



## Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

**February 19, 2016 - 8:00 a.m.**

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

### **Minutes**

**Members:** Don Reese-Chair, Kirk Lund-Vice Chair, Laura Payne-Secretary, Ron Buchanan and Gregg Patrick

**Staff:** Rob Klotz and Sharon Ehrhardt

**Guests:** Mariana Rosado, Refrigerant Depot; Jason Matrise, Legacy Recycling; Nick Trim & Patrick Ferry, Dynamic Recycling; Kent Smith-Superintendent Public Work Department, Fort Atkinson; Andy Selle-City of Fort Atkinson Engineer; Lee Schmeckpeper-Ixonia Recycling Transfer Station; Vic Karaliunas-Manager, Ixonia Recycling Transfer Station; Richard Schultz-Superintendent, City of Watertown Street Department; Mark Heal-Account Manager Veolia Environmental; Don Smith-Manager, Waste Management Deer Track Park Landfill; Bill Pinnow-City of Jefferson Engineer

#### **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**

No changes were proposed to the agenda.

#### **5. Communication**

Reese had everyone at the meeting introduce themselves and state where they were from.

#### **6. Public Comment**

No public comment.

#### **7. Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2015**

Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Lund to approve the October 16, 2015 minutes as presented.

*Motion carried 5-0.*

#### **8. E-Waste Collections**

##### ***a. Discussion with Possible Action Additional URT costs for Sites: Waterloo, Watertown, Ixonia, Jefferson, Fort Atkinson***

Ehrhardt distributed a cost chart for Waterloo, Watertown, Ixonia, Jefferson, and Fort Atkinson.

The chart included all the invoices we received from URT since July 1, 2015. Ehrhardt also researched how much the two local waste haulers were charging for TV pickup. Advance charges for CRT TVs per unit are \$15 (13 inches or smaller) to \$130 (36 inches or bigger). John's Disposal charges for any size TVs are \$40 for the first TV and \$20 for the second, third, etc.

S. Smith explained to the Committee why the cost of TVs and monitors has gone up. The manufacturer credits that helped pay for some of the recycling costs have gone down every year. The manufacturer credits have gone down because the weight of the TVs they now sell are less than the old TVs, and credits are based on weight sold each year in the state. URT also has to pay to ship CRT glass to the recycler and sometimes has to pay the recycler to take the CRT glass. A lot the manufacturer credits were out bid by a California recycler and they are trying to buy credited e-waste items at a lesser credit price. Another reason for the higher cost is that the commodities markets are down and they don't foresee any significant change for another 18 months. S. Smith said unfortunately they have to pass the cost on to the collector, because they accrue a cost to recycle the items. URT will help try to find a better shipping solution for Watertown and Jefferson to lower the shipping charges that now are \$340 a load for pickup.

##### ***b. Discussion with Possible Action Update Actions for Sites: Waterloo, Watertown, Ixonia, Jefferson, Fort Atkinson***

**Waterloo:** Gregg Hoffmann was not able to attend. Waterloo palletizes their electronics and only collects electronics from City of Waterloo residents.

**Ixonia:** Karaliunas and Schmeckpeper said that they will be charging for TVs at the Ixonia Transfer Station.

**Watertown:** Schultz said he went to the Watertown City Council and they raised the Sewage Utilities fee by \$2.40 to cover \$37,000 of

the TV recycling cost. Schultz also said because he raised the fee he does not feel he can charge for TVs because the residents are already paying with the raised fee. He had hoped there would be some cost sharing from the County. He doesn't have the staff to monitor the site and charge a fee. He will look into options to reduce container and shipping fees.

**Jefferson:** Pinnow said he hadn't gone to the Jefferson City Council for money because he wanted to see what happened at the Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting. The City Council is aware of the cost of recycling electronics. He was also going to look into his options to reduce container and shipping fees.

**Fort Atkinson:** Selle said he set up a container at the Public Works Department and was charging \$10 for TVs. Selle said he didn't think he would be able to get money from the City to cover TV recycling. He also wanted to look into more options to lower shipping costs.

### *c. Discussion with Possible Action Information from Refrigerant Depot, Legacy Recycling and Dynamic Companies*

Matrise from Legacy agreed with the recycling cost explanation that URT had given. Dynamics said that people forget that recyclers have equipment, personnel, electricity, transportation and other operation expenses that go into recycling materials. They both said the manufacturing credits do not cover the cost of recycling. Wisconsin has a Senate Bill SB621 that would make some changes to our ACT 50 e-waste recycling law, but Trim said that it was just a Band-Aid and wouldn't change much as far as getting more credits or lowering the cost. Ehrhardt had read the bill and agreed. Trim also said that when a bill goes before the Senate, lobbyists are there representing the manufacturers and sometimes the new bills don't get passed.

Matrise and Rosado explained to the Committee how they work together to hold events in different Counties. They have contracted with Waukesha County to do 12 events this year. Waukesha did away with their e-waste recycling sites and have gone to events instead. Matrise and Rosado would staff the events and collect the money for the TVs. This would be the proposed cost: \$40 for console and projection TVs, \$25 for all other TVs including LCDs and LEDs, \$5 for all monitors. The County would not be responsible for staffing or collecting money; the host County would be responsible for advertising and locations. They said that someone from the County could attend the events just as an overseer to make sure everything is going according to the agreement. This wouldn't be necessary but helpful.

A motion was made by Buchanan and seconded by Patrick that the County will stop paying for e-waste disposal as of June 30, 2016 and will host 3 to 4 events which will include e-waste and appliance disposal with Legacy and Refrigerant Depot including a user fee for TVs and monitors. The Committee directed Ehrhardt to contact our partners to explain what the Committee is doing with our e-waste program and also have Klotz and Reese meet with the Jefferson County Finance Committee about budgeting money for e-waste collections in the 2017 County budget.

*Motion carried 5-0*

Klotz and Reese thanked all the vendors for attending the Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting and for valuable information they brought to the table in our discussions.

### *d. Discussion with Possible Action E-waste Containers being use as Dumpsters*

Ehrhardt explained that people are using the dumpsters as trash dumpsters. We had two incidents where residents left garbage bags of meat inside their freezers. URT charged \$200 each because they had to treat it as bio-hazardous materials (blood and waste from the meat). Schultz and Pinnow both said that residents sometimes leave chairs, sofas and other material that isn't an appliance or e-waste. It was suggested to Ehrhardt that we place signs at the sites saying they are monitored

### *e. Discussion with Possible Action Solution for Ink Cartridge Disposal for County*

Schneider Printing will be picking up all ink cartridges free of charge and sending them to an ink cartridge recycler. The recycler will decide what can be recycled and what can't be recycled. The recycler gives Schneider free boxes for shipping and pickup. There will be no cost to Schneider or the County.

## **9. Discussion with Possible Action-Clean Sweep Items**

### *a. Year End Reports for Clean Sweeps & Donations*

No questions were asked on the information the Committee received in their packets.

### *b. Town of Sumner Letter 1-11-2015 on donations*

Ehrhardt explained that the Town of Sumner sent us a check for \$250 dollars and will consider sending us more money after budgeting for the year.

**c. Donations Update including Walmart Gift Card**

The Committee said Ehrhardt should use the \$50 gift card for Clean Sweep supplies for the events and office.

**d. Jefferson Utilities Commission possible Donation**

Ehrhardt attended the Jefferson Utilities Commission meeting and they are considering a donation to Clean Sweep. We are one of five organizations that they might consider.

**e. News release for 2016 Clean Sweep Schedules**

Jefferson County Fair Park, Friday, April 8, 2016 – Businesses & Farms 2-3:30 p.m.; Households 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Jefferson County Fair Park, Saturday, April 9, 2016 – Households 8-10:00 a.m.

City of Watertown Street Department, Saturday, September 17, 2016 – Businesses, Farms & Households 8:00-10:00 a.m.

City of Whitewater Public Works Complex – Friday, October 7, 2016 – Households Only 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Reese asked if we are going to collect tires at the Fair Park Clean Sweep. The Committee agreed to collect tires only at the Jefferson Fair Park Clear Sweep.

**f. Drug Collection and Disposal**

Ehrhardt sent out a thank you email to the Sheriff's Office and all the Police Department for their support and participation in our drug collection. Ehrhardt sent the email to the Committee so they could see what she wrote. The Sheriff stopped Ehrhardt in the hallway and thanked her for sending out the email and said to keep up the good PR with our law enforcement. Ehrhardt also said the Waterloo Police Chief said he is asking the City Council to approve a drug drop-box in the Waterloo Police Station. Ehrhardt said in our 2016 DATCP drug grants we have money for two drug drop-boxes.

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

D. Smith handed out the 2015 final budget of the host fees from Deer Track Park Landfill. He also handed out the cover letter from the DNR air permit. They need this permit because they swap engines; when an engine needs repair they replace it with an identical engine. The air permit costs the landfill \$20,000 and the consultant, \$50,000 and that doesn't include staff time.

**11. Discussion with Possible Action – Ehrhardt Presenting at the WIRMC**

Ehrhardt will be presenting two sessions at the conference, both on Watertown's carpeting and mattresses recycling programs. Ehrhardt will also include Ixonia in the presentation because they recycle carpeting and mattresses with Watertown's program. Ehrhardt asked Schultz if she could present his information and he said yes. Ehrhardt said that people are interested in what Jefferson County is doing and how we do it because we are doing more than some counties in Wisconsin.

**12. Discussion with Possible Action – Ehrhardt Speaking at the Jefferson Rotary Club**

Ehrhardt said she was asked to speak at the Rotary Club Lunch in March. Klotz said that is great because she can tell about changes to the e-waste programs. Reese said it would be a good educational opportunity.

**13. Discussion with Possible Action – E-waste Resolution Seeking Increased Funding for Recycling Programs**

The Product Stewardship Institute wants to use our resolution as a template so other people can use it as a tool to write their resolution.

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

The next Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting will be Friday, April 1 at 8:00 a.m.

**15. Adjourn**

Buchanan made a motion at 10:30 a.m. to adjourn the meeting and Patrick seconded the motion.

*Motion carried 5-0.*

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.

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.



Laura Payne - Secretary