

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

August 15, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Don Reese called the meeting of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee to order at 8:05 a.m. on Friday, August 15, 2008 at UW-Extension, 864 Collins Road, Room 12, Jefferson, WI 53549

2. ROLL CALL (ESTABLISH A QUORUM)

Committee members present at 8:05 a.m. were Don Reese-Chair, Walt Christensen-Vice Chair, Carlton Zentner, and Vic Imrie

Greg David arrived at 8:10 a.m.

Staff member present: Sharon Ehrhardt

Bruce Haukom arrived at 8:15 a.m.

Guests: Professor Steve Grabow-UW-Extension Jefferson, Steve Brachman-UW-Extension Milwaukee, Paula Sumpter-Jefferson County Management Analyst, and Elisabeth E. Olson-DNR Recycling and Waste Reduction Education and Outreach Coordinator

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

Don Reese made a motion to move items 10 and 12 up for the guests in attendance and Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 18, 2008

Vic Imrie made a motion to accept the July 18, 2008 minutes as written and Carlton Zentner seconded the motion

Motion Carried 4-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Bill Baumann email – “Mercury Rule Documents Now Available”

Annie Danko e-mail – “Members Only Password”

Be SMART “Steering Committee Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2008”

Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center – “Newsletter July 2008”

Product Stewardship Institute – “Home Depot’s National CFL Recycling Initiative”

Waste News, July 7, 2008 – “Report: More Floods, Droughts, Storms Likely”, “Wisconsin to Cut Emissions of Mercury by 90 Percent”, “Quick Take-Wind Farm in Freeborn County”

Veolia ES News, July 2008 – “The Environmental Buzz E-Newsletter”

Additional Correspondence

Be SMART "Summer 2008 Newsletter"

Resource Recycling "August 14, 2008 Newsletter"

WasteCap "Construction and Demolition Recycling Training Program"

10. PAULA SUMPTER DISCUSS GREEN INITIATIVE FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY ON THE WEB SITE

Paula introduced herself to the Committee and handed out an informational sheet about the Jefferson County Green Initiative. Paula would like to use the county website as an informational tool to inform all county government units about what green initiatives are done or taking place inside county government. The web site would also be a tool to inform the citizens of Jefferson County on what their county government is doing to go green. Paula outlined a three step process on how she would create a green site for the county website. A green team would be established with 3-5 staff members. Don Reese requested that the green team be part of the Solid Waste/Air Quality agenda. The Committee would be very interested in the initiatives that a green team would develop. The Committee said it could be the first agenda item each month. A Committee member asked if any board members would be on the green team and would they get a per diem for being on the team? Paula didn't know at this time. Paula said the team would need a cross section of interested staff members and departments.

Attached to the handout was a copy of NACo (National Association of Counties) Green Government Initiative. This web site was created to increase education and outreach on all things green and to help educate counties and help them educate the public about green initiatives. The web site is 111.naco.org/greencounty. Paula would like to use the NACo website as a model for the Jefferson County website.

Paula will keep Sharon informed and ask for Sharon's help in exchanging information on the green initiative with the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee.

12. DON REESE – UPDATE ON DEER TRACK PARK LANDFILL

Don Reese introduced the new landfill manager Don Smith. Don said his degree is in Environmental Engineering with his Masters in Environmental Health & Engineering. The last 12 years he worked for Veolia Environmental and knows our account manager Mark Heal. Don has only been at Deer Track Park Landfill two weeks. He said he will be able to give a better update of Deer Track operations at the next meeting. Don plans to attend the Solid Waste/Air Quality meetings.

Sharon asked Don if he will continue tours of the landfill. Don said he welcomes tours at the landfill. Sharon will be talking to Nancy Davenport about setting up tours this fall and spring of 2009 at the landfill. The Committee pays for the bus transportation to the landfill.

Right now the landfill has been dealing with the excess leachate because of all the rains in the months of May & June. They have to truck it to Port Washington. Don asked for help in locating waste treatment plants that are closer. Bruce told him to look into the Sullivan waste treatment plant.

Don explained that the gas plant is doing well, but it is not a big money maker. Don said it is the right thing to do at the landfill site. The landfill has been approved to bring more liquid into it. They run the landfill as a digester or bio-reactor.

Don plans on attending more Solid Waste/Air Quality meetings and will be able to give more information on the landfill in the future.

8. STEVE GRABOW & STEVE BRACHMAN WILL FACILITATE A REVIEW, AND ASSESSMENT OF THE SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY PLANS

Steve Grabow with the help of Steve Brachman gave an overview of the plans the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee has completed. This overview included an assessment and ideas for new direction and initiatives for the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee. Steve G. did an outline of the processing that will be given to the Committee members. Steve G. will continue the discussion at the next Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting.

Walt Christensen had to leave at 9:50 a.m.

9. STEVE BRACHMAN UPDATE OF PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTIONS, MAIL BACKS, LEGISLATION IN WISCONSIN

Steve B. said that there are over 46 events this year collecting pharmaceuticals and there could be more that he doesn't even know about. Marshfield is doing a permanent drop-off site. The Committee is interested in Marshfield's permanent drop-off site. Sharon will get more information for the Committee. Steve B. has been working with three counties doing a pilot mail back program. Steve will have more information at the end of the three month program.

11. STAFF REQUESTS TO REVIEW EDUCATION ALLOCATIONS FOR 2009 BUDGET AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Bruce talked to the Committee about keeping Be SMART in the 2009 budget. He told the Committee that education and clean sweeps were priorities for the past and present Committees. Education is stated as a priority in the Solid Waste Management Plan and in the Landfill Siting Agreement. Until the Committee can implement a better plan of education it is important to keep in place what we have now. Elizabeth Olsen from the DNR, who is responsible for education, was impressed with the fourth grade earth care leadership program that Jefferson County initiated and with which we reach about 95% of the schools in Jefferson County. No other counties in the state have a program at this level that interacts with fourth grade students. Elizabeth also stated that the cost of \$15,000 to Be SMART to run a program of that magnitude was a good value. Sharon explained that the \$15,000 includes more than the earth care leadership program. It includes the earth week supplements to both newspapers including gathering ads for the newspapers. It includes the Be SMART membership with website and the new state-wide recycling website. It would include the test pilot for a green school this fall, St. John's the Baptist School in Jefferson. Jefferson County Fair Park recycling efforts were also part of the \$15,000. If we didn't have Be SMART helping with the newspapers it is possible to lose the supplements in the future.

Vic Imrie made a motion to keep Be SMART program for the 2009 budget at \$15,000 and Greg David seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-1

Vic Imrie Yea, Don Reese Yea, Greg Davie Yea and Carlton Zentner Nay

13. GREG DAVID – UPDATE ON GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON RECYCLING

Greg David said the meeting for the Governor's Council on Recycling is next Wednesday and he would like to be on next month's agenda to give his report on the meeting.

14. POSSIBLE SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE TO SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 INSTEAD OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

The Committee decided to keep the September 19, 2008 meeting date.

15. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

September

- Steve Grabow Continue to Facilitate a Review and Assessment of the Solid Waste/Air Quality Plan with Future Planning Initiatives
- Be SMART – Nancy Davenport, Education and Karen Sieg Be SMART Update
- Greg David Update on Governors Council on Recycling
- Report on September 11, 2008 Clean Sweep
- Elizabeth Olson Update for DNR Educational Programs
- Don Smith Update on Deer Track Park Landfill

October

- Discuss Clean Sweeps for September & October
- Paula Sumpter – Jefferson County Green Website

16. Adjourn

Carlton Zentner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11.45 and Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

The motion carried 4-0

Meeting Dates for the following months.

Saturday, October 11, 2008 – Clean Sweep – Jefferson County Fair Park

Friday, October 17, 2008 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

Friday, November 21, 2008 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

Friday, December 19, 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.

Secretary of Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee