

Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee

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

Minutes

December 7th, 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:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/JUqcO2qqDMjE9QtCa6J2E56uD7KNYKfUDUV>

Meeting ID: 917 7426 8990

Passcode: Waste

1. Call to Order

Chairman Schultz called the meeting to order at 8:31 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. Solid Waste staff members present in person were Caitlin McAleavey and Matt Zangl. Joining in person from the Land and Water Department were Patricia Cicero, Joe Strupp, and Josh Butteris.

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, particularly on how to increase air quality issues addressed by the Solid Waste Committee.

6. Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2021

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

7. Communications

No communications stated.

8. Update on Local and National Drug Take Back Events – October 19 & 20, 2021 and October 23, 2021

McAleavey provided an update on the drug take back collection events that occurred at the end of 2021. The yearly collection total for all ten drug take back boxes and special collection events amounted to 3,803 pounds of pharmaceuticals collected in 2021. McAleavey stated it is the highest

collection of pharmaceutical collection to date for Jefferson County and she hopes to add more specialized collection events in 2022 to build on this momentum.

9. Update from Veolia

No update provided.

10. Update from Refrigerant Depot

No update provided.

11. Update from the City of Watertown

No update provided.

12. Update from the Town of Ixonia

Earlier in the week via phone call, Vic Karaliunas provided an update that Carl Jaeger will be taking over as Chairman of the Ixonia/Concord Transfer Site starting in 2022. He will be replacing Lee Schmeckpeper.

13. Update from Deer Track Park Landfill

Joe Hackbarth offered updates on the new cell creation at the landfill. Martin inquired what protocols are in place for carcass disposal, specifically in relation to avian viruses and outbreaks. Hackbarth responded that it is looked at on a case-by-case basis by upper management at the landfill. Current animal carcasses are buried and covered right away to control for odor and contamination.

14. Update on 2021 and 2022 Budget

McAleavey stated we have reserve funds remaining in the budget, however in 2021 we did spend more on Clean Sweeps than ever before causing us to tap into said reserves. Martin asked if any of those carryover funds are restricted. Zangl said the carryover funds are not restricted in their usage but are not budgeted. Martin asked what dollar amount is available for projects and Zangl responded that is up to the Committee, but cautioned the Committee to not allocate excess funds until we have an idea what 2022 Clean Sweep costs will entail.

15. Discussion on Air Quality

The Committee had an in-depth discussion on air quality in conjunction with the Land and Water Department. McAleavey stated we are still in the process of determining the best course of action to take to address the air quality concerns brought forth by the Committee and public. Smith asked what budget we have for air quality projects. Zangl stated that before we purchase items, we need to define what the intention and scope of our project would be. The Right to Farm law, DNR regulated air and water discharge permits, and the county's Livestock Siting Law and odor worksheet were also discussed. Martin provided comment on the county's 2021 air quality ranking and a neighborhood air quality study conducted in the Madison area. Johns stated he would like to invite the DNR to the conversation to better determine what the county's jurisdiction is. Schultz agreed with Johns. Martin also agreed, adding she would like members from both the DNR Air Program and the CAFO program in attendance. McAleavey stated she would reach out to the DNR to set up a future meeting.

16. Discussion on Future Projects

McAleavey stated she is working with Jefferson County Department of Public Health to increase drug collection at the local high schools, as well as looking into more speaking engagements and outreach opportunities to share recycling best practices with county residents.

17. Discussion on tour of URT – Janesville Electronics Recycling Facility

Committee members stated they enjoyed the tour of URT's Janesville plant and found it to be a good learning opportunity. Johns stated the Town of Farmington's transfer site has since brought their collected electronics to URT for disposal at half the price of their former servicer.

18. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items

- a. Upcoming meeting: Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

19. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:42 a.m. by Johns, seconded by Smith. Passed 5-0.

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