

# SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

## Minutes July 18, 2008

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Don Reese called the meeting of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee to order at 8:10 a.m. on Friday, July 18, 2008 at UW-Extension, 864 Collins Road, Room 12, and Jefferson, WI 53549

### **2. ROLL CALL (ESTABLISH A QUORUM)**

Committee members present at 8:10 a.m. were Don Reese-Chair, Walt Christensen-Vice Chair, Greg David-Secretary, Carlton Zentner, and Vic Imrie

Staff member present: Sharon Ehrhardt

Guests: Sharon Schmeling-Chair, Jefferson County Board of Supervisors and Ed Jepsen - DNR

### **3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW**

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

### **4. REVIEW THE AGENDA**

Sharon Schmeling requested that Item 12 – 2009 Budget be placed first on the agenda.

Vic Imrie made a motion to move Item 12 for discussion first on the agenda and Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 5-0**

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17 and June 20, 2008**

Vic Imrie made a motion to accept the June 17 and 20, 2008 minutes as written and Walt Christensen seconded the motion

**Motion Carried 5-0**

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **12 .DISCUSS UPDATE ON 2009 BUDGET**

Sharon Schmeling addressed the Committee and asked them to consider changing their budget for 2009. The budget change would be to stop funding Wisconsin Be SMART with \$15,000 for their educational program and give the money to UW-Extension instead. Sharon explained the UW-Extension budget could have a shortfall in funds and therefore these non-levied monies would offset their budget. The question was asked what kind of educational programs UW-Extension would have to help with the educational programs that the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee presently has from Be SMART and Sharon replied that she was not sure. Sharon that suggested keeping the money in the county would be better and we could invite someone from UW-Extension to a Committee meeting to investigate the options. Sharon Ehrhardt said the Steve Grabow from UW-Extension would be attending the August meeting to view and assess current plans and address future goals and projects for the Committee. Sharon Ehrhardt also said that Steve Brachman from UW-Extension Milwaukee would also be attending. Sharon Ehrhardt would put education programs on the August agenda open for discussion.

Sharon Ehrhardt explained what programs we now received from Be SMART. Fourth grade leadership education is for about 28 classes, conservation challenge is at the high school and college level, event recycling at the county fair, the new Recycle More Wisconsin web site and support for the newspaper supplements. Jefferson County was also scheduled for a school recycling test pilot at St. John's the Baptist School. More discussion ensued about the programs handled by Be SMART.

Carlton Zentner made a motion not to give monies to UW-Extension.

**Motion Failed**

The Committee again started discussion on their educational programs. The Committee requested that Sharon Ehrhardt put Nancy Davenport on the agenda for September. They would like to know what types of education and value she would have to offer. The Committee also asked that our web site be updated with correct information, improved aesthetics and more be interactive for users.

Mark Heal was asked if Veolia would sponsor any educational programs. He replied that sometimes Veolia does do corporate sponsorship. The Committee would need to present something for Mark to take to Veolia for consideration.

Don Reese made a motion to change the 2009 budget to \$1,000 to Wisconsin Be Smart and not to exceed \$10,000 in a line item for recycling and conservation education. If the \$10,000 was not used it would be carried over into the next year. This would change the amount from \$15,000 to \$11,000 in the 2009 budget. Greg David seconded the motion.

**The motion carried 5-0**

**Sharon Schmeling left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION**

**Bill Baumann email** – “Mercury Rule Documents Now Available”

**Annie Danko e-mail** – “Members Only Password”

**Be SMART** “Steering Committee Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2008”

**Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center** – “Newsletter July 2008”

**Product Stewardship Institute** – “Home Depot’s National CFL Recycling Initiative”

**Waste News, July 7, 2008** – “Report: More Floods, Droughts, Storms likely”, “Wisconsin to Cut Emissions of Mercury by 90 Percent”, “Quick Take-Wind Farm in Freeborn County”

**Veolia ES News, July 2008** – “The Environmental Buzz E-Newsletter”

Sharon Ehrhardt brought six months of recycling magazines for the Committee to take.

## **8. Ed Jepsen – DNR**

- Discuss updates on air quality in Jefferson County
  - Answer questions about flooding-What effect it would have on air quality in Jefferson County
- Ed said that the ozone levels have not changed in Jefferson County because of the flood. The ozone is at .62. It is lower than last year because of all the rain. He has no measurements for fine particle matter because we don't have a testing station in Jefferson County. Ed said he thinks mold would be a bigger problem because of the flood waters.

