



# Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

## April 1, 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:** Sharon Ehrhardt and Ben Wehmeier-County Administrator

**Guests:** Anita J. Martin, City of Lake Mills resident; Mariana Rosado, Refrigerant Depot; Kent Smith-Superintendent Public Works 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; Don Smith-Manager, Waste Management Deer Track Park Landfill; Bill Pinnow-City of Jefferson Engineer; Greg Hoffmann, Waterloo Utilities

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Lund.

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

Committee members in at 8:06 a.m. were Lund, Payne, Buchanan and Patrick. Reese arrived at 8:39 a.m.

#### 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. Communication

No communication was presented or discussed.

#### 6. Public Comment

Anita Martin had a question about infectious waste from egg farms going into the Deer Park Track Landfill. Ehrhardt asked Don Smith, the manager of Deer Track Park to explain the procedures and policies on accepting infectious waste from the egg farms in Jefferson County.

Smith addressed the question and explained Waste Management and Deer Track Park policy on handling chickens and eggs from the egg farms. They will not take waste from an egg farm if they have the H5N2 bird virus. Smith explained that egg farms do have a natural death rate of a few chickens each day and some eggs that will end up in the waste stream; they do take those at the Deer Track Park Landfill.

#### 7. Approval of Minutes – February 19, 2016

Motion by Patrick, seconded by Payne to approve the February 19, 2016 minutes as presented.

**Motion carried 4-0**

#### 8. E-Waste Collections

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

**Fort Atkinson** – Selle said they are staying with URT for their electronic recycling. Selle handed out a comparison chart he did between Legacy and URT. They don't want to physically handle the electronics and they have worked out an arrangement with URT for loading URT's straight trucks. Fort Atkinson will charge a straight fee of \$20 for all CRT glass TVs and monitors. They will set up a contact for one year. Ehrhardt asked Selle if she should continue with the DNR reports and he said yes. They will be open Saturday morning and Wednesday evenings.

**Jefferson** – Pinnow said he contacted Pfeiffer about setting up a program similar to Fort Atkinson's program, but he has not heard back. The city is looking at some monitoring and signage at different sites in the city. They have seen an increased amount of TVs and other electronics and appliances drop offs. Ehrhardt said she would contact Pfeiffer and let him know Pinnow was waiting for him to

reply. She said he usually gets back to her within 24 hours. Pinnow also said that he would try to coordinate his pickups with Fort Atkinson so they could cut down the shipping costs for both. He would like to limit his program to the City of Jefferson residents and he is still trying to figure out logistics.

**Ixonia** – Karaliunas said they are going to remain collecting TVs, but as of today they will start charging for them. Schmeckpeper said they are going to charge \$5 (monitors), \$20 (TVs over 27") and \$10 (TVs 27" and under).

**Watertown** – Schultz said that they are sending their appliances to Waukesha Iron. He hired a certified Freon remover that will handle all appliances with Freon before shipping to Waukesha Iron. Waukesha Iron will not charge for shipping or the container box for the appliances. Schultz is trying to downsize to one load a week going to URT to save costs. URT charges \$360 per load. Watertown is not going to charge their residents for TVs because they just raised their Solid Waste fee to cover the cost of TVs.

Ehrhardt said that she would put in the updated brochure that all out of city residents will have to pay for TV recycling. She also said we will have to do more to educate the residents that TV recycling is not free and there is a cost of recycling them. Ehrhardt told everyone that signage and monitors at the sites is important and they said it helps deter illegal dumping. Schultz said that they are putting up monitors costing them \$4,000 and they are working with Watertown Police Department to stop illegal dumping and scavenging at the site. Ehrhardt said we could put on the brochures that all sites will be monitored to help discourage residents from misusing the sites. K. Smith asked when Dunn County added the signage did they find more dumping in the ditches in the rural areas? Ehrhardt said the question was never addressed so she didn't know.

**Waterloo** – Hoffmann said they are looking over some possibilities, one of which was that the city would take over the program. He said a Town of Waterloo resident said that Advanced would have charged him \$90 for a 27 inch TV. Ehrhardt explained that Advanced doesn't want to be in the e-waste recycling business and charges \$15 to \$130 per TV depending on its size. John's charges \$40 for the first TV and \$20 for each additional TV. Ehrhardt was asked if Advance or John's direct residents to our sites because they were free, and she replied most likely, but she will have to contact them about our sites now charging for TVs.

Ehrhardt asked if they all were staying with URT, would they like to piggy back onto the Fort Atkinson contract so collectively they would have more bargaining power, and asked if Selle would have any objections to that. Selle said he would like to negotiate a contract with URT for a year and he would share the information with the other sites. Ehrhardt said she didn't think they (URT) would play the sites against each other. Selle agreed, but said he found that you don't need a good contract until you need a contract. He would add in the contract that it be renewable on yearly bases. Ehrhardt then asked Pinnow and Hoffman if they still wanted her to do the reporting to the DNR and have the bills sent directly to them? Jefferson didn't want to see the bills until they have a new contract or they won't have a program.

**b. Discussion with Possible Action on Information from Refrigerant Depot and Legacy Recycling on Three Scheduled Events.**

Mariana Rosado introduced herself to the group plus she had a handout for everyone. Rosado explained why it could be beneficial to consider Refrigerant Depot for the disposal of their appliances. Ehrhardt gave Rosado the statics she had on file, but some of the information didn't give the whole picture because we don't have detailed breakdowns of the appliances. Rosado said she knows that every site is a little different and she would be willing to talk about each site and discuss the possible opportunities for each of those sites. Refrigerant Depot does not recommend bins and they like to keep appliances away from the electronics bins or containers. Rosado gave out her business card to everyone so if any of the partners would be interested in her services they can contact her.

Ehrhardt said that she would like Legacy Recycling to charge the same cost that the cities are charging at the sites. The charges would be \$20 (CRT TVs'), \$10 (Flat Screen TVs) and \$5 (All Monitors). The reason Legacy was going to charge \$40 for CRT TVs was to cover their fuel and hauling costs. Ehrhardt asked the Committee, if she could work out a deal with Legacy to keep the cost the same, would the Committee approve paying for some of the fuel and hauling costs and if she needed a motion. Wehmeier said that a deal could be negotiated in house and a motion wasn't needed. Ehrhardt will contact Legacy to see what can be worked out with the approval of Klotz and Reese.

**c. Discussion with Possible Action-E-waste Partners Meeting March 8.**

Ehrhardt said because the partners gave their updates at the beginning of the meeting, no further discussion was needed unless anyone

had something more to add.

*d. Discussion with Possible Action-Finance Committee Meeting March 8*

Reese asked Wehmeier to talk about what happened at the Finance Committee meeting. He said Reese and Klotz explained to the Finance Committee that if all cities, villages and towns were asked to make donations to support the Clean Sweep program, the same should be asked of the County. So they were asking the Finance Committee to consider adding the Clean Sweep Program to the budget for 2017. No decision was made at the Finance Committee. Klotz and Reese presented this information to open the discussion for a budgeted amount to the Clean Sweep Program.

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

*a. April 8 & 9 Clean Sweep Event with Tire Collections*

Ehrhardt said that about 100 people signed up for both dates. The Sheriff said he would try to get us two inmates to help with the tires on both days. Haugom volunteered to help Saturday morning. Ehrhardt said that with the Committee helping we would not need more volunteers.

*b. Donations Updates*

Donations stayed the same; we have not received any new donations since our last meeting.

*c. Advertising for Clean Sweeps & Events*

Ehrhardt placed ads in the Daily Jefferson County Union and the Watertown Daily Times for the April Clean Sweep and tire events. Ehrhardt said that once she finalizes the cost for TV's with Legacy she will be put that ad in both papers. Full page ads cost about \$800 each. She will also be sending the link to the cities, villages and towns to place on their websites. Palmyra has requested about 1,000 flyers to send out to their residents. Committee members suggested she put it on cable TV, Facebook, check with DNR for posting notices, local newspapers, Fair Park and County website.

*d. Drug Collection Updates*

Ehrhardt said the drug container for the Waterloo Police Department will be delivered next week. Palmyra wants a container, but we have not heard back from them on details. JWR would like to place one in the Village of Johnson Creek, but that might not be possible because of no 24-hr. police presence.

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

Smith presented a power-point about the visual waste operations screening when filling within 1000 feet of I-94. This is the summary of the discussion with Smith and the Committee after the presentation. In regards to the Deer Track Park Landfill, this Committee has never received a complaint relating to the visual screening, or lack of visual screening, of the waste or the waste filling operations at the landfill. We believe that Waste Management "runs a tight ship" at the Deer Track Park Landfill and we have always found them to be responsive to any concerns raised by this Committee. We are aware that there are many different visual screening techniques utilized to minimize the view of landfill operations from various vistas from which, at times, they may be visible. We believe that the permit requirement for visual screening of all waste and waste-filling operations within 1000 feet of I-94 is not practical or necessary. Furthermore, we find the landfill to be surprisingly invisible to persons traveling along I-94. We also believe that the general public should be more aware of where the waste they generate goes, take greater responsibility for it, and make a greater effort to minimize and recycle it. We believe that a periodic view of an operating landfill may actually instill or encourage that greater responsibility and as such, be positive.

Motion made by Payne that additional visual screening required by the DNR for that area near the expressway isn't practical or necessary for the few seconds it may be visible to I-94 drivers. Because this is a non-issue we agree with the action Deer Track Park Landfill is taking to modify or eliminate this requirement. This was seconded by Buchanan.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**11. Discussion with Possible Action-Jefferson County Debris Management with Donna Haugom**

Haugom said she posted the Debris Management Plan on the Emergency Management website. Debris management will be very important to Jefferson County in case of an emergency because in those situations you have to follow FEMA requirements. Debris has to be sorted per

MA and stored or collected in an approved DNR site which Jefferson County has not defined. Debris management is in the Jefferson County emergency Comprehension Plan as a response and planned responsibility. Haugom said she would like the approval of the Solid Waste Committee to work with for Ehrhardt on this project. Haugom said she understands that the Committee might have some changes because of the elections and would wait until June to come back and discuss debris management with the Committee. Ehrhardt will put her on the June 17 agenda.

#### 12. Discussion with Possible Action-Bridges Participation Agreement – Link to USDA Farm Services

Ehrhardt explained that the USDA wants to link to the Clean Sweep website. We would be signing a Bridges Participation Agreement, stating that we are allowing the link, but would be responsible for updating our own information.

#### 13. Discussion with Possible Action-SB515 and SB621

SB515 did not get presented to the Assembly floor. SB621 passed both the Assembly and Senate, but has not been signed by Governor Walker.

#### 14. Discussion with Possible Action-Ixonia School Presentation for 4K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade-Earth Week April 20<sup>th</sup>

Ehrhardt and Karaliunas have been asked to talk about recycling at the Ixonia Grade School. The school started carton recycling this year; Ehrhardt contacted the Carton Council and they will be sending 260 mood pencils for the students for a job well done.

#### 15. Discussion with Possible Action – Update from Ehrhardt on WIRMC Conference and Jefferson Rotary Club Meeting

Ehrhardt was asked to speak at a lunch meeting of the Rotary Club in Jefferson.

#### 16. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items.

Meeting will be June 17, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

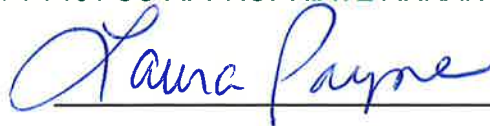
#### 17. Adjourn

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.

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Laura Payne - Secretary