

# SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

## Minutes – July 20, 2012

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Don Reese called the meeting of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee to order at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 20, 2012 at Jefferson County Courthouse, 320 S. Main Street – Room 203, Jefferson, WI 53549

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

Committee members present at 8:00 a.m. were Don Reese, Greg David and John Kannard

Excused: Gregory Torres and Carlton Zentner

Staff members present: Sharon Ehrhardt & Rob Klotz

Guests: John Molinaro, Chair-Jefferson County Board; Don Smith, Manager-Waste Management; Vic Karaliunas, Recycling Manager-Ixonia; Dave Radisewitz, Clean Sweep Manager-Dane County; Dale Helgeson, President-DP Electronic Recycling

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

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

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### 5. REVIEW THE AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2012

Greg David made a motion to accept the May 4, 2012 minutes as written and John Kannard seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0**

### 7. COMMUNICATIONS – DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

J.B. Van Hollen, Attorney General “Opinion on Solid Waste Department Director”

Waste360.com “Rhode Island Paint Recycling Producer Responsibility Bill Becomes Law”

Resource-Recycling.com “Congress Looks into Recycling Data”

Yahoo! Finance “Will Truckers Ditch Diesel?”

Swanaillinois.org “Carpet Recycling Summit” – Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Waste360.com “Veolia U.S. Solid Waste Operations Sold to Highstar’s Star Atlantic”

Waste360.com “Analysis of the Veolia ES Solid Waste Sale”

Waste & Recycling News “\$11.4 Bill in Recyclables Landfilled in 2010, Report Says”

Recycle More Wisconsin.org “Rediscover Recycling”

WIRMC email “2012 Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference Reminder”

DATCP-Jane H. Larson email “Drug RFP Questions”

WDNR “E-Cycle Wisconsin 2012 Registered Collector Survey Results Summary”

University of Wisconsin – Extension “Pharmaceutical Waste Summit”

WDNR Newsletter “Green & Healthy School”

Don R. asked Sharon to explain the communications. Sharon reviewed what she emailed or handed out at the meeting and asked if there were any questions. John Kannard said he would like to see the Jefferson County Highway Department consider purchasing natural gas trucks instead of diesel because you now can get them factory direct. John said the initial cost could be more but the saving would justify the cost. No action was taken. No other communications were discussed.

**8. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-DP ELECTRONIC BID – DALE HELGESON, PRESIDENT**

Dale introduced himself to the Committee and asked if they all received a copy the DP bid. Sharon said she had emailed the Committee members a copy of the bid. Dale said he would like to be able to bid on our electronic collection program. Dale explained he would pay a penny a pound for all state qualified electronics and take free all other electronics and appliances. Dale was asked if that included appliances with Freon and he said yes. He said they were licensed to remove Freon and would not charge for the removal. Dale did say they charge 20 cent a pound for household batteries. DP would supply bins for collections with free delivery and pickup. Sharon asked if his company was e-cycled certified and he said yes. The Committee also asked if they could have a tour of the facility before they would make any decisions. Dale said yes to the tour. The Committee wanted to know when our contract ended with URT. Sharon said we have continued the contract yearly. This year we signed an amendment to the contract so that URT would take all appliances, include free Freon removal and also includes free pickup. The Committee asked Sharon to review the contract with Phil for an end date or determine how we could change contractors. They also wanted to ask Phil the process for bidding out our electronic recycling. The Committee wanted Sharon to do a comparison sheet with both companies on payback for electronics for the next Committee meeting.

**9. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-URT UPDATES-TIM RYAN, ACCOUNT MANAGER**

Tim Ryan did not attend the meeting. Sharon said the amendment was reviewed by Phil and signed by Gary Petre. Sharon said she is waiting to hear from URT with our final collection numbers for the e-cycle year end program. We need the totals to make our final reports to the DNR.

