

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

March 28, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Don Reese called the meeting of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee to order at 8:35 a.m. on Friday, March 28, 2008 at UW-Extension, Room 12, and 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549.

2. ROLL CALL (ESTABLISH A QUORUM)

Committee members present at 8:35 a.m. were Don Reese (Chair), August Lehmann (Vice Chair), Vic Imrie (Secretary), and John Kannard. Carlton Zentner arrived at 8:37 a.m.

Staff members present: Bruce Haukom and Sharon Ehrhardt

Guests: Ed Jepsen – DNR and Carolyn Prochaska-Wal-Mart ICS (Inventory Control Specialist)

3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Bruce Haukom stated that the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee complied with open meetings law requirements.

4. REVIEW THE AGENDA

Consensus was to keep the agenda as presented.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 18, 2008

August Lehmann made a motion to accept the January 18, 2008 minutes as written and Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 to 0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Reese told the Committee that Deer Track Park Landfill still did not hire a manager. They are using a manager from a Milwaukee site. Don said he will update the Committee when he has more information.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Madison.com – “State Ban on Plastic Bags Proposed”

February 2008 issue of “Air Matters”

Yahoo News – “AP Probe finds Drugs in Drinking Water”

Yahoo News – “Drugs in Water Hurt Fish and Wildlife”

The Sheboygan Press – “Kohler Woman Recycles Grocery Bags, Discarded Items Into Handbags and Other Accessories”

USA Weekend – “Guilt-free Trash in the ECO-Age”

Waste News – “Ashes to Ashes/Natural Burials Gain Ground as Requests Rise”

Additional Correspondence Handed Out at the Meeting:

Drug Enforcement Administration: Diversion Control “November 2007”

The Wall Street Journal – “New Addiction on Campus: Raiding the Medicine Cabinet”

Resource Recycling Newsletter – “Beverage Container Redemption Bill News”

8. ED JEPSEN – DNR WILL EXPLAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- ***Air quality standards (ozone and fine particle) and Jefferson County attainment status***
Ed handed out several sheets explaining Global Warming and Wisconsin, Cleaner Air Faster-Air Quality Update, Expected Implementation Timeline for Revised Ozone NAAQS and Wisconsin Maps of ozone and fine particle monitoring stations. Ed explained that since his last visit to the Committee several things have changed. The federal ozone standard was lowered to 75 parts per billion (ppb) on March 12, 2008. The standard was 80 parts per billion before the change. Jefferson County's three year average was 76 ppb, but the highest score will be dropped this year. The fine particle standard is 35 micrograms/meter. Jefferson County does not have a fine particle sampler so the values are taken from the closest adjacent counties.
- ***Brief update on recommendations of the Governor's global warming task force and potential impacts on Jefferson County***
Wisconsin's greenhouse gas emissions are 123 million metric tons CO₂ equivalent and the main sources are electric (35%), transportation (24%) and industry (15%). The governor's task force has working groups and ad-hoc groups looking into CO₂s. Two proposals under consideration are cap and trade for public utilities and California emission standards or federal CAFÉ' standards. The Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) Working Groups will consider mitigation and adaptation to global warming (whether natural or man-made).

The Committee asked Ed if he would meet quarterly with the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee. The quarterly meetings would be March, June, September, and December. The Committee also asked Ed to share any grant initiatives that would concern Jefferson County or the Economic Development Consortium. Ed can email them to Sharon and she will pass them on to the interested parties.

9. CLEAN SWEEP RESOLUTION FOR 2009 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Committee was sent a copy of the cover letter and resolution.

Vic Imrie made a motion to approve the Clean Sweep Grant Resolution for the 2009 grant applications and August Lehmann seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0

Sharon gave a copy of the resolution and report to Corporation Counsel to place on the County Board's April meeting agenda.

10. DISCUSS 2008 PHARMACEUTICAL GRANT AND 2009 HOUSEHOLD & AG GRANT

Sharon explained to the Committee that the grant applications were not out as of the meeting, but would be sent out the first or second week in April. Sharon did get a call from Roger Springman, DATCP (Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection) in which he explained that the disposal of the controlled drugs had to go to a Veolia site at Sauget, Illinois incinerator. All interested counties and municipalities who would participate in the witness burn at Sauget, IL with Veolia Environmental Manager, Mark Heal and Jefferson County Sheriff, Paul Milbrath will receive an extra ten points in the application review process. The most a single county can apply for is \$5,000 with a 25% match in-kind. You can apply for more if you partner with another county's pharmaceutical events. Jefferson County includes pharmaceuticals with our clean sweeps so we don't incur the cost of running another event.

