

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

June 19, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Don Reese called the meeting of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee to order at 11:05 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 2009 at Jefferson County Courthouse, 320 S. Main Street, Room 203, Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549.

2. ROLL CALL (ESTABLISH A QUORUM)

Committee members present at 11:05 a.m. were Don Reese-Chair, Walt Christensen-Vice Chair, and Vic Imrie.

Absent: Greg David and Carlton Zentner

Staff members present: Rob Klotz and Sharon Ehrhardt

Guests present: Dave Ehlinger, Accounting Manager; Sharon Schmeling, County Board Chairperson; Don Smith, Manager of Waste Management-Deer Track Park Landfill

3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

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

4. REVIEW THE AGENDA

Consensus was to discuss items in order of guest convenience.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 17, 2009

Walt Christensen made a motion to accept the April 17, 2009 minutes as written and Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 3-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Reese asked Don Smith to give the Committee an update of the Waste Management Deer Track Park Landfill Site. Don had two items of interest to present to the Committee.

First Item – Don has submitted an application to the DNR to have a compost site at Deer Track Park Landfill. The landfill does not have enough top soil for landfill cover. He is planning on using excess yard waste from communities and businesses that have more yard waste than they need. The yard waste compost will create top soil for the landfill. He already has interested parties to bring excess yard waste to the site. The site will be part of the footprint of the landfill with two backup locations as the landfill grows.

Second Item – Don has submitted an application to the DNR to utilize the landfill site in a better capacity. This is an administrative cleanup of paper with the DNR and landfill. The landfill will not have a net gain but will utilize the present cells in a new design. By reshaping the cells in a more efficient design you will stop water pockets and decrease the leachate. This will not affect the berm and you will not see a difference from the interstate. Don Smith will send a formal letter to Don

Reese for the Town of Farmington and one to Sharon Ehrhardt for the Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

The following correspondence was sent in the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee's packets.

Watertown Daily Times "May 9 May Be Last Clean Sweep For Year"
Jefferson County Daily Union "Letters to the Editor-Clean Sweep"
Joe Van Rossum (UWEX) Email "SB-186 Auto Oil Filters"
Joe Van Rossum (UWEX) Email "Legislative Updates"
Don Smith-Waste Management Email "WPR Recycling Program"
2008 Pilot Prescription Drug Grant Program Summary
Yahoo News "AP Impact: Tons of Released Drugs Taint US Water"
Wisconsin Counties "Portage County Solid Waste Department – Penny-Wise, Dollar-Foolish"
Madison.com "Restore Money for Waste Cleanup"
Waste & Recycling News "Wisconsin Event Nets 236,000 lbs. of E-scrap"
AROW "Monday, April 27, 2009 Agenda"
AROW "State Recycling Organization Announces Support of Electronics Recycling Bill"
AROW "Resolution: Wisconsin Senate Bill 107"
AROW "Product Stewardship Policy"
Council on Recycling "Agenda May 12, 2009"
Council on Recycling "Minutes April 15, 2009"
Council on Recycling "2008 Annual Report (Draft)"
Council on Recycling "Letter to WI State Joint Committee on Finance"
USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) "Household Chemicals and Drugs Found in Biosolids from Wastewater Treatment Plants"
Air Matters, April 2009 "Volume 4, Issue2, Bureau of Air Management"
WasteAge.com "Thirst Quenched – Bottle Bills Expanded in Connecticut and New York"
WasteAge.com "Change in the Air – The Waste Industry Will Continue to Lower its Greenhouse Gas Emissions."
WasteAge.com "The E-Waste Patchwork"
WasteAge.com "Congress Will Spend a Great Deal of Time Debating Climate Change. Recyclers Will Try to Benefit From Such Legislation."
WasteAge.com "Haul Talk"
Email Joe Van Rossum(UWEX) "Joint Finance Committee – Budget Actions"
Email Don Smith (Waste Management) "Waste Fees May Be Dumped On Brown County"
Wisconsin Be SMART "Support Letter for AB 278 – Electronics Recycling"
Wisconsin Be SMART "Be SMART Newsletter – Spring 2009"
WDNR-Air & Water Division "Annual Report 2008"
Wisconsin State Journal "Bill Mandates Recycling of Electronics"
Email Ed Jepsen, WDNR "Newsletter-USDA Rural Development, June 2009"

The following correspondence was handed out at the Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting.

Email Joe Van Rossum(UWEX) "State Budget Update – Solid Waste Issues"

Sharon E. & Rob informed the Committee that correspondence will not be listed on the agenda per Gary Petre. Sharon E. will include all correspondence in the Committee's monthly packets. If a Committee member would like to discuss a correspondence item, please call Sharon E. and she will put it on the next possible agenda.

8. DISCUSS APRIL 4, 2009 AND MAY 9, 2009 CLEAN SWEEPS

Sharon E. told the Committee that the April 4, 2009 clean sweep cost \$15,819.32 and the May 9, 2009 clean sweep cost \$19,607.72 for a combined total of \$35,487.04. The poundage for hazardous chemicals was 26,533#, non-controlled drugs 460#, controlled drugs 15.5#, and for electronics 40,165# for a combined total of 67,173.5# for the two events.