- Answer questions about mercury switches in automobiles

Sharon talked to a salvage yard and they have to recycle the switches. There are DNR regulations stating that switches need to be recycled. Mark Heal said that Veolia works with scrap dealers on recycling the switches. Walt said mercury in switches was discontinued in 2004. Walt said he doesn't think all auto body shops recycle the switches. Walt was wondering if it would be possible to do a mercury switch exchange at a clean sweep. Walt could have the switches exchanged within a minute or two. Mark Heal said if the Committee decides to do something like that it would have to be after the public has gone through the clean sweep. No decision was made at this time. The Solid Waste Committee would like this issue put on the Zoning Committee's

agenda for September 2, 2008. They would like to see a condition of renewal of salvage yard licenses be that mercury switches need to be recycled.

Ed handed out a revised co-chair compromise proposal from the Governor's Task Force. Ed also discussed with the Committee new CAFÉ (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) regulations adopted by the federal government. The current regulations are 27.5 m.p.g. for cars and light trucks by 2011. California AB 1493 Fleet average if passed would be the highest in the country. Here are the comparisons:

Model (CA)	CA CO2(g/mi.)	CA mpg	Model (Fed)	Fed CO2(g/mi.)	Fed mpg
2009	360	24.4	2011	320	27.8
2012	271	32.4	2012	304	29.2
2014	260	33.4	2013	291	30.5
2016	243	35.7	2014	287	31.0
2018	215	40.1	2015	281	31.6
2020	203	42.5			

Ed also told the Committee if everyone changed to compact fluorescent bulbs in their homes and businesses it would be a huge energy saving as well as a decrease in CO2s. The Committee will check out possibilities of educating the public and businesses on changing their lights. Fluorescent bulbs can be bought to a clean sweep for disposal. There are small amounts of mercury in fluorescent bulbs, so disposal and clean up is also an educational opportunity.

The revised proposal also addresses renewable energy. A minimum of 6% of the 20% increase in renewable energy by 2020 must come from Wisconsin-based renewable. A minimum of 10% of the 25% by 2025 must be Wisconsin sourced, including Great Lakes wind.

Ed told the Committee if any grant opportunity that could benefit the residents or businesses of Jefferson County become available he would pass that information on Sharon for distribution. Ed gave Sharon a copy of the Energy Efficiency Demonstration Grant Program for Local Governments.

**9. Mark Heal Veolia Environmental Service**

- Discuss flood-damaged chemicals and how they should be handled  
Mark said that they will take any paint at the September clean sweep and bulk it. If the paint was in the flood the label would be off or unreadable for the residents to separate. Mark said we could screen residents and ask if they are bringing materials from the flood. Sharon said that Cascade-Asset Management wants us to separate the flood-damaged electronics from the other electronics. Mark said he would need help in removing electronic from the vehicles. The Committee members will help with electronic separating. Sharon said she would inform Deb and Laurie when they take calls to do more screening. They will ask that flood materials be marked. Mark said we might have a large turn out for the September 11 clean sweep. Sharon will try to have more staff on hand for the event.
- Discuss clean sweep information and tonnages for April & May  
Mark handed out the tonnages for April and May. No discussion on tonnages.

**10. Discuss 2009 Clean Sweep Grants**

The grant is completed and was sent to Department of Agriculture.

Carlton Zentner left at 10:40 a.m.

**11. Jefferson County Fair Update on Recycling and Signs**

The signs were displayed at all the public entrances at the Fair Park. The signs looked small compared to the big beer banners at the gates. The other recycling signs were placed in all the ag buildings, but none were placed in the vendor buildings or activity center.

**13. Discuss Agenda Items for August and September Committee Meeting**

### **August**

- Steve Grabow & Steve Brachman will Facilitate a Review and Assessment of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Plans
- Steve Brachman-Pharmaceutical Collections, Mail Backs, Legislation in Wisconsin
- Review Education Allocations
- Update on Governor's Council on Recycling
- Update on Deer Track Park Landfill
- Paula Sumpter Discuss Green Initiative

### **September**

- Be SMART – Nancy Davenport Education
- Update on Governors Counsel on Recycling
- Report on September 11, 2008 Clean Sweep

### **14. Adjourn**

Vic Imrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

**The motion carried 4-0**

**Meeting Dates** for the following months.

**Friday, August 15, 2008** – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

**Thursday, September 11, 2008** – Clean Sweep – Jefferson County Fair Park – Cow Barn

**Friday, September 19, 2008** – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

**Saturday, October 11, 2008** – Clean Sweep – Jefferson County Fair Park

**Friday, October 17, 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.**

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Secretary of Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee