

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes – July 16, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Don Reese called the meeting of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2010 at Jefferson County Courthouse, 320 S. Main Street – Room 203, Jefferson, WI 53549

2. ROLL CALL (ESTABLISH A QUORUM)

Committee members present at 8:30 a.m. were Don Reese, Michael Miller and Carlton Zentner

Absent: Vic Imrie Jr. and Lloyd Zastrow

Staff members present: Rob Klotz and Sharon Ehrhardt

Guests: John Molinaro-County Board Chairperson, Jan Rouu-County Board Supervisor-District 20, Vic Karaliunas-Recycling Manager-Town of Ixonia, Don Smith-Manager-Waste Management Deer Track Park Landfill and Rick Schultz-Street Superintendent-City of Watertown

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

Agenda approved as presented.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 7, 2010

Carlton Zentner made a motion to accept the May 7, 2010 minutes as written and Mike Miller seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 3-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Reese introduced Jan Rouu and then thanked her for attending the Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting.

Carlton asked Don Smith, Manager Deer Track Park to give an update of what is happening at the Park. Don said year to date they are flat and hoped there would be some new projects coming to increase the revenues. Carlton asked how many years are left at the landfill and Don replied between 13 to 15 years. The gas doesn't bring in a lot of revenue and the operation of the gas engines is paying for itself. It is more about doing the right thing to give back to the communities. This site is a 6.4 megawatt plant which is small compared to other plants. Make sure that Don Smith is on the agenda every meeting.

Don Smith also explained to the Committee that the Park was written up by the DNR because of screening. The DNR didn't want the landfill exposed when filling near I-94. The landfill agreement says that you cannot see trash filling within 50 feet of I-94. When the DNR checked the landfill filling was visible in a 10 foot and a 3 foot area. Don said he respond to the DNR complaints and will try to comply with the rules and only fill behind the screens at all times. Don has to find a better way of filling that area so that filling isn't exposed to I-94.

7. DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE OR REPORTS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

Sharon handed out a press release "Mary Hendrickson of GENCO Pharmaceutical Services Speaks before Senate on the Topic of Drug Take-Back Programs". Sharon said that the Committee might be interested in this release and if they want to discuss it at the next meeting, let her know and she will put it on the agenda.

8. UPDATE ON PERMANENT DROP OFF SITE AND DISPOSAL CONTAINER FOR DRUGS, AND DRUG RESOLUTION

Don reported that the Sheriff said that DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) approved the application for a permanent drop-off box in the jail lobby. JWR in Johnson Creek agreed to build us a drop-off box free of

charge. Don is waiting to get the DEA specifications from the Sheriff so he can give them to JWR. JWR will make the box according to the DEA standards plus paint and decal the drop-off box. Don and Rob reviewed the purpose and reasons for the drug drop-off box for new Committee members and visitors. Rob said that when the drug drop-off box is in place we will do press releases, radio announcements, and post on the website. John Molinaro was concerned that if we would get more drugs than we could afford to dispose of, who would be responsible for the cost. Rob & Don explain that when you first have a drop-off site people bring lots of drugs, but then after a few months it will taper off. It was the same with electronics. Don explained that we pay for our program with contracted fee from Waste Management-Deer Track Park and grants. Rob explained that the County Board last year passed a resolution that allows the Committee to send out letters requesting donations from the local governments and from private companies. Jan Roo asked if we had gotten any donations from pharmacies or pharmaceutical companies and the answer was no. Four pharmacists made personal donations and we gotten have a few donations from private companies. Our biggest donation was from the City of Watertown for \$20,000 and six Townships together donated about \$4,500.

Resolution for the drug take backs is put back on the County Board agenda. John said to send the resolution to the Administration and Rules Committee, and to the Administrator's office and to Phi Ristow, Corporation Counsel.