**10. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-DANE COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMANENT SITE- DAVID RADISEWITZ**

David introduced himself to the Committee. Dave told the Committee that Dane County is in the process of building a permanent hazardous waste collection site at the Dane County landfill on USH 12 and 18 on the way to Madison. David explained that he lets Sharon refer some Jefferson County residents to the Fish Hatchery Road site when Jefferson County is in between Clean Sweeps. She explained that when some residents have to relocate or have deaths in the family they can't wait until a Clean Sweep to properly dispose of their hazardous materials. Sharon said she had about 6 to 8 referrals a year. Dave would like to set up an MOU agreement similar to Columbia County's. Columbia pays Dave's program \$3,000 up front and \$25 per person who used his site. The Columbia County residents have to fill out an online ticket before they could use the site. The ticket is the paper trail needed for billing. Dave would also like Jefferson County to have an online ticket system. Sharon said she would have to talk to MIS to see if that is possible. Sharon asked Dave if he intended to use Jefferson County as part of his grant process and Dave said no. Sharon and Dave would both continue to file separate grant applications. The Committee asked Dave to send a copy of Columbia County's MOU and online ticket to review. The Committee asked Sharon to put this on the next Committee meeting for discussion. Dave said that he hoped that the hazardous waste site would be up and running sometime in November.

**11. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT-DEER TRACK PARK LANDFILL – DON SMITH**

Don S. handed out updated first quarter projections. He said that his estimated projections were too high and that Rob should use lower numbers for the 2013 budget. Rob will adjust his budget accordingly. Don S. said that the tonnage coming into the landfill is flat. He doesn't expect it to get better in the near future. Don S. explained that he is trying to get the dredging from Lake Mendota project. He said that according to DNR regulations, before he can accept the dredging he has to have a public hearing. He will be scheduling a hearing in the near future and will let Sharon know the dates and times so she can inform the Committee. He said that the dredging will have very low levels of PCBs and maybe some lead. He said all lakes and rivers in Wisconsin have some levels of PCBs. Don S. was asked if the dredged PCBs could end up in the leachate. He said there was a small possibility and he said other wastes in the landfill like old electronics could also have low levels of PCBs. Don S. was also asked if he started collecting compost for the site and his answer was no. He said he will start collecting compost in the fall. Don S. said he hoped they would start building a ¼ cell at the landfill by the end of July. He thinks they will start laying the liner by the end of August. He will let Sharon know so she can schedule a tour at that time. He reminded the Committee that weather factors in with laying the liner.

**Note:**

**What are PCBs?** Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are a group of 209 synthetic chemical compounds which are colorless and odorless. From 1929 to 1977 PCBs were manufactured in the United States and widely used in electrical equipment and other industrial uses. Due to the harm PCBs cause to humans and wildlife, their manufacture was banned in 1977.

**How are people exposed to PCBs?** PCBs are found primarily in lake and river bottom sediments and fatty tissues in fish. Eating contaminated fish remains the major route of exposure to PCBs. Other sources of exposure remain very small.

**How do PCBs affect human health?**

PCBs are stored in the fat of animals and humans. PCBs and other contaminants can accumulate in the body over time. It may take months or years of regularly eating contaminated fish to build up amounts that are a health concern. However, PCBs may eventually affect your health or that of your children.

Pregnant women and young children: Mothers who eat highly contaminated fish before birth may have children who have slower mental development and difficulty learning. A pregnant woman can pass these chemicals to her unborn child and to the new baby through breast milk. However, the significant benefits of breastfeeding far outweigh the associated risks. Young children may also experience developmental health effects.

Adults: Adults should also remain concerned about PCBs because they may cause liver and immune system problems, including cancer.

**How can I reduce my health risks to PCBs?**

Most exposure to PCBs comes from eating contaminated fish. The best way to reduce the health risks is to eat only the safest fish. Some examples include:

- Choose smaller and younger fish. Generally, panfish and fish just over the legal size will have fewer PCBs.
- Choose lean fish. Panfish, brook trout and brown trout that live in streams and rivers tend to be low in fat. Small walleye, northern pike and bass, especially those that are just legal size, also tend to have fewer chemicals.
- Release predator fish that are very large, like walleye, northern pike, muskie, and lake trout. These fish tend to have more PCBs. Bass have different advisories. Carp and catfish also tend to accumulate more chemicals. Any size of carp caught in the Lower Fox River should not be eaten
- Advise women of childbearing age, pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children to select their catch or meals carefully (follow the Wisconsin Fish Consumption Advisory, Internet links can be found below)
- Trim the skin and fatty areas off the fish where contaminants accumulate

For more information go to the WDNR site <http://dnr.wi.gov/>

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

### **a. May 19 Clean Sweep Summary**

Sharon had emailed the Committee a summary for May 19th Clean Sweep. Don R. asked if anyone had any questions about the May 19<sup>th</sup> Clean Sweep and there were no questions. Bill Von Rohr volunteered to work at the Fort Atkinson and Whitewater Clean Sweeps. Sharon said by the end of July or August she should be receiving the grant applications from DATCP.

### **b. Donations Update**

Sharon said the donations hadn't changed since the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **c. Electronic Collections Update**

Sharon said that we are waiting for our program year end totals so we all can fill out our e-cycle reports for the DNR. The reports have to be finished by July 30<sup>th</sup>. Sharon will follow up Monday morning with URT. Don R. asked Sharon if Jill Weiss from the City of Jefferson contacted her about starting up a collection site for electronics and appliances. Sharon said no, but she would follow up.

### **d. Appliance Collections Update**

We are collecting appliances at Watertown, Ixonia and Fort Atkinson. So far no one has called with any problems.

### **e. Drug Collections Update**

Sharon said that she and Sheriff have scheduled another drug sort for July 31 for all of the police departments. Veolia will pick up the non-controlled drugs after the sort. Lots and lots of drugs are being collected at all sites.

## **13. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT UPDATES**

Don R., Vic, and Sharon said the FEMA training was very good. Vic said after the training the Ixonia Town Board is working on putting a plan together. Hopefully Donna will get other towns engaged. Sharon said that the Town of Sumner was at the training and was working on a plan. Rob thinks

Koshkonong has something in place. Vic was asked whether Ixonia's plan could possibly be used as a template for other towns and Vic thinks that might work. John Molinaro said Donna is putting together a list of equipment available in case of an emergency that could be used locally. Don S. said that Waste Management has a lot of experience in disasters. Waste Management also has a contact list for equipment if needed. Sharon said the training class helps people to understand how debris should be disposed of and sorted according to FEMA regulations. Don R. pointed out that if you don't follow the FEMA guidelines you could lose FEMA dollars.

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

The final video is done and 100 copies were delivered. Don R. would like the video shown at a County Board meeting. Sharon will contract Connie about that possibility. Sharon said she would work on getting copies of the video to the cable networks first. In September she will send them to schools. She will have to put a school list together. Sharon told the Committee she sent a video to MIS so they could put it on our website, Facebook, and YouTube. After Sharon has all the mailings done they will decide who should get the videos next.

#### **15. DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION-UPDATE AIR QUALITY INFORMATION**

Sharon handed out the 8-hr standards for ozone sent from Grant D. Hetherington-DNR and she also handed out the temperature graphs from Greg Hoffmann-WPPI for March-June. John M. said Sharon should send this information to Dennis Heling-Economic Development. The Committee asked if Sharon could get Dennis and Grant to attend a meeting with the Committee. Sharon will try to set this up for October.

#### **16. SET FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE, NEXT MEETING DATE, AND POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **a. Possible Tour of Waste management-Deer Track Park Landfill**

Sharon will set up this tour.

##### **b. Possible Tour of URT (Universal Recycling Technologies)**

Did not discuss a date at this time – Sharon should check out options.

##### **c. Clean Sweep Scheduled for Saturday, September 15, Fort Atkinson & Friday, October 5, Whitewater**

Cancel August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting because we will be having a tour at Deer Track Park Landfill. Cancel September 21 meeting because we are have a Clean Sweep September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Possible tour in the future at DP Electronic Recycling in Elkhorn. Discuss at next meeting.

#### **17. ADJOURN**

Greg David made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. and John Kannard seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 3-0**

Meeting Dates for the following months:

**August 2012** – Deer Track Park Landfill Tour – No date scheduled.

**Saturday, September 15, 2012** – Clean Sweep – City of Fort Atkinson Public Work Dept., 700 James Street Fort Atkinson

**Friday, October 5, 2012** – Clean Sweep – City of Whitewater Public Works Complex, 150 E. Starin Road, Whitewater

Friday, October 19, 2012 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Courthouse Rm. 203, Jefferson at 8:00 am

Friday, November 16, 2012 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – Courthouse Rm. 203, Jefferson at 8:00 am

**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.**

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Secretary of Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee