



Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

Minutes - October 16, 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, Ron Buchanan and Gregg Patrick
Rob Klotz and Sharon Ehrhardt

Staff: Kent Smith-Superintendent Public Works Department, Fort Atkinson; Steve Pfeiffer-Universal Recycling Technologies; Bill

Guests: Pinnow-City of Jefferson Engineer; Rick Schultz-City of Watertown Street Superintendent; Don Smith-Manager, Waste Management, Deer Track Park Landfill.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Reese.

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)

Committee members in at 8:00 a.m. were Reese, Buchanan, Lund, Patrick and Payne.

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

Reese explained that D. Smith had another meeting to attend and moved item 10 to item 8 on the agenda. There was no voiced objection to this request.

5. Communication

Email from Benjamin Wehmeier, County Administrator dated October 16, 2015

6. Public Comment

None

7. Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2015

Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Patrick to approve the September 18, 2015 minutes as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discussion E-Waste Collections

a. Discussion with Possible Action Costs for Sites: Waterloo, Watertown, Ixonia, Jefferson, Fort Atkinson

Klotz explained that in the Solid Waste packet was a list of all the options talked about at the September 18 meeting and the email from Wehmeier. Klotz said the email from Wehmeier stated what viable options would be feasible: develop a user fee at disposal, County budget line items and shared funding from municipalities and Towns. Ehrhardt further suggested cutting Fort Atkinson's Clean Sweep. Klotz said a budget line item would almost be impossible at this time because of fiscal responsibility. If the County could give us \$50,000 which Department would have to give up \$50,000? Klotz said he would turn the discussion over to Ehrhardt and then to the Committee for discussion.

b. Discussion with Possible Action Solution List of Action Points from September 18 meeting including Waterloo, Watertown, Ixonia, Jefferson and Fort Atkinson

Ixonia update: They will donate \$500 for the 2015 Clean Sweep Program, \$1,000 for 2016 Clean Sweep Program and will reimburse us for any costs we incurred since July of 2015 for e-waste disposal. We have not worked out how they want to reimburse us at this time. They do not want the County to pay for the cost of e-waste and they will start charging a user fee at their site. They would also like the County to handle all the paperwork. Karaliunas said that if the County decides to have all the municipalities do their own e-waste recycling and not be involved they would like the collectors to get together and sign one contract with URT instead of individual contracts.

Fort Atkinson update: Andy Selle requested that Ehrhardt send him all e-waste certificates and invoices for this year and last year. He also wanted a copy of the URT contract. Selle is trying to understand how the program year works. Kent Smith said he was attending the meeting to get more information and see what the other collectors were doing. Fort Atkinson spends about eight hours a week to keep the site in order and cleaned up.

Jefferson update: Bill Pinnow said he was also here to listen and to gather more information. Pinnow had discussed this with a high level City of Jefferson committee. Pinnow said they would like to continue the program and had some reservation about developing a fee program. He is also concerned that if they limit hours, people will leave things at his gate. He also wanted to take back information from this committee to the next council meeting. Ehrhardt said she could send the e-waste certificates and invoices for the last two years to Pinnow. Jefferson only uses about one man-hour a week at the collection site for cleanup/organizing. They have had very few issues with broken equipment or glass at the site.

Klotz used the cost of \$50,000 a year for e-waste and divided it among all the municipalities by population this sheet was in everyone's packet. Klotz wanted to know, if each community paid their fair share of the e-waste disposal costs to the County, would it be more efficient for the County to continue with the program? Klotz said that if we can get all the municipalities to buy into supporting the program we could possibly fund the program for 2016 until the municipalities have had time to put this in their budgets. If the municipalities don't buy into the program and support it we could be in real trouble with our funds for Clean Sweep after 2016. The other question is whether using a cost to the municipalities based upon population is the correct way to cover e-waste disposal costs. If the communities took over the collections would they have to hire someone to oversee the site and to collect a fee? Are CRT glass TVs and monitors a long or short term problem? Ehrhardt asked if there was a down turn in the volumes. Pfeiffer said there has been a decrease in monitors, but not TVs. Pfeiffer said they expected two years ago that the TVs would start to decline, but they haven't seen that happen. The decline should be taking place in the next five years. Pfeiffer said he still had a CRT TV in his house too. How do we manage the cost for Jefferson County and keep the cost only to Jefferson County residents without outside municipalities using Jefferson County as a collection site. Waukesha County is doing a collection once a month and the residents are still bringing the TVs and monitors to the former sites and URT has to clean them up every other month. Dodge County does not have a program. Dane County has collection sites and you have to buy a sticker from the library to be placed on the e-waste material. Walworth County doesn't have a site and the City of Whitewater is thinking about closing their site. URT does the collections for Rock County residents and residents bring them to the URT site. Patrick said if he wouldn't be on this Committee he would not have any idea of the cost of e-waste disposal. We need more education and information to get to the residents, maybe at collection events. Klotz pointed out that no matter how we handle the e-waste collections our costs will not go down. Klotz summed up the discussion saying the best option is for the County to handle the program, but how does it finance the program? Pinnow said he thinks it will come down to the County making a decision to pass the cost on to the municipalities and continue to run the program. We know budgets are tight, but the cost maybe should be passed on to the residents. Payne liked the idea that the costs would be passed on to the Solid Waste fee for the municipalities, but not sure if the municipalities can do this legally and if they need a line item to do that. Patrick said that we will need to make a decision by June. Payne agreed that we need to make a decision about the e-waste collections and we can't second guess what will happen. The municipalities need to look closely at their budgets to see if they can help with funds to solve the problem. Payne also said that they could charge a user fee for the TVs, but the problem is staffing the site for collection of the fees. Klotz suggested that we prepare a letter with a cutoff date for ending the e-waste program if we don't get their support. The letter should also have information on what the cost of recycling TVs and use City of Watertown as an example of what they do to support the program. Ehrhardt should send a copy of the letter to Ixonia and Watertown for their comments. The Committee discussed that the letter cutoff should be the end of April.

Lund left at 8:40 for another meeting. He was excused by Reese-Chair.

Buchanan made a motion to send an education letter out to the municipalities regarding our financial situation. It should include examples of what other communities are doing and request additional funds to clear out the system of CRT glass from our collection sites, requesting a response by May 1st seconded by Payne.

Motion carried 4-0.

c. Discussion with Possible Action Ink Cartridge Disposal for County

A decision has not been made on how to recycle the county's ink cartridges. A company out of Dousman (Cartridge World) would take all the ink cartridges but we would have to buy our ink from them. Roland is doing more checking. Ehrhardt said she would check with Schneider Printing Inc. to see if they will take all the ink cartridges. Pfeiffer offered to send Ehrhardt some information on recycling ink cartridges. Ehrhardt will report back to the Committee on the findings.

9. Discussion with Possible Action-Clean Sweep Summary items

a. Discussion with Possible Action-Clean Sweep Dates for 2016 and Fair Park Inter-Office Contract for the Fair Park Clean Sweep in April.

Ehrhardt explained that we can save money by having a Friday, April 8 night and a Saturday, April 9 morning at Fair Park, but then no Clean Sweep at Fort Atkinson. We would still have a Clean Sweep on Saturday, September 17 in Watertown and partner again with Whitewater for Friday, October 7. This will allow us to be a continuous site for the grants. Ehrhardt needs the Committee to approve the schedule changes. Ehrhardt will fill out the Fair Park contract for the April Clean Sweep and return it to them by Monday.

Buchanan made a motion to approve the four collection dates with a Friday night April 8 and Saturday morning April 9 at Fair Park, September 17 for Watertown, October for Whitewater and eliminating the Fort Atkinson Clean Sweep. Payne seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

b. Clean Sweep Events – September 19 and October 2

Ehrhardt had put the summaries in the meeting packet for the two Clean Sweep events. No discussion or questions.

c. Drugs

(1) Discussion with Possible Action Recognition Resolution for Both Health Departments for Clean Sweep Support and Help

Patrick made a motion to approve the thank you resolution for both Health Departments for their support of and help with the Clean Sweep Program and Ron Buchanan seconded the motion to send this to the County Board.

Motion carried 4-0

10. Discussion with Possible Action-Update, Deer Track Park Landfill with Don Smith

Smith handed out a copy of the estimated forecast host fee for 2015. The fee will have about a 4.4% increase, up from last year's increase of 2.5%. Klotz, Reese and Smith explained the host fees for the new member of the Solid Waste Committee.

Smith explained how Waste Management will handle bird flu (H5N1) at the Deer Track Park Landfill. Three egg farms in Jefferson County were under federal quarantine this spring. Fourteen states were affected with the bird flu, killing 42 million chickens and 7.5 million turkeys. The USDA does a biosecurity measure and decontaminates the sites by depopulating the birds on site and completely cleaning and disinfecting the whole site including feed, buildings, equipment and all vehicles coming and going from the site. All workers wear hazmat suits; all entrances are blocked and no one is allowed on site except for USDA and workers. At the Waste Management sites they would only take disinfected noninfectious waste. This type of waste would be from the disinfected noninfectious waste stream; that could be demolition waste, incinerated ash and maybe some noninfectious equipment. USDA will be giving Waste Management sites certificates stating the waste is disinfected noninfectious waste. Smith also said that there is no known case of the bird flu being transferred to humans.

11. Discussion with Possible Action Donation Letter

The donation letter was sent to each Committee member before the meeting. The Committee made no changes to the donation letter.

12. Ehrhardt, Discussion NEWCMG/WCSWMA Fall Conference September 30th & October 1st

Ehrhardt updated the Committee about the e-waste part of the conference. The Committee said that Ehrhardt did not have to write a summary of the conference.

13. Discussion with Possible Action-Budgets 2015 and 2016

Rob proposed no change to the budgets.

14. Upcoming Meeting Dates, Landfill Tour, and Possible Agenda Items.

Reese suggested a landfill tour for November and no meeting in December and January.

Buchanan made a motion to have a landfill tour November 13 and Reese seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4-0

15. Adjourn

Buchanan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and Patrick seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4-0

may be present at this meeting.

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Laura Payne, Secretary