



## Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

**June 16, 2017 - 8:00 a.m.**

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

### Minutes

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

**Staff:** Sharon Ehrhardt and Matt Zangl

#### 1. Call to Order

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

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

Committee members in attendance at 8:00 a.m. were Reese, Payne, Lund and Kutz. Patrick arrived at 8:03 a.m.

Staff members in attendance at 8:00 a.m. were Zangl and Ehrhardt

#### 3. Certification of Compliance With the Open Meetings Law

Zangl 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. Introductions

Everyone in attendance knew each other so no introductions were necessary. Matt did tell the Committee he would be in and out of the meeting because we were short staffed in the Zoning Office.

#### 6. Public Comment

No public comment.

#### 7. Communication

No communications presented.

#### 8. Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2017

Motion by Payne, seconded by Kutz to approve the March 24, 2017 minutes as presented.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

#### 9. Discussion with Possible Action-Deer Track Park Landfill with Don Smith

##### a. Landfill Updates

Smith said the DNR inspected Deer Track Park Landfill and the inspection was good with no problems found by the DNR.

The landfill changed the design of the fencing and is in the process of repairing the torn fence. The Committee said the fencing draws more attention to the site than before, but understands Smith had to do the fencing to comply with the DNR. Smith and Reese both stated they had some complaints about odors from the landfill this spring. Smith explained that they were digging into an old garbage site and they were putting too much leachate back into the landfill; which caused the landfill to cook more causing the excess odors. He has this problem under control.

#### 10. Discussion with Possible Action-Watertown Glass Recycling with John's Disposal

Schultz explained that he and John's Disposal have been talking for the last two years about using glass from John's operations in Whitewater. After speaking at the WIRMC conference in Elkhart Lake they decided to try it. The first sample had too much plastic and paper so they took it back and John's cleaned up the glass. Watertown uses Brinkman Brothers to grind their gravel yearly for their roads. They are using 80/20 mix with gravel being the primary source. Watertown also grinds toilets, sinks and tubs that are porcelain in their roadbed gravel.

#### 11. Discussion with Possible Action-Clean Sweep for 2017

##### a. Summary for the April 7<sup>th</sup> & April 8<sup>th</sup> Clean Sweeps

The Committee received a summary in their packet. Ehrhardt said that the first Clean Sweep cost us \$31,944.72 with Household at \$21,987.82 and AG at \$9,956.90. There was no further discussion.

##### b. Donation Updates

We received a donation from the Village of Palmyra for \$1,100 for our Clean Sweep events. Total donations from January 1, 2017 to date are \$3,200.

c. **Next Clean Sweep September 22 and 23, 2017**

Ehrhardt said that we already had 17 signed up for the Watertown Clean Sweep. We will further discuss Watertown's Clean Sweep at the next Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting September 15, 2017.

d. **Recycling Event, June 24, 2017**

Ehrhardt said the agenda for the June 24 Recycling Event was in the Committee packet. The two vendors will handle everything. Ehrhardt asked if the Committee would like pictures of the event and the Committee said yes. Patrick asked if the Committee members had to attend and Ehrhardt said no, only if they wanted to attend and see the event process.

e. **Drug Collection Data from 2008-2016**

Ehrhardt had made a chart of the drug collection data from 2008-2016 for Craig Holler, CJCC/Treatment Courts Coordinator, and Administration for a group meeting he was attending. Ehrhardt thought the Committee would be interested in this information. Ehrhardt explained that because the DOJ (State Department of Justice) has taken over the disposal of all drugs we don't have good records for Jefferson County since 2015. When the Sheriff's Office and Police Departments take their drugs to a State Patrol site they are no longer weighed. Ehrhardt will share the State collection information when she receives it.

f. **Program Director Waste Materials Management at WDNR – Joe Van Rossum**

Joe Van Rossum worked for UW-Extension Solid Waste Department, but this department was cut in the 2008 State budget. Van Rossum got a job with the DNR as a Solid Waste Section Chief, but now has been promoted to Solid Waste Director. Van Rossum is replacing Ann Coakley who was the director, but left the DNR to take a job in the private sector. Van Rossum has exceptional knowledge of Solid Waste and Recycling - he will be a great Director and a wonderful person to work with.

**12. Discussion with Possible Action-Master Gardeners**

a. **Delivery of Compost Bins, May 11, 2017**

Ehrhardt & Kutz delivered the compost bins to the Master Gardeners before the meeting.

The Gardeners wanted a picture of the compost bins with Ehrhardt & Kutz and some of the Gardeners. The Gardeners plan on sending out a news release. At the meeting they asked Ehrhardt to explain our drug collection program and Clean Sweep.

The speaker who was from Walworth County was very excited that Jefferson had a drug collection program. The speaker explained that Walworth County had a lot of problems with meth labs. Kutz & Ehrhardt started to leave at 8:00 p.m., but someone from Fort Health Care said she would deliver the last two bins, so they helped her load them into her small car.

b. **Master Gardeners Display at the Fair**

The Master Gardeners will have a composting display at the fair in the Activity Center. They will direct visitors to the Jefferson County Fair booth to sign up for a chance to win a free compost bin or recycling party pop-up packs.

**13. Discussion with Possible Action-Jefferson County Fair – July 12-16**

a. **Drawings for Compost Bins & Party Pop-Up Packs**

The Committee discussed that anyone can sign up for the free drawings, including county employees. Ehrhardt will have cards available to sign up at the booth. They will have drawings twice a day at 2 and 5 p.m. The Committee asked that Ehrhardt post the winners. Twenty five bins and twenty five party parks will be given away at the fair. The Committee will donate 2 compost bins to Michael Clish at radio station WFAW.

b. **Work Schedule for the Fair**

Committee members can sign up with Tammie in Administration. Tammie also has an on line sign up for the fair.

c. **Spinning Wheel Fair – Candy Prizes**

Ehrhardt will get Dum-Dums, Tootsie Pops and Blow Pops to give away at the fair. Reese suggested that Ehrhardt give away rulers or some other items along with the candy. Ehrhardt said she would look into it, but the Committee should give her a budget on what could be spent. The Committee asked Ehrhardt to find out what times the booth will be open and closed during fair week.

Motion made by Reese and second by Patrick that up to \$200 could be spent for fair items for the spinning wheel game.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

d. **Set Up Fair Display for County Board and Solid Waste**

Kutz volunteered to help set up the fair booth on Monday, July 10 at 12:30 p.m. Reese volunteered to help take down the booth on Monday, July 17 at 8:00 am.

**14. Discussion with Possible Action – Taking Care of Your Septic System Discussion**

Zangl explained that UM-Minnesota put together this simple flyer on how to take care of your septic system. The Committee suggested that we have 200 flyers at the fair booth.

**15. Discussion with Possible Action – Carton Recycling at Purdy Elementary School – Fort Atkinson**

Ehrhardt explained that a Kristin Halverson (fourth grade teacher from Purdy Elementary School) contacted her about recycling milk cartons at her school. Ehrhardt met with Halverson and the school custodian at Purdy and said it would be very easy to recycle cartons.

Patrick said two schools already empty their milk cartons Middle School and Luther. He said that the high school had over 1,000 students so that's a lot of milk cartons. Patrick suggested that Ehrhardt contact the school nutritionist Tom Dembski at 920-691-6852x1161 to find out how many cartons of milk the district uses in a school years. Patrick also gave her two other contacts Tom Kutzdzski-Director of Buildings and Grounds and Jeff Zaspel-Superintendent 920-563-7807. Patrick also said I would have the support of the School Board President his wife, Kim Patrick 920-568-0669. Patrick said every time he empties the lunch trash at the high school milk leaks out and if everyone would have to empty their cartons it would be easier to clean up with less work. The Committee all agreed that Ehrhardt should pursue carton recycling at Fort Atkinson School District. They could become the example for other school districts in the area. We would also try to get media coverage. Ehrhardt asked if the Committee would be willing to supply 5 gallon pails and strainers; two of each to all the schools. Fort Atkinson has six public schools in the district: one high school, one middle school and four grade schools.

Patrick made a motion and Kutz seconded the motion to allow the purchase of 12 pails and strainers for Fort Atkinson School District for the milk carton recycling project up to \$200.

**Motion carried 5-0**

**16. Discussion with Possible Action – Fort Health Care Panel – June 29, 8-9 p.m. at Hospital**

Ehrhardt will be part of a panel for Fort Health on our drug collections in Jefferson County and how we work with the Sheriff's Office and Police Departments.

**17. Discussion with Possible Action – Debris Management Class – Donna Haugom**

Ehrhardt said that FEMA is revising their Debris Management Class and it will not be ready until sometime next spring or summer. So Haugom will not be scheduling a class until the new class material is completed.

**18. Discussion with Possible Action-AROW (Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin)**

**a. Board Meeting – AROW, Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

Ehrhardt attended the board meeting and reported that there might be an educational opportunity for a Public TV program on recycling. We would be asked to contribute money for the creation of this spot. After a run on Public TV they would give AROW copies of the program to use as additional education opportunities. Will know more from future meetings.

**b. Board Meeting – AROW, Tuesday, July 25, 2017 – Onalaska – WI**

Ehrhardt said the meeting will be held in Onalaska at the Dynamic Recycling facility. They will be holding tours at the meeting. Would any Committee members like to attend the meeting and have a tour? Committee members said no it was too far and because of the distance Ehrhardt would also not be attending.

**c. Educational Opportunities with WI Public TV on Recycling**

Ehrhardt addressed this already in item 18(a).

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

Recycling Event Saturday, June 24, 2017 – 9-11 a.m. Jefferson County Fair Park

Committee meeting Friday, September 15, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Room 203 Courthouse

Clean Sweep Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23 in Watertown

**20. Adjourn**

Motion made by Lund and seconded by Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**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.**

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Laura Payne - Secretary