

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes March 3, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Via Zoom

Members Present: Raquel Ketterman, Dick Soderman, Steve Young, Steven Guinn, Stu Czapski, Carolyn Mathews, Lee Heavner, Wally High, Jon Ickes, and Siera Wigfield.

Members Absent: Brian Dicken, Misty Joy, Woody Getz, Erick Kasecamp, and John Wardzinski.

Guests Present: John Kirby

Next meeting: April 7, 2021 at 3:00pm and 2:00 pm Solid Waste Management Plan Task Force to proceed Virtual Option: Zoom

- Steven Guinn welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- A motion to approve the minutes from February 3, 2021 was made by Stu Czapski and seconded by Carolyn Mathews, and unanimously approved.
- No changes to the March 2021 agenda.

Presentation

Siera Wigfield shared the report containing improvements to the County's Eastern Refuse Sites. It is the County's goal to have ADA compliant sites, with expanded recycling. Improvements to the Oldtown Refuse Site are underway. The report contained seven options for improvements. The preferred option based on net cost per ton and comparing pro and cons, is to consolidate the Flinstone and Little Orleans Refuse Sites and develop a new site at the MV Smith Road County Roads Division Garage.

Carolyn Mathews pointed out that residents in Little Orleans typically travel east for errands, and the MV Smith road is in the opposite direction. And residents in Flinstone travel west toward Cumberland for errands.

Steve Young asked Siera to check the actual driving distances.

Steve Guinn asked if the County could look at the number of households affected by this change, to show the impact on residents.

Siera Wigfield asked for a suggestion on a better name for the proposed site, Green Ridge Refuse Site was a suggestion from multiple Board members.

Siera Wigfield encouraged the Board to review the report, and email Siera any other questions or comments. The Board will make a recommendation during the April 7, 2021 meeting.

Old Business

Curbside Recycling Update

- Raquel Ketterman the City continues to send monthly recycling and solid waste articles published in the Times-News.

2021 Priorities

- HHW Event - Tentatively Saturday, Oct 9, 2021.
 - The Board reviewed the request for a funding letter to send out in March.
 - Suggestion to send letters to Potomac River Commission, see Jason Bennett for address.
 - A motion was made by Carolyn Mathews and seconded by Steve Young to approve the 2021 HHW funding requests.
- Tire Event 2021
 - Siera Wifgield discussed the conflict in trying to fund a tire event and HHW event in a single year with a limited budget.
- #5 Plastics to the recycling suite

Riverside Recycling Site Update

- Stu Czapski updated the Board that the City of Cumberland is still working on the petition to close Riverside Ave, in addition to other issues relating to the Grow West expansion. Stu expected it would be months before the road relocated.

Oldtown Refuse Site

- Site to be open Summer 2021.

Penn-Mar Recycling Contract expires June 30, 2021

- No update this month.

SWMP Update

- Review of Chapter 4 before this meeting. Chapter 5 will be reviewed at the Task Force at 2:00 on April 7. expect to have a May adoption for the plan.

Membership

- John Kirby was nominated to represent the City of Frostburg on the Solid Waste Management Board. John retired from 40-years of local government experience. This experience includes serving as the Administrator for the City of Frostburg and involvement in the City's Solid Waste program which is done by City workers and a cash purchase for a compactor truck. John's resume includes 20-years with Allegany County Economic Development and Administrator of Moorefield, WV.
- A motion to recommend the Commissioners appoint John Kirby to the Solid Waste Management Board to represent the City of Frostburg was made by Stu Czapski, seconded by Lee Heavner, and unanimously approved.

2019 MRA Reports

- Currently pending approval 32% +4% source reduction credit. No update this month.

Trash Stickers – Walgreens & Compliance

- Walgreens will stop selling stickers in March. Pet Wants has come forward to be a vendor.

Bylaw Review

- No update, a special meeting to be held to get 10 member quorum.

2020 MRA Reports

- Requests for data sent out. Carolyn Mathews volunteered to assist with data entry.

Legislative Update

- No update this month.

Clean Rivers Clean up

- Carolyn Mathews confirmed Students with the FSU's Department Recreation and Parks Management Program will clean up Sandspring Run, Georges Creek at Knapps Meadow, Aarons Run, McCoole boat

ramp, and Black Oaks boat ramp. Raquel Ketterman volunteered to be the point of contact for supplies and information for this site.

- A public site for any volunteers will clean up the Fairgrounds boat ramp. Siera Wigfield will be the point of contact for this site.
- Carolyn has coordinated to get the Three Ponds Fishing Area clean up by the Boy Scouts.
- Clean ups will take place on Saturday, April 10 from 9:00 - 11:00 with a rain date of April 17.
- Perhaps we can get some County Employees to volunteer at the Fairgrounds.

New Business

- No reports this month.

Committee Reports

Reduce/Reuse

- No report this month.

Recycle/Compost

- No report this month.

Landfill

- No report this month.

Task Force

- See Solid Waste Management Plan update above.

Education/ Public Relations

- No report this month.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Minutes prepared by Siera Wigfield, Recycling Coordinator and reviewed by chair, Steven Guinn.

Attachments

- HHW Funding Letter Template
- Eastern Refuse Site Improvement Report March 2021