

# SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

## Minutes – March 16, 2012

### **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, March 16, 2012 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, Lloyd Zastrow and Vic Imrie

Jennifer Hanneman was excused.

Carlton Zentner arrived at 8:35 a.m.

Staff members present: Sharon Ehrhardt & Rob Klotz

Guests: John Molinaro, Chair-Jefferson County Board; Don Smith, Manager-Waste Management; Vic Karaliunas, Recycling Manager Ixonia; Lee Schmeckpeper, Ixonia; Norbert R. Willing, Ixonia; Carl Jaeger, Ixonia; Richard Schultz, Street Supervisor-City of Watertown; Lt. Tim Gray, Whitewater Police Department; Tim Ryan, Account Manager-Universal Recycling Technologies; Jeff Woods, Engineer-City of Fort Atkinson; Greg Hoffman-Waterloo Utilities

### **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**

Agenda approved as presented.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 20, 2012**

Lloyd Zastrow made a motion to accept the January 20, 2012 minutes as written and Vic Imrie seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0**

### **6. COMMUNICATIONS – DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Waste & Recycling – “Update: Bottle Deposit Laws Create Jobs, Study Finds”

No discussion.

- b. Waste & Recycling – “Waste Management, Alcoa Joins E-waste Export Ban Group”

Don S. said he knows very little about the partnership. Both parties don't want e-waste dumped in third world countries.

### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **8. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT-DEER TRACK PARK LANDFILL – DON SMITH, MANAGER**

Don S. said the landfill got their composting license for regenerating compost to use on site. The green compost works great for growing grass and works for top cover on the landfill. They are not collecting compost from the public, but are looking for compost from towns & cities who have excess. This summer the landfill will be building a liner. Don will let us know when this is happening and he invited the Committee to see this process. Sharon will alert the Committee members when this occurs. Don S. handed out copies of the host fees for 2011. Jefferson County Clean Sweep program received \$78,698.43 which was higher than expected. The tons were up 50,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter because of a special project. Don S. said his crystal ball for 2012 predicts that it will be no better than last year. Don S. said he would give Rob a forecast after the March quarter.

Sharon explained to the guests that the Clean Sweep Program is funded in part by Deer Track Park Landfill host fees. Half of Sharon's salary comes out of the host fees because she is the Program Assistant. We also apply for grants from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection-DATCP granted us \$29,400 for 2012. The past three years Watertown has donated \$20,000 a year, which pays for the Watertown Clean Sweep. For two years, Fort HealthCare has donated \$5,000 a year which pays for drug disposal costs and some chemical disposal. We also receive donations from other towns, cities, villages, businesses and private individuals. Don R. explained that some of the host fees

have helped to educate Jefferson County residents on the Clean Sweep Program and recycling per our siting contract with the landfill. Don R. explained that when the County did a Strategic Plan survey of what services residents wanted in Jefferson County, the Clean Sweep Program was fourth on the list under safety and highways. Don S. said the Clean Sweep Program is the right thing to do; they don't want the chemicals in the landfill. Don S. said host fees are unique to Wisconsin landfills and it is in addition to the taxes that the landfill pays to the state and county.

**9. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-DRUG DROP-OFF SITES AT FORT ATKINSON & WHITEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENTS**

Sharon told the Committee that both police departments were willing to put drug drop-off boxes in their departments. Sharon is requesting approval from the Committee. Sharon also said that John's Disposal will donate the container to the Whitewater Police Department and the Committee will pay for the Fort Atkinson container with the donations from Fort HealthCare.

Don Reese made a motion to place the drug drop-off containers in Whitewater and Fort Atkinson Police Departments. The Committee will pay for the Fort Atkinson container and John's will donate the Whitewater Container. JWR Inc. will make both containers. The Clean Sweep Program will pay for the disposal of the drugs. Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0**

Lt. Tim Gray thanked the Committee for including Whitewater in the Clean Sweep Program for the disposal of drugs.

**10. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-URT COLLECTIONS OF ALL APPLIANCES AT ELECTRONIC SITES (UNIVERSAL RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES)**

Tim Ryan explained that URT invested in a new piece of equipment to shred appliances at their Janesville facility. URT is offering Jefferson County disposal of all appliances with free pickup and no disposal cost. This includes large and small appliances with and without Freon. Vic K. asked if there would be a cost for Freon removal. Tim will check on that and get back to Sharon. Rick S., Jeff W. and Vic K. all said they were interested in collecting appliances. Jeff W. asked if it would be possible to get another semi-trailer donated. Rob said he would give Sharon a list of companies she could call for a trailer donation. Rick S. said they have been taking small appliances for a while and they send them to a local recycler. Rick said that Freon removal rules have changed; you need a licensed person and each appliance needs a sticker. You also have to keep a paper trail for all appliances that have Freon removed. Vic K. said they don't take anything with Freon. Sharon asked if the sites took large appliances like stoves and refrigerators and could they be stored outside until URT picks them up? Tim said yes, for a short time they could be stored outside, but not long term. Vic K. asked, if they separated the e-waste and appliances, could they be shipped together. Tim R. said yes to keeping the items separate, but they can be shipped on the same truck. Greg H. said that Focus on Energy will be doing a rebate program for some large appliances soon. He will send the information to Sharon. Sharon said she would like to roll out the collections of appliances in June at the one million pound event. This would give us time to get everything in place. Vic K. wanted to know if this would be in our contract. Tim R. said he would put this together as an amendment to our present contract. We would be the first county in Wisconsin to collect appliances. After the first year, if URT finds enough value we might get some monetary return for our collections. This money would be put back into the Clean Sweep Program

Lloyd Zastrow made a motion to add appliances to our URT contract and to allow appliances to be collected at any of our community sites upon approval from the community. If there is a cost of removing Freon, the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee would pay the cost with our funds. Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0**

Sharon told the Committee that she and Rick Schultz met with the City of Jefferson to discuss electronic and appliance collection at a City of Jefferson site. They are interested and will look into the possibilities.

John M. didn't think the towns were getting enough information about the electronic collections.

Don R. said we send information to the towns, villages, cities, chambers and place news releases in all the local papers. Sharon asked if there was a local newspaper or flyer or maybe a lake association that

we could contact. Greg H. said maybe put a notice in the local utility bills. Sharon will do more checking on ways to inform the communities.

#### **11. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-URT RECOGNITION EVENT FOR ONE MILLION POUNDS OF ELECTRONICS**

Tim Ryan said URT will help in celebrating Jefferson County's one million pounds of electronics collected in the 2 ½ year program. Tim R. said that this is an important event and they want to be part of it; Jim Cornwell, President of URT will attend the event. Don R. said we want plan an event instead of a news release. Planning an open house or reception will add more importance to the event. Jefferson County is one of the few counties that have collection sites set up for their residents. Most counties refer residents to local private collection sites. Don R. is hoping that we can get Senator Mark Miller and Rep. Andy Jorgensen. Sharon did talk to Senator Miller and he would prefer an event in June when they are in recess. Sharon is hoping we will have our video to show to the people in attendance.

Vic Imrie made motion to have a special event in June to recognize one million pounds collected by Jefferson County seconded by Lloyd Zastrow.

**Motion Carried 4-0**

#### **12. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE ON CLEAN SWEEP INFORMATION**

a. April 14 and May 19, 2012 Clean Sweep

We only had 16 people signed up for the event as of the meeting morning. Sharon was on the radio the day before the meeting. Sharon thinks that we will see the event count go down because we have sites for electronics and drugs. Mark Heal couldn't attend and said we know what we are doing. We have volunteers already signed up.

b. Donations Update

The donations have not changed since the last meeting.

c. Electronic Collections Update

Sharon handed out a chart that Don R. requested. It showed electronics collected, costs, and revenues. Don R. asked Tim R. if they were still getting support from manufacturers and he said yes, but they also rely on the commodity market.

d. Drug Collections Update

We discussed drug collections earlier.

#### **13. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE ON VIDEO PROSPECTUS**

a. **DNR Support with Educational Materials with Video Mailings**

Steve Grabow was finishing his review of the text and filming. Sharon completed her review and returned it to Jim Leser. Sharon is hoping the video will be done by June. When we send out the video to the schools we will get DNR support with educational materials for the classroom. Liz Olson, Educator for the DNR will supply the materials. These materials have been approved by teachers for classrooms.

#### **14. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE ON DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT INVENTORY**

Donna Haugom called Sharon to say she will be hosting a Disaster Debris Management training. Donna will want Sharon to help her out. The training date has not been selected yet. Rob said some of the news shows highlighted disasters this spring and talked about the problems the communities were facing with all the debris. The Committee asked Sharon if Donna could attend the May meeting instead of the June meeting.

#### **15. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-RECYCLING RESOURCE – LOCAL DIRECTORY**

Sharon is working on updating the recycling resource directory for the website.

#### **16. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-WATERTOWN DAILY TIMES APRIL EARTH WEEK ADD**

If we pay for a full page ad they will publish another page free for us. We have done this every year since they started publishing an Earth Week Issue.

Lloyd made a motion to support the Earth Week Issue with an ad and Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0**

**17. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-RECYCLE MORE WISCONSIN WEBSITE PAGES**

Last year we paid for every town, village and city to have a recycling page on the "RecycleMoreWisconsin" website. It costs \$75.00 for each page a total of \$2,100. We use this as a promotional item when we send out requests for donations. Rob and Don R. both said this is an educational tool. Sharon also posts on each site the Clean Sweep Program information. Sharon needs a motion from the Committee to continue with the pages for the website.

Lloyd Zastrow made a motion to continue with the "RecycleMoreWisconsin" website for all towns, villages and cities in Jefferson County as a educational tool. Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0**

**18. UPDATE FROM SHARON & DON ON WISCONSIN INTEGRATED RECYCLING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (WIRMC)**

Don R. said the conference was very good. There were interesting sessions on carpeting, cartons, and DNR education. The main speaker showed a video on dumpster diving. This is diving for food in dumpster behind grocery stores. Sharon and Don talked to John's Disposal at the conference and they agreed to donate the drug container to the Whitewater Police Department. DNR agreed to help with educational tools for our schools. URT said they will pick up appliances free. Don R. said this conference was high on education and Jefferson County was successful in obtaining help with our Clean Sweep Program.

**19. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE AIR QUALITY INFORMATION**

Don said the air quality issue has been soft lately. John M. said the problem is that more of our pollution comes from other counties and we have no control over it. Don S. said if Jefferson County becomes non-containment it is a huge cost to companies. Jefferson County has been on the border line for years. It depends greatly on weather some years.

**20. NEXT MEETING DATES AND POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Possible Cancellation of April or May Meetings**  
Cancel the April meeting. Change the May 18 meeting to May 4.
- b. June Meeting Donna Haugom – Disaster Debris Management Inventory**  
Have Donna come to the May 4 meeting instead of June.
- c. An education discussion**

**Don R. thanked the Ixonia Recycling Committee for attending the Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting.**

**21. ADJOURN**

Vic Imrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lloyd Zastrow seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 4-0**

**Meeting Dates** for the following months:

**Saturday, April 14, 2012** – Clean Sweep – Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Avenue, Jefferson

**Friday, May 4, 2012** – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

**Saturday, May 19, 2012** – Clean Sweep – City of Watertown Street Dept., 811 S. First Street, Watertown

**Friday, June 15, 2012** – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

**Friday, July 20, 2012** – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203

**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.**