw material ready to be used in manufacturing.

Cornwell invited the Committee back for more tours in the future.

7. Adjourn

The Committee returned to the Courthouse at 12:45 p.m. after the tour of URT.

County Board members not on the Committee can attend the tour of URT, but will not receive a per diem. A quorum of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors or any committee thereof may be present. No business will be conducted during the tour.

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

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