11. DISCUSS RESEARCH INFORMATION ABOUT VEHICLE BATTERY DISPOSAL

Sharon checked with Lorman's Salvage about battery recycling. They will pay anyone who brings a vehicle, truck or tractor battery to their facility. Lorman's would collect the batteries at a clean sweep if we had over 50 batteries. Veolia said we only collect 75-100 batteries in four clean sweep events for the year. Lorman's said it would cost more to drive over and pick up the batteries if there were less than 50.

All the clean sweep advertising states that we will not accept batteries from vehicles, trucks, or tractors, and that clean sweep participants should exchange them at the time of purchase or take them to their local salvage yard. If someone does bring a battery to a clean sweep we will take it and not turn them away. All broken batteries should be brought to a clean sweep for disposal.

Carlton Zentner made a motion to not take any vehicle batteries at a clean sweep. This would include all vehicle, truck and tractor batteries (any battery that is 6 volts or larger). August Lehmann seconded the motion.

Motion Denied on a three to two vote:

Yea – Carlton Zentner and August Lehmann

Nay – Don Reese, John Kannard, and Vic Imrie

12. DISCUSS APRIL 5, 2008 CLEAN SWEEP AT JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR PARK

- **Layout and staffing for clean sweep**

Sharon explained the clean sweep layout for the April 5 and May 3 clean sweeps. Staffing needs will be the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee, four from Zoning staff, two nurses, three pharmacists, one-two sheriff's deputies, and six to eight Veolia employees.

- **\$10.00 charge implementation**

No discussion.

- **Pharmaceutical collections, procedures, and disposal**

Nurses will take the pharmaceuticals from the cars and give them to the pharmacists to sort. After the event the controlled drugs will be weighed and turned over to the Sheriff.

The non-controlled drug will be weighed and Veolia will take them for disposal.

- **VSQGS (Very Small Quantity Generators) and who needs to fill them out**

All businesses need to fill out VSQGs, even clinics that bring pharmaceuticals to a clean sweep.

- **City of Watertown disposal of hazardous waste**

The clean sweep at Watertown Recycling will be staffed the same as the Fair Park clean sweep. The staffing will be determined by the number of participants signed up.

Carolyn Prochaska from Wal-Mart told the Committee that Wal-Mart has receptacles that you can put your plastic bags in for recycling. Wal-Mart will also take customer's vehicle batteries and they will receive a discount credit voucher for purchasing another battery. Wal-Mart will also accept fluorescent lights for recycling. She said that there is a container for the lights in the front of the store. Carolyn was also going to check to see if Wal-Mart will take your old TVs or electronics when you purchase new products from the store. Carolyn said Wal-Mart is trying to reduce packaging from products that come into the store - an example is laundry detergent. All laundry detergent has to be in concentrates instead of large containers. If a vendor cannot supply that type of packaging they won't have a shelf in the store.

13. DON REESE AND SHARON EHRHARDT WILL UPDATE THE COMMITTEE ON THE 2008 JOINT WINTER CONFERENCE

Don and Sharon attended the 2008 Joint Winter Conference and both were very pleased with the conference this year. Don said the workshops were better than in past years. Sharon said she was

able to get more information about recycling pharmaceuticals and information she will need when writing the grants for the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

14. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS AND DATES FOR THE APRIL AND MAY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 18, 2008

April 18 meeting was cancelled.

May 30, 2008

- Election of Officers
- Bob Rupnow will attend meeting to discuss plastic bag recycling
- Nancy Davenport – Signs for recycling at Fair Park
- Clean sweep results
- Greg David – Governors Council on Recycling
- Be SMART meeting up date

15. ADJOURN

Carlton Zentner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and John Kannard seconded the motion.

The Motion carried 5-0

Meeting Dates for the following months.

Friday, May 30, 2008 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

Tuesday, June 3, 2008 – Be SMART Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 8 & 9

Friday, June 20, 2008 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

Wednesday-Sunday, July 9-13, 2008 – Jefferson County Fair at Fair Park

Friday, July 18, 2008 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

These minutes will be reviewed and acted upon at next month's Solid Waste & Air Quality Committee meeting. See those minutes for the record of action.