9. DANE COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE – ALTERNATIVE FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sharon explained that the reason Dave Radisewitz-Hazardous Waste Coordinator-Dane County was not in attendance was because he wasn't ready to make a proposal to Jefferson County about the hazardous waste options until all the approvals are done. Sharon told the Committee that it could become a possibility for residents of Jefferson County to take their hazardous waste to Dane County Landfill in the future. It would give residents options if they couldn't attend a Clean Sweep in Jefferson County. This would not replace Clean Sweep, just give residents another option when a loved one dies or they have to move and there is not a Clean Sweep available for their hazardous materials. Jefferson County would probably have a set, yearly fee and the residents would also be charged for the materials they bring to the hazardous waste site. Don explained to the group that if we don't have some options, the residents' hide or throw their hazardous materials in the trash. This would also be an option for some small businesses who can't afford companies like Veolia or Safety Clean to come to their location. When a hazardous waste company comes to your site it costs about \$150 and that doesn't include the hourly charge or the disposal cost for the hazardous waste.

10. UPDATE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH WALWORTH COUNTY AND UPDATE ON URT CONTRACT

Sharon said the County Board approved the resolution for the MOU, but the Committee needs to make a motion to approve the MOU. Corporation Counsel has checked and approved the MOU. Phil Ristow wrote the resolution presented at the County Board Meeting July 13, 2010. Rob explained by that having a partnership with Walworth County for a Clean Sweep with a limit of 75 people or \$7,000, we would qualify for the fourth Clean Sweep needed in the grant process to be considered a permanent site. All of Jefferson County residents will pre-register for the Clean Sweep in Whitewater and be charged the \$10 vehicle fee. A survey at the Clean Sweep site will check the number of Jefferson County residents against the number that registered. Veolia will charge us a percentage based upon the number of Jefferson County residents and the total cost of the Clean Sweep. The City of Whitewater and Walworth County will pay for their residents.

Carlton Zentner made a motion to approve the MOU (memorandum of understanding) to partner with Walworth County for a Clean Sweep to be held in the City of Whitewater and Mike Miller seconded the motion.

The Motion Carried 3-0

URT will be sending an addendum to the current contract. URT only charges us for small appliances and microwaves that get mixed with the electronics. The cost is 13 cents a pound for non ACT 50 electronics. Don and Rob explained to Mike how the recycling of electronics works and why they don't pay us for the recyclable materials. URT also guarantees the security that is needed when recycling hard drives and other

electronic devices that hold private information. URT also complies with the Jefferson County HIPPA requirements. Don said that maybe in the winter the Committee could visit URT again for a tour.

11. DISCUSS CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM

A. Results of Clean Sweep May 22, Watertown

Sharon handed out the Clean Sweep collection surveys. We had 128 participants with the cost of \$21,629.71. Watertown paid \$20,000 and we paid \$1,629.71. The Committee requested a copy of the invoice for the next meeting. Sharon will also try to get the total of ag and household pounds.

B. Progress of Ag, HHW & Drug Grants Applications

Sharon said all she needed to finish the Ag and HHW grants was the approval of the MOU for the Clean Sweep with Walworth County. The drug grants will be coming out sometime this fall.

C. Sponsorship Donations – Send another Letter before Town, City, & Village Budgets

The Committee reviewed the draft letter that Sharon handed out. Don said that this letter needs to get out before the Towns, Cities, and Villages finalize their budgets. The Committee requested that Sharon attach a list of donors with the letter, and leave out the highlighted line. John M requested that a copy of the County Board resolution also be attached to the letter. The letter should be put on County Board stationery with John M and Don R signatures. After Sharon makes the charges she will send a copy to John, and Committee members for final approval.

Sharon told the Committee that residents are starting to ask what they should do with their small appliances. Sharon checked with URT on what the cost would be if we collected small appliances and it would be 13 cents a pound. Mike Miller said to tell the residents that if their small appliance is metal, take it to a metal recycler. The Committee's consensus was that because of budget concerns, let's not start collecting a new items at this time. Rick S. said that he would handle his own costs for recycling small appliances. Vic K. said he didn't consider collecting small appliances and maybe would consider it in the future. Vic K. also said that if a small appliance is metal they put it in with the metal recycling. If Jefferson County did collect small appliances they would be the first in the State. Sharon did check with AROW members as to what they do with small appliances and most recycled appliances with metal; the other appliances were thrown in the trash. Put recycling information about small appliances on website.

