



Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

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

March 16, 2018 - 8:00 a.m.

Members: Don Reese-Chair, Gregg Patrick -Vice Chair, Laura Payne-Secretary, Kirk Lund and Gary Kutz
Staff: Sharon Ehrhardt, Sarah Higgins 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, Lund, Patrick and Kutz. Payne arrived at 8:08 a.m.

Guests in attendance at 8:00 a.m. were Rick Schultz-Street Superintendent City of Watertown, Don Smith-Manager of Waste Management Deer Track Park Landfill, Ben Wehmeier-County Administrator, Blair Ward-Corporation Counsel, Vic Karaliunas-Recycling Manager Town of Ixonia, Janet & Jerry Foust-Town of Ixonia, Bob & Sandy Lacourciera-Oconomowoc, John Mueller-Veolia, Kevin & Brad Griswold-Tag Lane Dairy Farm Town of Ixonia, and Steve Sharp-Watertown Daily Times

Staff members in attendance at 8:00 a.m. were Higgins, 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

Introductions were made by Reese.

6. Public Comment (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)

None

7. Communication

Resource Recycling magazines were available to Committee members.

8. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2017

Motion made by Patrick, seconded by Kutz to approve the December 8, 2017 minutes as presented.

Motion carried 4-0.

9. Presentation by Janet Foust on Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)

Foust had handouts for the Committee: "Understanding Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and Their Impact on Communities", "Fact Sheet-CAFOs" and a folder with additional information about CAFOs. Foust explained the odor problem coming from the large farm across from their home is when the wind blows from the east. Foust asked the Committee if there were any actions or support they could take to help limit odor/air problems from large CAFOs? Reese explained that the Committee had no ordinances that would allow them to take any action. The Committee is not the governing agent for CAFOs. Foust said that they are not trying to stop CAFOs, but improve the air and living conditions for residents around CAFOs. Foust asked that in the near future the Committee would consider or seek a possibility of helping with air problems from large CAFOs. Foust thanked the Committee for lessening to her concerns.

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

a. Landfill Updates

b. Smith brought the host fee checks from the landfill for the Town of Farmington and the Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee. Smith also gave the Committee a summary of the host fees for 2017 and past years.

Smith said in 2018 the landfill will be laying 4 acres of liner and 10 acres of cover. Reese asked if the Committee could have a tour of the landfill and Smith said we could discuss it at the June meeting. Smith said we could schedule a meeting at his site and he would supply a bus and invite all County Board members. Smith also explained that the screening fence was placed by the request of the DNR because the action area on the landfill was within a 1,000 feet of I-94. Reese asked if the air monitors were on a scheduled monthly review. The gas engine plant runs 24/7. The six engines make enough energy for 4,000 homes. They monitor the stacks & exhaust pipes from the engine plant. They also test the efficiency of the collected gas on the ground which is 120 acres. Karaliunas asked about the generator hits and how they correct the hit problem. Smith explained. Reese asked what is the life expectancy of the landfill and Smith replied 20 years. The reason the landfill has had a longer life is because of more recycling, items banned from the landfill and the economy. Another reason is

that they fill the landfill box better than before.

11. Discussion and Possible Action-Updates from Ixonia and Watertown Recycling
 - a. Watertown has budgeted \$20,000 for 2018 Clean Sweep September 21 & 22 in Watertown
 - b. Schultz Information

Karaliunas & Schultz both stopped taking latex paint at their sites. Town of Ixonia piggy-backs with Watertown for mattress and carpet recycling.

Reese presented Richard Schultz with the Clean Sweep Merit Award. The plaque read, "Rick gives unwavering support, never backing away from new ideas while working hard to achieve them as a champion of the Jefferson County Clean Sweep Program."

Rick thanked the Committee for the award and Reese explained some of the recycling programs that Rick implemented in the City of Watertown. Rick said by expanding the program they went from 1,600 ton to 3,000 ton to increase this year to 4,600 ton, because they added recycled glass to their coarse gravel mix for the roads. Rick also thanked Ehrhardt for the help and support she gave to his City and the County. Karaliunas said it is wonderful to piggy back on the programs that Watertown has and without the Watertown support they could not offer the types of recycling they have at the transfer station. Karaliunas also said they could not ask for a better person than Rick to work with and his support for their small town programs has been unlimited. Reese also explained how well the Clean Sweep is run because of Rick's help in Watertown. Mueller also said that Veolia appreciates all the help that they get from Rick. Rick said that the programs are as good as the people you work with.

12. Discussion and Possible Action-Clean Sweeps for 2018
 - a. Next Clean Sweep April 6 & 7, 2018

Ehrhardt said the Clean Sweep is ready to go. Ehrhardt needs Committee members to work at the Clean Sweep for the 6th & 7th. Ehrhardt was going to call the Sheriff to see if we could use two people from the Huber program for the tire recycling. Ehrhardt said she might be able to get her husband to volunteer again.

Reese – Friday & Saturday

Payne – Saturday

Patrick – Friday & Saturday

Lund – Saturday

Kutz – Saturday – Might bring wife again to help with the tires.

- b. Donation Updates

No questions on the donations.

- c. Village of Palmyra Letter & Phone Call Mike Burow

A letter from the Village of Palmyra said they will no longer contribute to the Clean Sweep program.

Mike Burow-Supervisor Town of Aztalan said he checked with the Towns Association, and someone from Towns Association told him that Towns could not make donations. If we assess a fee or charge, then that they could pay. Ehrhardt didn't know if we could assess a fee for the Clean Sweep Program and suggested that we change the wording in our letter by not using "donation". Ehrhardt said that about half the Towns make a donation and the other monies comes from businesses and residents. Reese said we charge all residents a fee of \$10 to come to our Clean Sweep event and if a Town doesn't want to make a donation that is ok.

- d. Insurance Coverage Clean Sweeps

At the WIRMC (Wisconsin Integrated Recycling Management Conference) they made a big issue that with events such as Clean Sweeps we should make sure that we are properly insured. Zangl brought this to the attention of Wehmeier and Ward. Ward said that County Board & County employees are covered. We have all volunteers sign a waiver. Ward said we have a good policy and that we should be insured. Ehrhardt asked Mueller what Veolia has for insurance at an event. Mueller said Veolia is covered for their actions. Veolia is all about safety and keeping the residents in their vehicles and not allowing residents beyond taped lines. Wehmeier said that they would look into it.

- e. Inviting Local Legislators to April Clean Sweep

Ehrhardt asked Reese if she could use his name and signature on the invitation to the legislators and he said yes. Reese & Ehrhardt were hoping legislators would come to see what a Clean Sweep is all about. Reese said that Senator Nass had attended a Clean Sweep and when Jorgensen was a representative he worked Clean Sweep and took surveys. Both the legislators were very surprised by the number of residents that participated and the amount of chemicals brought in.

13. Discussion and Possible Action - Drug Collection Updates

- a. Jefferson County Drug Collation – Drug Drop Box Johnson Creek Police Department

In the Committees packet were pictures of the new drug drop-off box. Reese attended the delivery of the drug drop-box made for the Johnson Creek Police Department by JWR Inc. The Jefferson County Drug Coalition wrote a grant and received \$700 for the drug box and the Solid Waste Committee paid the additional \$300 because the total cost was \$1,000. Others in attendance were Emi Reiner & Craig Holler from the Jefferson County Drug Coalition, Police Chief Bleecker and Cory Gardner & Craig Henning from JWR Inc. Reese pointed out that the color of the

drug drop-off box is black/white like the old police cars. Ehrhardt will send a release to the local newspapers.

b. Jefferson County Drug Coalition – Pouches for Drug Disposal.

Ehrhardt had an example of the drug disposal pouch purchased by the Drug Coalition. The Coalition has placed some of these pouches at the local pharmacies. Jefferson County Visiting Nurses hand them out to some of their clients. They are trying to reach residents who have no means of getting to a drug drop-off site. Ehrhardt said that the best drug disposal is still with the drug drop-off sites at law enforcement agencies; all these medications get incinerated which is the proper disposal method. Ehrhardt understands that there is a need for the pouches in some cases. Mueller said the DEA rules are that the drugs need to be unusable and the best way for this is incineration. Lund said just because the drug is rendered unusable doesn't mean that it is inert and that is why incineration is the best.

c. Drug Collection Information From 2008-2017

Ehrhardt said the information was in the Committee's packet. The State of Wisconsin ranks third in the country for volume of drugs collected and disposed.

Jefferson County last fall collected 1,200 pounds of drugs and Milwaukee County only collected 2,000 pounds, so the residents of Jefferson County are doing a very good job on drug disposal.

d. Clean Sweep Program Merit Award for the Sheriff's Office & Police Department

Ehrhardt asked the Committee if they want to give all the Police Departments and Sheriff's Office the Clean Sweep Merit Award. The Committee said yes.

e. County Board Resolutions for Merit Awards

Ehrhardt also asked the Committee if they wanted the award in the form of a County Board resolution? The Committee agreed to do a resolution.

Patrick made a motion for Ehrhardt to write a resolution and have it approved by Reese and Zangl and with their approval, send it on to the appropriate Committee so it can be presented at the County Board Meeting. Kutz seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

14. Discussion and Possible Action – 2018 SB733/AB914 Electronic Waste Recycling Program

a. Need Letter of Support

The Committee could send a letter of support of SB733/AB914, which changes the Electronic Waste Recycling Program (E-cycle).

In the future if we draft a letter we need to send it to the Administration and Rules/ICC Committee per Wehmeier.

Payne made a motion to send a letter of support to Senator Mark Miller & Senator Robert Cowles and our local legislator upon approval by the Administration and Rules Committee. This was seconded by Patrick.

Motion carried 5-0.

15. Discussion and Possible Action – DNR Storm Debris Summary – Ehrhardt

We had 22 people come to the meeting. Casey Lamensky-DNR was going to send a copy of her presentation to Ehrhardt to pass on to everyone in attendance, but Ehrhardt hasn't received it yet. She will email Casey a reminder for her presentation. Ehrhardt said the DNR Storm Debris information from the DNR is simple to follow and would be easy for the Towns, Cities and Villages to put in place. Ehrhardt said that Michelle Staff-DNR also explained to the group that being prepared is necessary when you have a disaster. Staff showed some pictures of the disasters she has visited in the state. Staff explained most people don't have a plan or an idea on what to do. Schultz said that everyone should make sure that their equipment rates are approved by their council or committee. The rates should be determined by state or federal rates. If you have this in place, FEMA will accept these rates and if you don't have them in place, they will assign rates which could be lower than state or federal equipment rates. Also you might want to get a burn permit from the DNR. Some times when a disaster hits it is impossible to recycle all the down brush and trees.

16. Discussion and Possible Action – AROW (Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin), SWANA (Wisconsin Badger Chapter-Solid Waste Association of North America) and WCSWMA (WI Counties Solid Waste Management Association) Conference Updates – Ehrhardt

a. www.becomingstewards.org – Public TV project for AROW, SWANA and WCSWMA

Ehrhardt explained that this is a chance to us to get involved with an educational program emphasizing recycling in the midwest including Wisconsin & Minnesota. She asked the Committee if they would like to make a donation to this state project. Zangl will check our budget and we will put this on the next agenda.

b. WCSWMA – The need for County involvement – New Website: www.wcswma.org

Ehrhardt told the Committee that WCSWMA would like more County involvement and said we are members of this group and they would like more people involved. Patrick said that Ehrhardt should assist a member to get involved with WCSWMA. Ehrhardt will contact WCSWMA and ask what Jefferson County can do to become an active member of WCSWMA.

c. Christy Dixon Award – Ehrhardt

Ehrhardt received this award at the 2018 WIRMC and it was truly an honor. Schultz knew about the award and was very excited that Ehrhardt

received it.

d. WCSWMA Scholarships available on line.

Ehrhardt wanted to let everyone know that their scholarships are available on line. So spread the word.

e. 2019 WIRMC – Holiday Inn – Stevens Point

The WIRMC will be held in Stevens Point next year. The dates are February 27th to March 1, 2019

17. Discussion and Possible Action – Updates for AROW Product Stewardship Conference Call and WI Council on Recycling Meeting

a. National Sword – China “Implementation Plan for Prohibiting the Entry of Foreign Garbage and Advancing the Reform of the Solid Waste Management Measures”

Ehrhardt said China use to be the dumping station for the Unites States and other countries when recyclers couldn't find anyone else to take mixed paper and plastics. China now wants these items to be cleaned and separated. China is trying to be more sustainable and clean up their own country's environment. WI Council on Recycling and AROW thinks this might be an opportunity for our own county or state to start businesses that process our own products from recyclers. If MRFs (Materials Recovery Facility) were to slow down their process this could bring a cleaner end product. In the next months and years we will be hearing a lot more about the National Sword.

Smith said now that China's economy has grown they have their own materials to recycle and aren't as dependent on other countries materials. Smith told the committee if loads are rejected by China the waste company has to pay for the return shipment. He thinks the United States has been soft on developing products from our recycled materials. Moving materials out of the country was easier than developing our own businesses.

18. Discussion and Possible Action – Compost Bins & Party/Camping Pop-Ups

The compost bins have been ordered and we should receive delivery in April. Ehrhardt said that the Committee wanted her to attend the Dairy Breakfast and we would have enough compost bins to give-a-way some at the May 19 dairy breakfast. The Master Gardeners said they will take five to support the community gardens and school gardens. They will support us again at the fair. The Committee agreed that Ehrhardt can have drawings for five compost bins.

19. Discussion and Possible Action – Carton Recycling Fort Atkinson School District and Jefferson

Ehrhardt said the Outagamie County hands out our recycling posters instead of just carton recycling posters. Ehrhardt contacted Jefferson School District and they are recycling cartons in the grade schools, but not the middle and high school. Jefferson Schools said they would take pails, strainers and posters for the middle and high school. They also said Ehrhardt could include them in an article about carton recycling in the schools. Ehrhardt was asked if Fort Atkinson schools have started their carton recycling and she has no idea. The Committee wanted to know what other schools were interested. The Committee suggested Ehrhardt contact Watertown, Johnson Creek, Ixonia, Lake Mills, and Cambridge school districts. Ehrhardt told the Committee she thinks Ixonia is already recycling cartons and Karaliunas agreed.

20. Jefferson County Elections – Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

Ehrhardt said the Committee needs to sell themselves. The residents of Jefferson County don't know what the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee does. So tell residents about Clean Sweeps, Drug Drop-Off Boxes, Carton Recycling and Recycling Events. Reese said that this is a hardworking and fun Committee; so let the residents of Jefferson County know. Ehrhardt said with elections coming up it is a good time to let interviewers know what your work in the County is all about.

21. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items.

Check budget for educational spending.

22. Adjourn

Motion made by Payne and seconded by Lund to adjourn the Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting at 10:30 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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Secretary