



Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee Minutes - September 18, 2015 - 8:00 a.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203
311 S. Center Avenue, Jefferson, WI 53549

- Members:** Don Reese-Chair, Kirk Lund-Vice Chair, Laura Payne-Secretary and Ron Buchanan
Staff: Rob Klotz and Sharon Ehrhardt
Guests: Gregg Patrick, Lee Schmeckpeper-Town of Ixonia, Dave Krueger-Town of Ixonia, Richard Schultz-Superintendent City of Watertown Street Department, Mark Heal-Veolia Environment, Alexa Zoellner-Daily Union, Kent Smith-Superintendent Public Works Department Fort Atkinson, Andy Selle-Engineer City of Fort Atkinson, Greg Hoffmann-Waterloo Utilities, Steve Pfeiffer-Universal Recycling Technologies, Benjamin Wehmeier-Jefferson County Administrator, Brian Lamers-Jefferson County Finance Director and Roland Welsch-MIS Director

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Reese.

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)

Committee members in attendance at 8:05 a.m. were Reese, Buchanan, Lund and Payne.

Reese told the members that Carlton Zentner resigned from the Jefferson County Board.

At the October County Board meeting Gregg Patrick will be appointed as a new County Board member replacing Zentner and will be appointed member of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee.

Reese had everyone introduce themselves.

3. Certification of Compliance With the Open Meetings Law

Klotz 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. Discussion with Possible Action-E-Waste Collections – Steve Pfeiffer, URT

- a. Ehrhardt Discussion on Costs for Sites: Waterloo, Watertown, Ixonia, Jefferson, Fort Atkinson

Ehrhardt had an additional cost handout for the members. Klotz explained to the Committee and guests that the electronic recycling is costing about \$1,000 a week. The County cannot sustain the program at the present cost. Schultz said that the City of Watertown plans to raise their rates. Schultz also explained that because they are an RU they have to have some type of recycling program for the residents. Ehrhardt explained to everyone what RU (responsible unit) is. Schultz said putting electronics and white goods into a landfill is against the law. K. Smith and Schmeckpeper both said that the residents and Town and City leaders like the program and they don't want to end it. If the program was ended they would find the electronics and appliances in wetlands, ditches, vacant land and wooded areas and still have to pay to clean it up. Pfeiffer said they are trying to pass cost of recycling the back to the manufacturers which would require a change in the state law. Ehrhardt asked Pfeiffer if he'd heard whether Senator Miller has made any attempt to have the law changed and he said no. Pfeiffer did say that the EPA was trying to get a uniform law written, but he doesn't know the time frame on their action. Schmeckpeper asked if they would be charged a pull charge and Pfeiffer said no because they didn't have a drop off container. The group discussed the costs and how to solve the problems in the brainstorming section.

- b. Group Contract – Ixonia

Pfeiffer said that a joint contract for all the sites could be signed. The contract that Jefferson County signed for six months included everyone's site. Klotz asked if the contract could be extended two to six months if everyone was in agreement and needed more time to find solutions for the electronic collections and Pfeiffer said yes.

c. Brainstorm Solutions – Waterloo, Watertown, Ixonia, Jefferson and Fort Atkinson

Solid Waste Ideas for Electronic (TVs & Monitor) Disposal:

- 1) Charge Customer \$10 each for TV or Monitor at each site.
Problems: Staff handling money & staff time. Public perception.
- 2) Limit sites and have two to four electronic Clean Sweeps per year.
Problems: Staff and Volunteers to unload electronics and safety issues. Electronics mixed with chemicals. This would not change the cost of TV and Monitor disposal. Would people start dumping more along highways, wetlands, wooded and vacant land areas? Heal explained he had three sites in the state that they had to clean up where illegal dumping was taking place.
- 3) Combine chemicals and electronics at the Clean Sweep and charge for electronics. Continue with the registration. Have two lines, one for electronics and one for chemicals. URT cost to recycle TVs and Monitors is 22 cents a pound so we would have to make sure we charge enough to cover our costs.
- 4) Haul your own electronics to save \$100 pull charge.
Problem: Doesn't change the disposal cost of 7 cents per pound for TVs and 5 cents per pound for monitors. Hiring someone else or getting equipment to haul might not save money.
- 5) Store TV and Monitor glass at the sites and dispose of once or twice a year.
Problems: Finding other resources for recycling CRT glass with no demand. Dismantling equipment without proper staff training. Might not eliminate disposal costs. Pfeiffer said that the lead in the glass for TVs and Monitors is 22% which is a very high amount. DNR regulations don't allow storage of CRT glass for more than a year. CRT glass is considered a hazardous waste.
- 6) Limit site times to only when staff is on site and have a non-resident charge
Receipts would be needed at sites.
- 7) County eliminate taking TVs and Monitors, but taking everything else.
Problems: Where would the TVs and Monitors go? State law doesn't allow dumping of electronics and white good into the landfills; how would residents dispose of TVs and Monitors? Johns Disposal charges about \$35 to \$50 to pick up TVs at curbs and Advance charges about \$75 per pickup.
- 8) County having the ability to put a fee on internet providers to cover cost. Example Charter and ATT
- 9) County having the ability to increase room tax.
- 10) County having the ability to increase county-wide sales tax.
- 11) Having all Cities, Villages and Towns pay a share of the cost of disposal and staff time for Jefferson County. Smith would like to have the County continue handling the program without reinventing the wheel, but find a way to fund the program.
- 12) County adding a Clean Sweep disposal fee to cover costs to all residents in their taxes.
- 13) Charging manufacturers a fee for disposal. Pfeiffer explained that Wisconsin has a Product Stewardship Law and the manufacturers already pay a fee to sell their products in the state. The problem is that the weight or volume of what they sell is less than the weight or volume of legacy or old electronics being recycled. So it is not an even playing field. The state bill should be changed so manufacturers pay more of the recycling costs.

14) Have a fee on the taxpayers to cover costs and we can continue to run the program without adding or raising Clean Sweep fees.

15) Eliminate two Clean Sweeps and only have two per year, one at Jefferson County Fair Park and one at Watertown Street Department.

Problem: Changes our grants amounts and grant status.

d. Ink Cartridge Disposal for County – URT Option

The County has a new vendor Gordon Flesch to maintain all copiers, printers and order ink cartridges. Gordon Flesch doesn't have a good program for recycling ink cartridges; they use third party vendors who have the cheapest price for recycling cartridges. Welsch said the County has about 90 copiers and printers in the County offices. URT would charge us 6 cents a pound for recycling the cartridges. URT recycles all the electronics for the County and if there are any charges the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee has always paid for them. Ehrhardt wanted to know if the Committee wanted to pay for the recycling of the ink cartridges. Klotz asked if we had any idea of how many cartridges it would be; we don't know at this time because it is a new program. Ehrhardt asked if the cartridges fall under the e-cycle program for the state and Pfeiffer said no. Ehrhardt wanted to know if we could landfill the ink cartridges and Heal suggested we call the DNR first to find out. Buchanan suggested that we should slowly replace our printers and copiers with new ones with recyclable cartridges.

6. Communication

a. Debris Management Plan

Invite Donna Haugom to the November 20th Committee meeting.

7. Public Comment

Jefferson County is going to be doing an ag plastic recycling project with Lavern Georgson, Agricultural Agent – UW-Extension. Ehrhardt will keep the Committee informed about how the project is working.

8. Approval of Minutes – June 5, 2015

Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Lund to approve the August 22, 2015 minutes as presented. *Motion carried 4-0.*

9. Discussion with Possible Action-Clean Sweep Summary

a. August 22 – Clean Sweep Event

Only 53 people showed up for the Fort Atkinson Clean Sweep.

b. September 19 – Clean Sweep Event

Ehrhardt had 79 people signed up for Watertown Clean Sweep including two businesses. Schultz will have three of his staff on hand to help with the latex paint. Schultz has been in contact with TJM Innovations for continued collection of latex paint at his Watertown site. Reese and Klotz stated that the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee will no longer collect latex at the Jefferson, Fort Atkinson or Whitewater Clean Sweeps.

c. October 2 – Clean Sweep Event

Ehrhardt said all she needed was two people for the Whitewater Clean Sweep. Committee members said they would check schedules and get back to Ehrhardt.

d. Drugs

(1) Pails and Ziploc Bag Dispensers

Ehrhardt reported that the police departments liked the new poster and were very happy to get the new pails for mercury, inhalers and sharps. The police departments asked if Ehrhardt could get them dispensers for Ziploc bags or supply them with Ziploc bags. These supplies can be counted against our grant money. Ehrhardt can also claim some of the police salaries for drug drop-off box maintenance and oversight in the 2016 drug grants.

(2) New Drug Poster

Klotz showed the Committee the new drug poster which will go out to clinics and pharmacies. Outagamie County copied our poster for their police departments. Reese said Ehrhardt should send the poster to all the cities, towns, and villages.

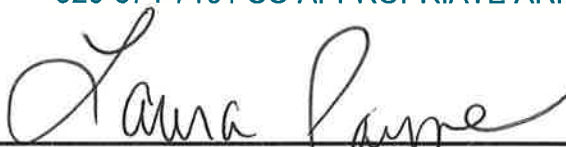
- (3) Recognition for both Health Departments for Clean Sweep Support and Help
Ehrhardt explained that both Health Departments have supported our drug program since 2008 and helped at all the Clean Sweeps; Watertown helps us at our fair booth.
Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Lund to approve recognition resolution and plaque for both Health Departments.

Motion carried 4-0

10. Discussion with Possible Action-Update, Deer Track Park Landfill with Don Smith
Smith was on vacation. Reese said operations were running smoothly.
11. Discussion with Possible Action Changes to the Donation Letter
Wehmeier said Ehrhardt should put what percentage of the costs the \$10 fee covers. The donation letter will go out in October.
12. Ehrhardt, Discussion Newspaper Ad – Drugs, Latex Paint, E-Waste
Ehrhardt had sent a copy of the ads placed in the newspaper to the Committee. The Committee might want Klotz to overextend the budget when we have more information about the e-waste.
13. Ehrhardt, Discussion 2016 MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)
Ehrhardt had a copy of the MOUs in the Committee packet.
14. Ehrhardt, Discussion DATCP 2016 Grants
- a. Disposal Money for Epi-pens and Prefilled Syringes
The drug grants will pay for the disposal of Epi-pens and prefilled syringes. Ehrhardt can charge back for these costs at a rate of 2.5 percent of the overall cost of sharps disposal.
15. Discussion with Possible Action-Budgets 2015 and 2016
Klotz explained that all the staff will get new office chairs this year. Ehrhardt had included a copy of the budget in the Committee's packet. Klotz said that if anyone has any questions they can contact him.
16. Upcoming Meeting Dates, Landfill Tour, and Possible Agenda Items.
Next meeting will be October 16, 2015. In the future maybe a URT or landfill tour will be conducted. Ehrhardt should check with Smith to see if he would like to take the Committee on a tour.
17. Adjourn
Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Lund to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and Lund seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

A Quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

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Laura Payne - Secretary