12. DISCUSS EDUCATION OPTIONS – PARTNER WITH DNR, ELISABETH OLSEN – VIDEO CLEAN SWEEPS FOR WEBSITE

Sharon and Don talked about a doing a video of the Clean Sweeps. If you go to the County website the Health Department, Highway Department and Sheriff's Office have videos. Sharon did some checking and found that UW-Extension did the video for Youth Law Week for the different departments. A possible video of Clean Sweeps would meet a lot of our educational needs. Sharon should also check with Greg David to see if he would be interested in doing a video for the Committee. Sharon also talked to Elisabeth about a video and possibly partnering with DNR on education needs for students in Jefferson County. Elisabeth said that all were good ideas and that she would help in any way she could. Rob said that if we did a video it could also be used in classrooms and on local cable stations. John M. also said that we could play the video at the Jefferson County Fair. This could be done for a low cost. Carlton said to make sure that it has an educational message. Rob explained to the visitors that in our fee contract with Deer Track Park we are also responsible for educating the residents of Jefferson County about recycling programs.

13. DISCUSS RECYCLING SURVEY FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY FACILITY SITE

Sharon handed out the results of the recycling surveys. Over three years ago Don R, County maintenance people and Steve Brachman did a walk through of the County facilities to see how recycling was done. Because of the walk through survey the Committee purchased HIPPA, recycling, and trash containers. The surveys returned with positive results, no negatives. John asked Sharon send the results to the sustainability committee.

14. DISCUSS 2010 SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY BUDGET

Rob said we talked about the budget when we were discussing Clean Sweep and costs. The Committee and Rob said Sharon should put the 2010 and 2011 budgets on all the agendas so it can be discussed with possible action at future meetings. In our grants we said we would have four cleans sweeps, but if we don't

get any grant money we will adjust our schedule according to available funds. The Committee asked for the 2011 Clean Sweep dates. Sharon gave them tentative dates and would have the dates confirmed by next meeting. Rob asked Don Smith to give him the estimates for Deer Track Park this year. Rob will need them for budget and he also asked that Sharon give him cost numbers for the Clean Sweeps.

Possible date schedule:

Whitewater, Friday, October 7, 2011

Fort Atkinson, Saturday, September 17, 2011

Watertown, Saturday, May 21, 2011

Fair Park, Saturday, April 9, 2011 ?? – Find out if there will be a charge for the use of the building.

John M. requested that we have an updated chart for the budget to present to the Committee each month.

Rob said he and Sharon will work on something to educate the Committee on budget items.

15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON STRATEGIC PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Did not meet this month.

16. SET FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE; NEXT MEETING DATE AND POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee will not have regular meetings in the month of May or September because they have Clean Sweeps May 22 and September 18, 2010.

August 27, 2010

- **Discuss with possible action education video**
- **Discuss with possible action Clean Sweep – Mark Heal**
- **Discuss with possible action Deer Track Park Landfill – Don Smith**

9. ADJOURN

Carlton Zentner motion made to adjourn meeting at 10:37 a.m. and Michael Miller seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

Meeting Dates for the following months.

Clean Sweep – Saturday, September 18, 2010 – Fort Atkinson Public Works Department

Friday, October 15, 2010 at 8:30 – Room 203 – Jefferson County Courthouse

Friday, November 19, 2010 at 8:30 – Room 203 – Jefferson County Courthouse

Friday, December 17, 2010 at 8:30 – Room 203 – Jefferson County Courthouse

These minutes will be reviewed and acted upon at the next Solid Waste & Air Quality Committee meeting. See those minutes for the record of action. A digital recording of these minutes is available upon request.

Secretary of Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee