

Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

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

Minutes

March 8, 2019 - 8:32 a.m.

Members: Greg David-Vice Chair, Dick Schultz-Secretary, Peter A. Hartz and Jeff Johns

Staff: Sharon Ehrhardt and Matt Zangl

Guests: Randy Mitchell-Jefferson County Farm Bureau, Keith Kulow-Daybreak Foods, Arita J Martin-Lake Mills, Blane Paulson-Paulson Farms, Vic Karaliunas-Town of Ixonia Recycling, LaVern Georgson-UW-Extension Agricultural Educator, Patricia Cirero-Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department, Allen Kountz-Account Manager Veolia Environmental, Dean Kelly-Manager of Waste Management Deer Track Park Landfill and Blair Ward-Jefferson County Corporation Counsel

1. Call to Order
Zangl called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)
Committee members in attendance at 8:32 a.m. to establish a quorum – David, Schultz, Hartz and Johns
Lindl was absent.
Introductions were made after roll call.
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. Election of Chair
Nominations for Committee Chair
Hartz nominated Schultz for Chair of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee.
Hartz made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Schultz as Chair of Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee and David seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.
5. Election of Vice-Chair if needed
David remains as Vice-Chair of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee.
6. Election of Secretary if needed
Nominations for Committee Secretary
David nominated Hartz for the Secretary of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee.
David made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Hartz as Secretary of Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee and Johns seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 4-0.
7. Approval of the Agenda
No changes were proposed to the agenda.
8. Public Comment (*Not to exceed 15 minutes – Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time*)
No Public Comment
9. Communication
No Communication
10. Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2018
Motion made by David, seconded by Hartz to approve the December 7, 2018 minutes as presented.
11. Discussion and Possible Action-Incinerator Regulations
 - Zangl gave an overview of why and how this item was on the agenda.
 - Schultz allowed open comments from committee members, staff and guests.
 - Martin presented an Incinerator Operation and Siting Ordinance for incinerators in Jefferson County written by her and Vic Karaliunas.
 - Karaliunas gave a summary of the ordinance. Karaliunas did the summary as private citizen.
 - a. They want operator certification of CAFOs (concentrated animal feeding operation) and human crematories in Jefferson County.
 - b. They these facilities to be properly sited and locations know to the County and emergence responders.
 - Martin and Karaliunas are in favor of the ordinance. This is a draft ordinance and they are willing to consider suggestions/changes

made by Attorney Ward or the Committee.

- Paulson had concerns if the ordinance would put farms in Jefferson County at a disadvantage compared to other counties in the state and he was also concerned if this ordinance was in accordance with Jefferson County procedures. He was not in favor of the ordinance.
- Kelly said that it is just another add on to what is already regulated and because of his experience working for the DNR and DATCP he doesn't think this is necessary. He doesn't think certification will make the operators improve the quality of the operation. He also had concerns of enforcement, licensing, permitting and funding and does the county want to open that up. He is not in favor of the ordinance.
- Mitchell who represented the Jefferson County Farm Bureau he works on industrial controls including large burners. The controls are so intricate and safe that unless you have training you could not work the control to start a burner. He thinks incinerators for farms are a good idea. He said if you look on page 3 it says incinerators will be sited in accordance with USDA NRCS guidelines. Mitchell was not in favor of an ordinance.
- Georgson asked if there is an agency that has certification. Martin answered DNR has certification, but not mandatory. The DNR certification program costs \$100.
- David said the information presented is fact finding for the committee. The committee did approve to have this information brought to the committee. David said this ordinance would have to be reviewed by Corporation Council for review and the staff would also have input on this type of ordinance. In the past when the committee was approached about outdoor burners it was found it was impossible to enforcement.
- Hart wanted to make a motion to have this reviewed by Corporation Council. The motion was stop so Zangl & Cicero could add more information.
- Zangl presented a fact sheet with questions on how the ordinance would work and if there would be benefits to Jefferson County.
- What is this ordinance aimed at? Is it about Ag use? Zangl said he needed more information. What is the problem this ordinance is trying to solve? Zangl answer a few questions how farms are trying to solve the problem of farm animal mortality.
- Cicero said there is one incinerator that we know of in the county at the Daybreak in Lake Mills to deal with their chicken mortality.
- Cicero called the DNR about CAFO information on how an incinerator would be regulated. An air permit is required for large incinerators. Daybreak's permit includes two more incinerators. The permit includes the modeling of emissions. DNR Air Quality person said there is no is no evidence that emissions would be a concern and they aren't concerned about the environmental impact. The next person Cicero talked to deals with CAFO permit and every CAFO permit has to have a mortality plan. The Daybreak incinerator isn't working right now so they are taking the birds to a landfill. The Daybreak operation looked into incinerator because in the past neighbors complain about odors. Cicero could not talk about how the incinerator works because she didn't have the operational information. Cicero said we don't have the knowledge or trained staff to oversee incineration and that this covered in the permits they need from the DNR to operate an incinerator.
- Schultz asked Martin what is the problem that this addressing: Martin said there were three problems. The chemical released from incineration. They don't know how many incinerator there are in Jefferson County and if they are properly licensed. Calling for safe guards put in place. Upon her research she thought the state would have more oversight on incinerator. There are state exemptions for some incinerators. They want to make sure the County knows where all the incinerators are located; they have been properly permitted and operating safely. That is why she feeling and ordinance requiring a safe course should be mandatory.
- Schultz asked Ward if he had time to review the ordinance presented to the committee. Ward didn't have chance to research the ordinance and he would like to see more information why we need this ordinance. Ward said even if the ordinance is sound the County Board would need a good reason to past the ordinance. Ward will report back to the Committee at its next meeting.
- Schultz asked Georgson if he had a chance to read the ordinance and he said no. Schultz said his question to Georgson after he reviews it if this would put an undo burned on the farmers in Jefferson County Ag community.
- David had questions? Should we be worried about a big incineration operation coming to Jefferson County like it was proposed to Ixonia years ago? Who would enforce this? Martin said the other big incinerators are heavy regulated.
- David said he would make a motion that this be table until Ward-Corporation Council can review and the staff together more information. Johns second the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

David thanked Martin and Karaliunas the work they did on the ordinance.

12. Discussion and Possible Action-Deer Track Park Landfill

a. Landfill Updates

Kelly said Deer Track Park Landfill is looking at cell expansion to the east of the present cell. They are making the cells smaller as they are expanding. The foot print of the landfill has not changed, but just doing smalls cells. He doesn't want more liquid waste in the landfill, meaning solid with a lot of liquids. They are looking at more upgrades. He wants the landfill to look good and be good neighbors. They will be planting more trees. They have birds nesting like Blue Herons. They will are doing more to secure the landfill. Kelly said the landfill life expected to operate to 2035. The gas generation should go on for 35-40 years after the landfill closed. David asked if the liquid is used help generate the landfill and Kelly answered yes. The extra leach aid goes to Fort Atkinson Waste Treatment plant. Hartz asked if Waste Management though about put in a left station at Johnson Creek and Kelly said they would like too, but Johnson Creek can't handle that at this time. Kelly said it costs them about \$45,000 a month to dispose of leach aid. Kelly said Waste Management has a new program for employees it is called "Couch to 5K in three month". Kelly is thinking about doing a 5K around the landfill and they might call it the Trash Trot. Kelly measured the area around the landfill and it was 5K.

Hartz requested a tour of the landfill. The tour is set for May 16 at 8:30. We usually invite all County Board members.

13. Discussion and Possible Action-Updates from Ixonia and Watertown Recycling

a. Randy Frank Update

Frank was not in attendance.

b. Vic Karaliunas Update

Karaliunas said they piggy back on some of the programs in Watertown and hope to do more. Frank indicated to Karaliunas that there will be some changes to the City of Watertown programs. Karaliunas announced that he will be retiring the end of the 2019 on December 31.

