

SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

November 21, 2008

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, November 21, 2008 at UW-Extension, 864 Collins Road, Room 12, Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549.

2. ROLL CALL (ESTABLISH A QUORUM)

Committee members present at 8:00 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: Bruce Haukom, Rob Klotz, and Sharon Ehrhardt

Guest present: Richard Schultz, Superintendent-City of Watertown Street Department, Dean Fischer-Director of Public Works, and Steve Grabow-UW-Extension arrived for his agenda item at 9:00 a.m.

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

Consensus was to keep the agenda as presented

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 24, 2008

Vic Imrie made a motion to accept the October 24, 2008 minutes as written and Carlton Zentner seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Introduction of Rob Klotz who will be overseeing the responsibilities of the Zoning Department including Solid Waste/Air Quality upon Bruce Haukom's retirement.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION

Gayle Boos Email – Subject "Planet Well"

Elisabeth Olson Email – Subject "Air Quality Advisory for Particle Pollution"

Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center – "Newsletter October 2008"

Veolia ES News, September 2008 – "Newsletter October 2008"

NACo E-News (National Association of Counties) – "September 23, 2008 Newsletter"

NACo E-News (National Association of Counties) – "October 7, 2008 Newsletter"

Wisconsin Be SMART Coalition – "2008 Second Quarter Contracted Staff Report"

Wisconsin Be SMART Coalition – "Steering Committee Minutes – September 4, 2008"

Waste News - "TV Conversion Will Be Headache for Landfills"

Additional Correspondence handed out at the meeting:

Renew Oil – “Public Notice of an Air Pollution Permit Application Review”

Waste News – “Largest Landfills/State by State”

NACO – CountyNews – “Old TVs, Flushed Drugs, Heating Oil Tanks Pose New Eco-Threats to Communities”

Popular Mechanics – “Recycling Myths: PM Debunks 5 Half Truths about Recycling”

Popular Mechanics – “Is Recycling Worth It? PM Investigates its Economic and Environmental Impact”

NACo E-News (National Association of Counties) – “November 18, 2008 Newsletter”

Sharon explained that Phil Ristow – Corporation Counsel, sent the public notice for the air pollution permit application from Renew Oil for the Committee to review. The Committee decided that someone from the Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee should attend. Don Reese and Carlton Zentner said they would attend.

8. DISCUSS 2008 AND 2009 CLEAN SWEEPS

Sharon introduced Richard and Dean to the Committee and explained their connections. We have been conducting clean sweeps in Watertown since 2002 and Watertown took the responsibility for scheduling the events. Dean approached the Committee in 2002 requesting that the residents of Whitewater be allowed to participate in Jefferson County clean sweeps, because the City of Whitewater is in two counties. Dean pays for the Whitewater resident disposal. The cost is a percentage based on the number of participants that attend an event. Sharon handed out a clean sweep sheet with some of the final numbers on it. She is still waiting for final tonnage numbers.

- **Richard Schultz-Discuss Watertown’s New Location and Possible Funding for 2009 & 2010**

Richard said the City of Watertown supports the clean sweeps and thinks the new location will work out for the residents. It is a drive-through location with easy access to the site. The old site at Cady Street was an outside location and if weather was bad, the site was not good at all. Richard would like to see more Watertown residents attend in the future. If he can help fund the cost of the clean sweep in Watertown he would like the \$10 charge dropped. The location is City of Watertown Street Department, 811 S. First Street, Watertown, WI 53094. The phone number is 920-262-4080.

- **Thomas Kramp-Discuss Fort Atkinson’s New Location for 2009**

Thomas Kramp was unable to come to the Solid Waste/Air Quality meeting, but will try to attend the December 19th meeting. Sharon told the Committee about the new Fort Atkinson location and that Mark Heal from Veolia would also check out the location. The new location is at the City of Fort Atkinson Department of Public Works, 700 James Place, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538. The phone number is 920-563-7771. Sharon checked out the location and said it would work as a drive-through and has easy access for the residents. Like the new Watertown location there should be no traffic back ups onto the street. The areas are large enough to accommodate 30 to 50 vehicles. Both locations have large overhead doors so vans and trucks should have no problems entering or exiting the buildings.

- **Dean Fischer-Discuss Whitewater Participation, Past and Future**

Dean Fischer said he also would like to see more attendance at the clean sweeps. Dean said Walworth County only has one clean sweep a year and it benefits the residents of Whitewater to have more clean sweeps available to them. He now pays a percentage of the clean sweep disposal costs for the number of Whitewater residents that attend a Jefferson County clean sweep. He said having a clean sweep back in Fort Atkinson should increase the number of Whitewater residents. He said he might be able to help pay for some of the advertising costs in the future.

- **Discuss Clean Sweep Advertising for 2009**

Sharon showed the Committee the forms of advertising we use: pharmacy stuffers,

pharmacy flyers, posters, brochures, and postcards. Sharon didn't think we needed the pharmacy flyer because the stuffers had the same information without the map. A map of the location is sent out to each resident when they register for a clean sweep. She said the advertising would have to reflect the new dates and locations for the 2009 clean sweeps.

Carlton Zentner made a motion to approve the revised schedule with the new locations for the 2009 clean sweeps and Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

• **Discuss Pharmaceutical, Ag & Household Grant Information**

Sharon told the Committee she was in the process of writing the final grant report to submit to DATCP.

9. DISCUSS FINANCIAL COMMITTEE'S ACTION ON 2009 BUDGET

Bruce said the Solid Waste/Air Quality budget stayed the same as presented at the Finance Committee budget hearing. The only change is Sharon's wages, 50% Solid Waste/Air Quality-50% Zoning, because her new classification will go into effect January 1, 2009. The past was 30% Solid Waste/Air Quality-70% Zoning.

10. DISCUSS EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN JEFFERSON COUNTY WITH OR WITHOUT BE SMART

Sharon handed out Nancy Davenport's proposal to help the Committee with educational needs in Jefferson County. Bruce asked all Committee members to read it before proceeding with the discussion. Sharon also handed out a Be SMART cost sheet for the programs that the Committee has used in the past. Sharon also had called each of the newspapers about the earth week supplements published every year in April. Watertown Daily Times will continue the supplement with or without the Be SMART connection. They just ask that we continue to place a full page ad in the supplement and they will in turn publish our resource directory. The Daily Jefferson County Union said that without the support of Be SMART they would not continue doing the earth week supplement. Sharon told the Committee that the Union expected Nancy Davenport from Be SMART to get the ads for them and write most of the articles. The Times has always worked independently to get their ads and stories. So it is possible to lose the earth week supplement for the Union. Sharon said she did not have the time to gather ads for the paper and because she was an employee of the County it wouldn't be appropriate.

The Committee also discussed if it would continue the educational program through Be SMART or would investigate other education opportunities within Jefferson County.

Carlton Zentner made a motion to give Wisconsin Be SMART Coalition \$200 for the 2009 Calendar year and Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

The Motion Carried 4-1 - Vote yea – Don Reese, Walt Christensen, Greg David, Vic Imrie – Vote nay – Carlton Zentner

The Committee discussed bringing in Steve Grabow-UW-Extension, Elisabeth Olson-DNR Education, Nancy Davenport-Educational Consultant and Steve Brachman-UW-Extension for an open discussion on education for Jefferson County. In this discussion the Committee decided to increase the amount to Be SMART.

Don Reese made a motion to amend the amount of money going to Wisconsin Be SMART Coalition to \$500 instead of \$200 and this amount would include the money for the subscription of \$75 to the Wisconsin Recycle More website. Vic Imrie seconded the motion.

The Motion Carried 5-0

Bruce Haukom and Vic Imrie left at 10:40 a.m.

11. PAULA SUMPTER – JEFFERSON COUNTY GREEN WEBSITE AND INITIATIVES BY THE COMMITTEE

Paula Sumpter's job was cut in the 2009 budget year. Paula told Sharon to wish the Committee well and hoped they continued with some the "green ideas" for the website.

12. UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE/AIR QUALITY PLANS

Steve Grabow talked to the Committee about the "Assessment Plans and Future Direction Workshop". The Committee was given a copy of the report to read before the meeting. Steve explained to the Committee that plans and assessments change over the course of new committees and new issues being addressed. Just because everything in a plan or assessment wasn't done didn't mean that a lot wasn't accomplished. The current and past Committees should be proud of what they have accomplished and their future plans. Steve said he was proud to be part of the Solid Waste/Air Quality plans and hopes the Committee will use him and the resources from UW-Extension in future goals. The Committee did ask Steve to come back to the December 19 meeting to help with the discussion of effective educational programs, website enhancements, and other educational opportunities for Jefferson County.

13. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

December

- Put educational programs, website enhancements, and educational opportunities back on the agenda and invite Nancy Davenport, Elisabeth Olsen, Steve Grabow, and Steve Brachman to the meeting
- Ed Jepsen – Update on Air Quality and Climate Change for Jefferson County
- Mark Heal – Veolia Environmental – Update on Clean Sweep
- Thomas Kramp, Superintendent DPW Fort Atkinson – New Clean Sweep Location
- Don Smith – Deer Track Park Landfill
- Update on Solid Waste/Air Quality Plans

14. ADJOURN

Carlton Zentner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 and Walt Christensen seconded the motion.

The motion carried 4-0

Meeting Dates for the following months.

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008 – Be SMART Meeting at 10 a.m. in Fond du Lac

Friday, December 19, 2008 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

Friday, January 16, 2009 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

Friday, February 20, 2009 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

Wednesday-Friday, March 11-13, 2009 – Solid Waste/Air Quality Meeting – UW-Extension, Room 12

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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