

# SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

## Minutes

June 20, 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, June 20, 2008 at Jefferson County Courthouse, 320 S. Main Street, Room 202, Jefferson, WI 53538

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

Committee members present at 8:10 a.m. were Don Reese, Vic Imrie, and Walt Christensen. Carlton Zentner arrived at 8:40 a.m.

Absent: Greg David

Staff members present: Bruce Haukom and Sharon Ehrhardt

Guests: Wendy Phillips and Linda Doerr, Wal-Mart Watertown Sustainability Team, Eda Duesterhoeft representing Travel Green Wisconsin

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

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

### 4. REVIEW THE AGENDA

Vic Imrie made a motion to keep the agenda as presented and Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 3-0**

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 30, 2008

Vic Imrie made a motion to accept the May 30, 2008 minutes as written and Walt Christensen seconded the motion

**Motion Carried 3-0**

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

**Be SMART** "Conservation Challenge Revision Proposal Spring 2008"

**Veolia ES News** "June 2008 Newsletter"

**Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center** "June 2008 Newsletter"

**Best Buy Newsroom** – "News Detail"

#### ***ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE***

**Roger Springman, Manager WI Clean Sweep Program** "Flood-Related Chemicals and New Reimbursement Potential"

**Cynthia G. Moore, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources** "Announcement of New Recycling educator, Elisabeth E. Olson"

Air Matters, June 2008 "Volume 3, Issue 3 Bureau of Air Management"  
Town of Jefferson News Release "June 19, 2008-Extra Bulk Collections Flood Damaged Items"  
Daily Jefferson County Union, Thursday, June 19, 2008 "Flood Information Round-Up"

## **8. DISCUSS 'TRAVEL GREEN WISCONSIN' – EDA DUESTERHOEFT**

Eda Duesterhoeft introduced herself to the Committee and then introduced Travel Green Wisconsin. Travel Green Wisconsin is a pilot project initiated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources "Travel Green Wisconsin is a voluntary, affordable program that reviews, certifies, and recognizes tourism businesses that have made a commitment to continuously improve their operations in order to reduce their environmental impact. This program allows tourism businesses to evaluate their operations, set goals, and take specific actions towards environmental, social, and economic sustainability." (Travel Green Wisconsin Checklist). Eda hopes to promote Travel Green to the businesses in Jefferson County and the businesses that advertise in the county tourism book. If a business has been certifying they will be advertised on the state tourism web site. Eda said an advisory team would be set up to help the businesses in Jefferson become certified. The Committee wanted to know who would make up a team. Professional environment people who have the knowledge and training in certifying Travel Green applicants. Businesses who are certified would display the Travel Green logo at their place of business. The Committee asked how the general public would know what the logo represents and Eda replied that through education the public would become aware and informed about Travel Green. Eda asked the Committee for monetary help in purchasing paper and ink supplies and in purchasing a promotional Travel Green display. The display would travel to libraries, schools, and public events. The Committee at this time took no action on the requests.

## **9. DISCUSS THE RECYCLING SIGNS AND CONTAINERS FOR FAIR PARK**

The Committee first discussed signage at the Fair Park. The Committee wants signs at each of the gates where the public enters to let them know that recycling is done at the Fair Park. Sharon said she would check with Roger about the placement and signage at the gates and how many were needed. Don suggested that maybe we could get the signs through the Advertiser and maybe we could find a sponsor to pay for the signs. Sharon told the Committee about Nancy Davenport's request on having professional looking signage in the barns and on the containers. Nancy said we would also need some signage in the beer areas showing not to throw the non-recyclable cups in the recycling bins. Eda suggested that if the Fair Park became certified with Travel Green, that logo could also be placed on the signage.

Carlton Zentner made a motion to go ahead with the signage at Jefferson County Fair Park and use the Advertiser and for sign content use Don Reese, Bruce Haukom and Sharon Ehrhardt. Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

### **Motion Carried 4-0**

The Committee asked that an inventory be taken of the recycling containers at Jefferson County Fair Park. It was also suggested that a map be made with placement of the recycling and trash containers so the trash removal crew would know where to place them. Convenient placement of recycling containers next to trash containers is important in getting the public to recycle. Carlton Zentner is going to help Sharon oversee the recycling program at Fair Park. Sharon will contact Roger and discuss this year's recycling at the Park.

## **10. DISCUSS 2009 BUDGET – BRUCE HAUKOM**

Bruce outlined the Solid Waste/Air Quality 2008 budget with the estimated 2009 budget. We might have to dip into the reserve if we go over budget for clean sweeps. We might be able to get some FEMA money for collection of household and agricultural hazardous waste from the flooded homes,

farms and businesses in Jefferson County. Roger Springman from the Department of Agriculture is looking into this possibility. Roger will contact Sharon as soon as information is available.

## **11. DISCUSS DNR RECYCLING EFFICIENCY INCENTIVE GRANTS**

Sharon reported that none of the townships in Jefferson County have applied for the DNR recycling efficiency incentive grants. Sharon does not know how they work or how they could benefit the towns. Sharon will talk to Karin Sieg from Be SMART and ask if they could come to a meeting and explain them to the Committee and how they could benefit the towns. This could be put on the agenda for September or October.

## **12. DISCUSS THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON RECYCLING MEETING – JUNE 17, 2008**

The meeting was cancelled because of the flooding in Jefferson County. An emergency meeting of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee was called instead, to discuss how to handle hazardous chemical waste in the flooded homes, farms, and businesses. See the June 17, 2008 minutes for more details. Greg David will tell the Committee the date of the next scheduled Council on Recycling meeting.

## **13. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS OF JULY & AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### July 18, 2008

- ❖ Ed Jepsen – DNR
  - Discuss updates t on air quality in Jefferson County
  - Answer questions about flooding what effect it would have on air quality in Jefferson County
  - Answer questions about mercury switches in automobiles
- ❖ Mark Heal – Veolia Environmental Service
  - Discuss flood damaged chemicals and how they should be handled
  - Discuss clean sweep information and tonnages for April & May
- ❖ Discuss update on 2009 budget
- ❖ Discuss Jefferson County Fair recycling and signage effects

### August 15, 2008

- ❖ Professor Steve Grabow, UW-Extension and Steve Brachman, UW-Extension
  - Professor Grabow will go over the Solid Waste Plans & Achievements and facilitate future visions for the Committee
  - Steve Brachman will update the Committee on what's happening with pharmaceuticals in Wisconsin
- ❖ Elisabeth ("Lis") E. Olson – new DNR Recycling/Waste Reduction Education and Outreach Coordinator

### September 19 or October 17

- ❖ Discuss DNR Recycling Efficiency Incentive grants

Wal-Mart representatives left at 11:00 a.m.

## **14. ADJOURN**

Carlton Zentner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

**The motion carried 4-0**

**Meeting Dates** for the following months.

**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

**Friday, August 15, 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.**