Discussion and Possible Action-Appliance Recycling

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Ehrhardt explain that Mariana Rosado from Refrigerant Depot met with us (Zangl, Ehrhardt, Schreiner and Higgins) and would like to put a permanent appliance recycling site in Jefferson County. If we had a site here in the County there could be a possibility for rebates in the future. Zangl has talked to Wehmeier about a permanent site. Wehmeier told Zangl that the County would like to do more community partnerships and project in the future. This could be one of them. Ehrhardt did have a couple concerns a secure site with camera monitoring. Possibly a gated site and maybe limited the excess days, so it could be monitor. You don't want the public to use it as a dump site and that is what happened to Watertown when their site wasn't monitored. You would not want electronics, because Refrigerant Depot doesn't handle electronics. Ehrhardt gave a review of electronic recycling in Jefferson County. She also reminded the Committee recycling isn't free there is always a cost to recycling. They Committee said to put this on the agenda for more discussion.

15. Discussion and Possible Action-Clean Sweeps for 2019

a. Clean Sweeps Update

We discussed the updated information about appliance recycling in item 14.

b. Clean Sweep Schedule for April 5 & 6.

Ehrhardt asked what days the Committee members would be available. Schultz said he could work both days. Johns was on vacation both days. Hartz and David didn't know what their schedules yet. Lindl was absent.

c. Donation Update

Ehrhardt said she didn't have the number at this time, but would put it on the next agenda.

16. Discussion and Possible Action - Drug Collection Updates

a. Medication & Drug Disposal, Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Riverview Manor-Fort Atkinson

Ehrhardt attend this event with the Jefferson County Drug Free Coalition. We had a few people bring their medication from the building, but very few people from outside the senior residence. The Fort Atkinson Police Office said even though there weren't many people it educated the people who attend on where they could dispose of their medications in the future.

b. Medication & Drug Disposal, Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Fairhaven Senior Services, Whitewater

The Jefferson County Drug Free Coalition held another event. Ehrhardt was not able to attend, but not a lot of residents brought their medication again it turn out to be more about education.

c. National Drug Take Back Day, Saturday, April 27, 2019 and Disposal Day Monday, April 29, 2019

Ehrhardt explain that after this event is when the Sheriff's Office and Police Department dispose of their drug at the State Patrol locations.

d. Jefferson County Drug Free Coalition – Ehrhardt & Schreiner

Ehrhardt and Schreiner attend the meeting so we can share information. The coalition does a lot of education is schools and to the general public.

e. Possible Partnership with Fort HealthCare, Sonderegger Research Center at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy on opioid abuse – Ehrhardt

Ehrhardt was contacted by Fort HealthCare about the program. They want a list of people who could be advisers to the group should it proceed. She will keep the Committee updated.

17. 2019 Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference (WIRMC) – Holiday Inn – Stevens Point – February 27 – March 1, 2019

a. Conference Updates Ehrhardt & Schreiner

Ehrhardt and Schreiner handed out summaries of the event. Discussed possible Committee attendance next year.

18. Discussion and Possible Action – Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast

a. Table Charge

The Committee agreed to the table charge to the Dairy Breakfast.

19. Discussion and Possible Action – Jefferson County Fair

a. Prizes

David made a motion to have grocery totes for the Committee give away at the Dairy Breakfast and Fair, but have Zangl check the budget for available funds and Johns second the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

The Committee wants a flyer with drug information handed out at the Daily Breakfast and Fair.

b. Compost Bins (8 in storage)

The Committee said maybe they should donate the remaining compost bins to schools or other groups who want to do composting.

20. Discussion and Possible Action – Paint Care Resolution
Ehrhardt explain that if AROW (Associated Recycler of Wisconsin) gets support from PaintCare and Legislators they might want to pass a county resolution in support of the state program of recycling paints.
21. Discussion and Possible Action – Carton Recycling
Ehrhardt said that we have the following school districts recycling cartons: Fort Atkinson, Jefferson, Lake Mills, St. Josephs-Fort Atkinson, Johnson Creeks and Ixonia. We need contacts for Watertown. The Committee supplies each school with two stainless steel strainers, two white pails and poster for education.
22. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items.
The Committee requested that Ehrhardt put a list of upcoming events and date together for the Committee so they know what is coming in the future after she leaves. The next Committee meeting will be June 4th.
23. Adjourn
Hartz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and Johns second the motion.
Motion carried 4-0

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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For Peter Hartz, Secretary