

Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee

Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 205
Jefferson, WI 53549

Minutes

October 5, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

Members: Dick Schultz, Greg David, Jeff Johns, Anita Martin and Jeff Smith
Staff: Caitlin McAleavey, Matt Zangl
Place: Room 205 of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 311 S. Center Ave., Jefferson, WI
Or Via Zoom Videoconference

Register and Join Meeting via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 917 7426 8990

Passcode: Waste

1. Call to Order

Chairman Schultz called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)

Solid Waste Members present in person were Dick Schultz, Anita Martin, Jeff Smith, and Jeff Johns. Member Greg David was present via Zoom. Staff members present in person was Caitlin McAleavey.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law

McAleavey certified compliance.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Schultz approved agenda. **No objections.**

5. 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)*

Janet Foust, W993 Gopher Hill Road of Watertown, Wisconsin, provided public comment on air quality concerns in Jefferson County, specifically near Ixonia where she lives. Her concerns on poor air quality/odor control stem from the CAFOs (confined animal feeding operations) and large farms throughout the county. Foust resides next to a CAFO.

6. Approval of Minutes – August 3, 2021

Motion to approve minutes from August 3, 2021 motioned by Johns and seconded by Martin. **No objections. Passed 5-0.**

7. Communications

No communications stated.

8. Update on Drug Take Back events – August 16 and 19, 2021

McAleavey provided follow ups and details from the two drug take back collection events in August. Two more collection events are stated to take place in the Lake Mills community in October. The state drug take back collection date organized by the Department of Justice has been scheduled for October 23, 2021. Johns stated he would like to explore additional ways to advertise events like this.

9. Update on fall recycling events:

a. Electronics/appliance recycling and bike drive: September 2, 2021

- i. McAleavey provided a recap of the latest electronic/recycling event. The bike drive was successful, and Dream Bikes stated they would like to join us again for future events.

b. Watertown Clean Sweep: Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18, 2021

- i. McAleavey stated we are still waiting for Veolia invoice totals for our Clean Sweep events, and she would report those totals when she receives them. Both Clean Sweep events went well with no major issues to report. Details on participation for all events was provided to committee members and available in the supplemental packet.

c. Whitewater Clean Sweep: Friday, October 1, 2021

10. Update on 2022 collection event dates:

a. Jefferson Fairgrounds Clean Sweep & Electronics/Appliance Collection Event – April 8-9, 2022

- i. McAleavey stated this will be a first-time joint event, at the request of the fairgrounds. McAleavey proposed questions to the committee on whether it is worthwhile to have a full electronics/appliance collection at this event, or if we should limit the type of items collected for the sake of a smoother/faster event. Refrigerant Depot (Mariana) provided a recap of how they did a similar style event in Walworth County and discussed lessons learned. Mariana provided the committee details on how Refrigerant Depot's program will be changing in 2022 (limiting type of items collected, rejecting more items that aren't accepted in state recycling program, etc).

b. Watertown Clean Sweep Event – September 16-17, 2022

c. Whitewater Clean Sweep Event – October 7, 2022

d. Jefferson Fairgrounds Electronics/Appliance Collection Event - October 22, 2022

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Future Projects

McAleavey stated she is organizing materials to add to the website and planning a "recycling 101" workshop. Martin discussed revising the 2000 Air Management and Solid Waste Management Plan. She also suggested planning an air quality workshop for residents to be able to speak to representatives from county staff, DATCP, DNR, etc. Martin discussed allocating funds for air monitors and nasal rangers, and training staff/volunteers to gather air quality data. Schultz suggested reaching out to other counties to see what they are doing on air quality issues. David stated he would support an air quality workshop on a citizen, town, county, and state level. Martin suggested updating the county's waste ordinance.

12. Discussion on tour opportunity of URT – Janesville Electronics Recycling Facility

McAleavey stated she is planning a tour of URT for the committee and would reach out with dates.

13. Update on Air Quality

Smith asked what funds can be allocated to air quality issues. McAleavey said she would report back at the next meeting. Smith stated we could look into hiring an air quality firm to gather data for us. Martin stated there are grants the county could consider applying for to secure additional funds.

Vic Karaliunas, W262 Hillendale Drive, Ixonia, made a public comment in favor of any and all air quality improvement and awareness projects. Martin proposed we invite DNR and DATCP officials out for a Q&A session to determine what we are able to do as a county. Dyan Pasono, N9071 Ridge Lane in Ixonia made a public comment on her support for collecting air quality data to state agencies. Johns and Schultz inquired what other counties are doing to support improved air quality.

14. Update from Veolia

Al Kountz reported the latest Clean Sweeps went well and urged the county to keep pre-registering for accurate numbers. He reported an increase in the amount of waste per car.

15. Update from Refrigerant Depot

Refrigerant Depot stated we are still working out the details of our 2022 collection events and McAleavey will report more specifics to the committee as they are determined.

16. Update from the City of Watertown

No update was provided.

17. Update from the Town of Ixonia

Vic Karaliunas stated Lee Schmeckpeper will be resigning his spot as Chairman on the Ixonia/Concord Transfer Site Committee as of January 1, 2022 and he was unaware who would be taking on the role. Karaliunas stated the Transfer Site is now working with Dream Bikes for their bike collection, and any resident in Jefferson County can bring their bikes to the Transfer Site for recycling/disposal.

18. Update from Deer Track Park Landfill

No update was provided.

19. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items

- a. Upcoming meeting: Tuesday, December 7th, 8:30AM
- b. Air Quality Project Discussion
- c. Air Quality Webpage Discussion

20. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:49 a.m. by Smith, seconded by Johns. Passed 5-0.

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