9. DISCUSS PROGRESS ON CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP FOR CLEAN SWEEPS

Sharon S. told the Committee she might have a foundation interested in being a sponsor of clean sweep. She won't know what monetary support they would be willing to give until later this summer. Sharon E. informed the Committee she was on the agenda for the July 28, 2009 Town's Association meeting to speak about sponsoring clean sweep. Sharon is going to ask each Town to make a \$1,000 commitment to clean sweep on a yearly bases. Sharon E. handed out a copy of the letter, fact sheet, and participation sheet and Sharon S. handed out a copy of the donor opportunities she gave to the foundation. Sharon S. suggested to the Committee that they bring the letter before the County Board with a resolution asking for County Board endorsement.

Walt Christensen made a motion to have a resolution developed and sent to the July 14, 2009 County Board meeting along with the sponsorship letter asking for support and endorsement from the Jefferson County Board. Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

10. DISCUSS GOVERNOR'S BUDGET NEWS

Because of lack of time no discussion on this agenda item. Don Reese requested that it would be put on the July 17, 2009 Committee meeting agenda.

11. DAVE EHLINGER DISCUSS 2009 SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY BUDGET

Dave Ehlinger discussed the budget with the Committee. He pointed out that if the Committee would continue with four clean sweeps a year it would be out of money in one to two years. Rob and Dave recommended that the Committee cancel the last two clean sweeps. Sharon E and Sharon S said if they only cancel one they would like to keep the Fort Atkinson one because Sharon S is working on a donation from a foundation for support of clean sweep. It would be a risk, but maybe one worth taking. Sharon E told the Committee that as of the meeting she did not see any hope of getting any grant money this year. The Committee also discussed the possibility of holding only one clean sweep next year if we don't get any grant money, no sponsorships, or more decreases in landfill fees. Sharon E said that they would not have to make a decision on next year's clean sweeps until the November or December Solid Waste/Air Quality meetings.

The Committee then discussed how Sharon E's salary and Bruce H salary affected the clean sweep budget. The percentages were changed to off set the zoning budget. Sharon E was reclassified last year because she is the only staff person doing most of the Solid Waste/Air Quality work. Rob oversees the work Sharon E does, but it is a small percentage of time; half of Sharon E's time is doing Solid Waste/Air Quality work. Sharon S. said if Sharon E is doing the work then that should be reflected in the budget.

The Committee then discussed the Air Quality budget which is part of the overall Zoning budget. Rob and Dave recommended that the Committee agree to take the tax levy Air Quality budget off of the zoning budget. Sharon E. explained that we do a few things a year for just Air Quality and that we could incorporate that with the Solid Waste budget. Sharon also pointed out that because we are a containment County, there are no regulations mandating Air Quality issues. The Committee can educate the general public and businesses and hope they volunteer to make improvement, but there is no way to enforce that.

Out of the above discussions three motions were made.

Don Reese made the first to remove Air Quality from the 2010 budget and include Air Quality as part of the Solid Waste budget and have any expenses reflected in the Solid Waste budget. The motion was seconded by Walt Christensen.

Motion carried 3-0

Don Reese made the second motion to reflect Sharon Ehrhardt's salary 50% Solid Waste/Air Quality and 50% zoning, and reflect Rob Klotz's salary 100% zoning effective immediately. Seconded by Walt Christensen.

Motion carried 3-0

Vic Imrie made the third motion to cancel the last clean sweep scheduled for October 15, 2009, but hold the September 19, 2009 Clean Sweep in Fort Atkinson with conditions. The conditions are a 100 person limit for chemicals, no limit on electronics and pharmaceuticals and no limit on businesses because they pay for disposal. Don Reese seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

12. UPDATE COMMITTEE ABOUT POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AT THE JULY MEETING ON PERMANENT DROP OFF SITE FOR DRUGS

Sharon E. explained that the City of Watertown Health Department would like to discuss with the Committee and Sheriff the possibility of having a permanent drop off site for drugs. This will be put on the July meeting agenda.

13. DISCUSS FUTURE OF EDUCATION AND POSSIBILITIES FOR DIRECTION OF EDUCATION

Because of lack of time no discussion on this agenda item. Don Reese requested that it would be put on the July 17, 2009 Committee meeting agenda.

14. DISCUSS JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR – JULY 8TH – 12TH

No discussion occurred.

15. DISCUSS NEWSPAPER RENEWALS – WATERTOWN DAILY TIMES & DAILY JEFFERSON COUNTY UNION

The two newspapers subscriptions will not be renewed. The Committee should bring articles from their home newspapers to the Committee meetings so Sharon E. can update the Solid Waste/Air Quality file.

16. DISCUSS GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON RECYCLING

No discussion occurred. Put back on July's agenda.

17. DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLES PROGRAM FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

18. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STRATEGIC PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

No discussion occurred.

19. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY OR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

July

- Put on the agenda anything that was not discussed at the June meeting.
- Discuss Clean Sweep Program and Grants for 2009 and 2010
- Discuss the Support Resolution sent to County Board July 14, 2009
- Discuss the Towns Association Meeting July 28, 2009 - Palmyra

18. ADJOURN

Don Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 p.m. and Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3-0

Meeting Dates for the following months.

Friday, August 21, 2009 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

Friday, September 18, 2009 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

Saturday, September 19, 2009 – Clean Sweep – City of Fort Atkinson Public Works Department

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.

Secretary of Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee