



# Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

## Minutes

**June 5, 2015 - 8:00 a.m.**

**Jefferson County Courthouse – Room 203  
311 S. Center Avenue, Jefferson, WI 53549**

**Members:** Don Reese-Chair, Kirk Lund-Vice Chair, Laura Payne-Secretary, Carlton Zentner and Ron Buchanan

**Staff:** Rob Klotz and Sharon Ehrhardt

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Reese

### **2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)**

Committee members in attendance at 8:05 a.m. were Reese, Buchanan, Lund and Payne. Zentner arrived at 8:15 a.m. Staff members in attendance were Ehrhardt & Klotz. Guests in attendance included Vic Karaliunas, Recycling Manager-Ixonia Transfer Station; Rick Schultz, Superintendent-City of Watertown Street Department; Don Smith, Manager-Waste Management Deer Track Park Landfill; Nora Brennan-TJM Innovations; Rudy Bushcott, Assistant City Engineer-Fort Atkinson; Bill Pinnow, Engineer-City of Jefferson; Steve Pfeiffer, Account Manager-URT Janesville; Brian Lamers, CPA-Finance Director; Ben Wehmeier-County Administrator

### **3. Certification of Compliance With the Open Meetings Law**

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

### **4. Review the Agenda**

Reese suggested that we place Items 7 and 8 first so after the discussion people could leave if they had to.

### **5. Public Comment**

Reese had everyone in attendance introduce themselves and state where they were from.

### **6. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2015**

Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Lund to approve the March 20, 2015 minutes as presented.

*Motion carried 4-0.*

### **7. Discuss with Possible Action-E-Waste Service Agreement – Steve Pfeiffer, URT**

Ehrhardt gave background information about our electronic collections and how we contracted with URT in 2010. A copy of the URT contract and electronic cost sheet was handed out to the Committee. Pfeiffer gave information about the electronics law and the manufacturers' credits and how the markets have affected the e-cycle business. Pfeiffer also explained that the only operational CRT glass furnace is in India. He expects that furnace will close in the next 18 months. They can also send some CRT glass to a tile manufacturer in Spain. URT has to pay all the shipping and handling to have it recycled. CRT glass is in old TVs and monitors and this glass has lead in it which makes it a hazardous product and is handled accordingly. URT is proposing to charge of 7 cents a pound for TVs and 5 cents a pound for monitors. Sites that have URT drop containers will be charged \$100 a pickup. Ehrhardt asked if sites that don't have containers will be charged a pickup charge and Pfeiffer said no. Ehrhardt also asked if any of the other electronics or appliances would have a charge and Pfeiffer said no, they would continue to take them free of charge. He again stated they would only be charging for TVs and monitors. Klotz suggested to the Committee, because our budget could not sustain an additional cost of 50 to 60 thousand dollars or more a year to pay for TVs and monitor recycling, that maybe the program can be continued by the municipality if they want a program. Another suggestion was to start charging for TVs and monitors at the sites. Ixonia does charge residents for using their site but the other sites are not set up to charge nor do they have the staff to collect and handle money.

Schultz, Bushcott, Pinnow and Karaliunas all said that the program was very successful with their residents and they did not want to discontinue the program if they could find a way to cover the costs. No one at this time is set up to charge for TVs or monitors as the residents drop them off. They are afraid that if they start charging residents when they bring them to a site that on a Monday morning they will find lots of TVs and monitor at their gates. They will all have to go back to their communities and try to work out a solution. Ehrhardt will work with the communities if they request her help. The fifth site, Waterloo, was not at the meeting. Zentner made the statement that we have been advertising and educating residents to bring the electronics to the sites for the last six years and it would be difficult to stop the program now. Zentner also stated that we are going to have to start a fee and do newspaper ads about the program and fees so our residents understand the program.

Klotz suggested to the Committee that because everyone is in the middle of their budget cycle and we do have extra money in our Clean Sweep carryover fund, that we pay for the TV and monitor recycling until the first of the year. By doing that we would be giving the municipalities time to work out a solution to the problem.

Wehmeier and Klotz talked about how in years to come we might have to add this program to the tax levy, but at this time isn't in the plans. Klotz asked if it was possible to add across the board user tax to pay for the program. Wehmeier's response was that it would have to be investigated before something like that could happen. Schultz explained how he utilizes a user fee works in Watertown.

Pfeiffer praised Jefferson County for the recycling programs we have established and how well they are executed. Pfeiffer said he didn't think any other county does the job that Jefferson County does. URT wants to continue to work positively with Jefferson County and its electronics and appliance recycling.

Kirk Lund made a motion to sustain the electronic recycling program until January 1, 2016 and Laura Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Smith suggested that we draft a plan on how we want to sequence the electronics program; examples would be news releases and radio announcements.

*Lund and Payne had to leave the meeting at 9:45 a.m.*

## **8. Discuss with Possible Action-Clean Sweep Summary**

### **a. April 11, 2015 Invoice for HHW, Ag and Drug**

Ehrhardt explained the invoice items that had increased; labor was up \$3,000 and lab packed chemical were up by 16,000 pounds. Cost of the Clean Sweeps; Household \$33,827.70 and Ag \$7,239.30 bring the total cost to \$41,067.00. We were over budget by \$21,067. Klotz asked Lamers to explain our budget and how much money we have in our carry over. The estimated carryover is about \$255,829.22. Klotz explained that we could continue the year's Clean Sweep events because of the carryover, but would have to watch the events for the rest of year. Smith brought his 2015 estimated forecast of \$64,342.02 for the landfill host fees. The committee members agreed to continue with the Clean Sweep events for Watertown, Whitewater and capping Fort Atkinson at 100 participants, maybe a little more.

### **b. Chemicals**

More chemicals were brought to the Jefferson Clean Sweep than ever before for a total of 16 thousand pounds. The normal amount of chemicals is between 3-6 thousand pounds. The reason for this increase was because we added latex paint to the event. Residents not only brought their paint, but the chemicals too.

### **c. Paint – Nora Brennan, TJM Innovations**

TJM collected 2146 gallon cans of paint at the Jefferson Clean Sweep. They processed all but 429 gallons that were unusable due to contaminations or because they were just bad. Brennan suggested we change the way we unload the paint from the cars. Brennan suggested that if we

unload paint last, TJM will unload it. Schultz said that he can set up the site so that paint is unloaded last. Brennan suggested more education to residents about what paints cannot be used and that empty cans should not be brought. TJM also can't take latex stains so if residents bring them they need to dry it out, but oil based stains Veolia can recycle.

d. *Drugs*

(1) *Supplies-pails and zip lock bags*

Ehrhardt asked the Committee if she could buy pails for Sheriff's Office and Police Departments for inhalers and mercury. The Departments also asked if she could get Ziploc bag dispensers. Ehrhardt checked with DATCP and this cost would be covered with our grant amount. Klotz asked about getting a drug drop-off container for Waterloo Police Department. Waterloo declined a container, but UW-Watertown requested one and there is a possibility the Jefferson and Johnson Creek Departments might want one. The Committee said she should get the pails and because they are grant supplies they didn't need a motion.

e. *Tires*

We collected \$425 at the April 11 Clean Sweep for tire disposal. The cost of tire disposal was \$361.24. The disposal cost was covered plus we were ahead by \$63.76. We collected 1.83 ton of tires.

**Discuss with Possible Action-Update, Deer Track Park Landfill with Don Smith**

a. *Avian Flu – Possible Chicken Disposal*

There were three sites in Jefferson County. DATCP and DNR composted on sites.

The sewer plants would have stopped Smith from bringing leachate. They will not take chickens or garbage from those three sites. Waste Management is working on a protocol for taking infected birds, but Smith thinks his sites wouldn't be taking any birds in the future.

**9. Ehrhardt, Update, Final DATCP Grant Award.**

Ehrhardt explained to the Committee that we were awarded extra funds of \$2,500 for the witness burn fee and \$824.25 in agricultural disposal subsidies. Our Clean Sweep grant check was \$29,705.21 for 2014.

**10. Ehrhardt, Update, DNR E-Cycle Meeting**

Ehrhardt and Schultz attended the E-Cycle meeting together. At the meeting manufactures, collectors and recyclers were represented. Senator Miller who wrote the bill was also in attendance. The biggest concerns were that the markets for metals and plastic have dropped and there are only two places in the world that take CRT glass. Senator Miller plans on tweaking the bill so there is a better playing field between manufacturer credits and recyclers. The E-Cycle meeting had 75 people in attendance. Schultz added that he was going to do a test project with John's Disposal using crushed glass with his road mix. The glass he would be using would be unleaded from the electronics.

**11. Discuss with Possible Action-Budget 2016 and County's Contribution to the Clean Sweep Program**

Wehmeier and Lamers said that at some time there might be a need to add the Clean Sweep Program into the tax levy. They didn't think at this time it was necessary, but in the future and maybe the 2018 or 2019 tax budget. Klotz said to keep the budget on the agenda until the county budget was passed. Klotz said without the landfill host fee we would not have the program we have.

Smith said the host fee for 2015 is on target, but reminded the Committee that the host fees do rise and fall because they are market driven.

**12. Ehrhardt, Update from the Pharmaceutical Waste Working Group and Department of Justice Drug Collections.**

Ehrhardt said the transition for the Clean Sweep program disposal to the Wisconsin Department of Justice disposal was not a problem. The Sheriff's Office and Police Departments supported the new disposal direction. We will have to do more education on how we want the residents to handle the drugs, take the pills out of their containers and place in sandwich-size zip lock bags. Place the empty contains in their home recycling bins. Keep liquids in original containers, but tape the top; place in a plastic bag or wrap in plastic wrap. Ehrhardt attended the Chief's meeting with Danielle Long-WIDOJ. Long did a presentation for the Chiefs on what is expected and what can or cannot be disposed of through the program. Inhalers, mercury and sharps cannot be placed in the WIDOJ disposal boxes. Ehrhardt said that the Clean Sweep program can dispose of the inhalers and mercury, but the sharps

need to go to the Jefferson County Health Department or the City of Watertown Health Department. Ehrhardt said she would get pails for the Departments so when a pail is full she can take it to a Clean Sweep. The Sheriff and Ehrhardt will be attending another PWWG meeting the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**13. Discuss with Possible Action-City of Watertown Health Department-Solid Waste at County Fair**

Ehrhardt asked the Committee if she should set up a booth with the City of Watertown Health Department at the Jefferson County Fair and the Committee said yes.

**14. Correspondence – May 7, 2015 Letter from State Senator Janis Ringhand**

Ehrhardt explained that Senator Janis Ringhand replied to our concerns about the RU (responsible unit) grants. The Committee acknowledged that the reduction in RU grants hurts the local municipalities recycling programs. Schultz explained how it will affect the City of Watertown. Schultz and Karaliunas both think that within the next 2 years there will no longer be any RU grants.

**15. Upcoming Meeting Dates, Landfill Tour, and Possible Agenda Items.**

The next meeting will be at Deer Track Park Landfill with a meeting first and tour after the meeting.

The date of the meeting is August 21, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., Deer Track Park Landfill office.

The next Clean Sweep is August 22, 2015 at Fort Atkinson Public Works Department.

**16. Adjourn**

Buchanan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. and Reese seconded the motion.

*Motion carried 3-0*

  
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**Laura Payne - Secretary**