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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 2008

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Wood County Solid Waste District Policy Committee was held on the 8th day of April 2008, in the Wood County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 5th Floor, 1 Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Commissioner Carter called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M. Roll call was taken and the following attended...

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Carter, Pres., WC Commissioners
John Quinn, Mayor, City of Bowling Green
Jack Ritchie, Phoenix Technologies
Patricia Bacon, City of Northwood
Donald Bechstein, Plain Twp. Trustees

THOSE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Skip Baltz, North Baltimore Recycling
Brad Espen, WC Health Department

ALSO PRESENT:

Ken Rieman, WC Solid Waste District
Lauren Schall, WC Solid Waste District
Amanda Gamby, WC Solid Waste District
Erica Bruielly, WC Solid Waste District
Jim Konopinski, WC Health Department
Vic Gable, C.E.S. of Woodlane
Judy Hagen, City of Perrysburg
Mick Torok, N.A.T. Transportation
Ronda Downard, WC Juvenile Court

Commissioner Carter began the meeting by asking for review of the minutes from the October 16, 2007 and January 22, 2008 meetings. With no corrections, Mayor Quinn made a motion to accept the minutes and Jack Ritchie seconded that motion and members present voted yes. Motion carried and minutes approved.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item II, the Education Report. Amanda Gamby said there is quite a bit going on this time of year. Ms. Gamby stated that the 2007 Year-End-Report is finished and copies were distributed. Ms. Gamby also introduced Erica Bruielly, who has been hired as the new Education Assistant for the office. A detailed outline of the education awareness and upcoming Earth Day activities is attached (see pages 5-6).

Commissioner Carter moved to Item III, the Health Department Report. Jim Konopinski said the health department report covers October through March since he did not report at the January 22, 2008 meeting. During this period the three landfills received a total of 18 monthly inspections. Compost facilities received two quarterly inspections and eleven annual inspections. Thirty one large generators of infectious waste received thirty four inspections. The three infectious waste treatment facilities received six quarterly inspections. Also during this period, 182 solid waste hauling vehicles

were inspected, as well as 28 sewage hauling vehicles. Mr. Konopinski also reported there were five solid waste complaints received and eight were finalized. He also mentioned that in February the Ohio EPA conducted their annual survey of solid and infectious waste program at the Health Department over a period of three days. The exit interview was favorable for continued approval of the programs but they have not yet received official approval from Columbus.

Mick Torok of N.A.T. Transportation had a comment regarding a contractor picking up trash in Pemberville in an open un-tarped trailer. He would suggest that since the Solid Waste District is financing the Sheriff's office litter enforcement program, that perhaps there should be a concentrated effort to put an end to that problem. It has been an on-going problem for more than a few years. Mr. Konopinski added that this past spring the contractor was issued a notice of violation and the county who does inspect their vehicles made sure that the truck was licensed.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item IV, Landfill Reports. Due to the absence of Dan Raezer, Ken Rieman gave the report on activities at Evergreen Landfill. He mentioned they are preparing for new cell construction. They are working on storm water diversion and there has not been any resolution on the Delta Fuels soil issues. Mr. Rieman also reported for Mr. Raezer that the volumes at Evergreen are down nine percent this year.

Mr. Rieman then reported on Wood County Landfill activities. He mentioned that they recently finished grinding mulch and it was possibly the most mulch they have ever processed. He said it is all screened but it must heat up to 155 degrees and sit for five or six days to make sure all the weed seed is killed. Mr. Rieman also mentioned they are screening sand that will be used for drainage during construction. They are also working on spring cleanup around the landfill.

Mr. Rieman also stated that since the last meeting, rate hearings were held by the Commissioners and it was agreed to approve the fuel surcharge based on the cost of fuel. The fuel surcharge goes into effect on June 1st. Present calculations state that since the surcharge was implemented in the middle of the year, it appears that it will generate enough money to take care of the increase in fuel costs. It should generate about \$75,000.00 if the fuel cost per gallon stays at \$4.09.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item V, Litter Collection and Enforcement. Due to the absence of Sergeant Konrad, no report was given on Litter Collection and Enforcement.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item VI, Program Updates. Vic Gable gave an update Community Employment Services. He thanked Amanda Gamby and the Solid Waste District for all their help with the Clean Your Files event on April 24th. He also discussed some school updates. He said Perrysburg schools are still committed to recycling in every building. He met with several employees at the Junior High School who are applying for a grant to buy containers. The goal of the Superintendent is to have all the buildings recycling.

Mr. Gable also mentioned he has been working with Penta School as they move into their new building, which will be happening this fall. Penta would like to have a recycling program integrated and they have started a program in the old building to begin training.

Mr. Gable mentioned he met with Ken Rieman and Judy Hagen because the City of Perrysburg has a community drop off program for cardboard collection which was being sent to Lucas County. It was decided that C.E.S. will now pick up the cardboard two to three times per week and take it to the Bowling Green Recycling Center. By keeping the collection in County, hopefully it will generate more revenue for both C.E.S. and the Recycling Center.

Due to the absence of Dave Spengler, Ken Rieman reported on program update at the Bowling Green Recycling Center. He said the Recycling Center has signed a contract with the City of Bowling Green

for the commingled curbside collection. The City has signed a contract with Dunipace Buildings to begin construction on a 6,000 square foot building to the east of the existing buildings. The new building will hold the sort line. They are working with a company in New Jersey and Bruce Mooney to design the sort line. They have a lot of discussions on how the sort line will fit into the building. There will be a wait until they hear from the State. There is a grant application that was submitted to help pay for the sort line to see if they can obtain more money from the State. Last year the Solid Waste District committed \$100,000.00 to the project, which has been held in escrow waiting for the project to move along. They are hoping to get some more support from the State. The sort line project is going to cost around \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00.

Due to the absence of Duane Hamilton, Erica Bruielly gave a brief report on program updates at B.G.S.U. Before being hired at the Wood County Solid Waste District, Ms. Bruielly worked with the University's recycling program. She stated that the University was getting some new roll off containers and starting a new recycling station program, which will be sponsored by B.G.S.U. clubs.

Due to the absence of John Aleksander, no report was given on program updates at Owens Community College.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item VII, Solid Waste District Issues. Mr. Rieman discussed waste audits. He said he visited Owen Illinois and completed a waste audit for the three buildings in their complex. The audit is complete and Mr. Rieman is going to schedule a meeting with Vic Gable and Owens Illinois to discuss collection options by C.E.S. Currently, Owens Illinois has their own employees picking up recyclables and moving it between buildings. By C.E.S. picking up the recyclables at all the buildings it will save Owens time and labor.

Mr. Rieman then discussed ODNR Grants. He said there are four pending grants. One is the sort line grant he mentioned earlier. The Hirzel Composting site is one of only five in the State that is licensed for food waste. There are not many compost sites that are licensed for food waste because of all the regulations. They submitted a grant application for funds to purchase some equipment. There is also a grant application for a biodigester, which would be in cooperation with N.A.T. Transportation and possibly one of the dairy farms. One interesting fact about biodigestors is that they work better for food waste if there is cow manure because of the bacteria level. Another pending grant application is for a tire shredder for Enviro Tire. ODNR will let the District know sometime in May whether or not the grants were approved for funding. All of the grants require some type of match.

Mr. Rieman also mentioned that the Solid Waste District is working on the per capita grants and are processing the \$1.00 per person for all the communities completing residential recycling. The District makes sure to check and see where all the materials are going. For the most part everything has been handled properly. There are a couple communities where there are some large piles of wood chips. The District is holding up the per capita money for those communities because the main concern is they take care of the waste properly.

Another topic Mr. Rieman discussed was the issues with food waste and finding a place for proper disposal. One of the problems is there are only five compost sites that can accept food waste. Mr. Rieman said they looked at changing the site at the Wood County Landfill but discovered it was very expensive because of all the rules and regulations. Mr. Rieman said they are fortunate to have Hirzel Canning and Hirzel Farms, which has an approved food waste compost site in Pemberville. Mr. Rieman said they noticed food compost sites are usually in addition to a business. They are not the type of operation you can stand to run alone and make a profit. He said Hirzel has the Class II permitted site because they have a lot of green waste that is generated from the tomato operation.

Mr. Rieman mentioned they are working with N.A.T. Transportation and Hirzel Canning because there has been an offer to work with the Grocers Association to set up a pilot project with some area grocery stores to pick up food waste. The problem with food waste is it is wet and can have bad odors but there is a

significant amount of food waste that comes from grocery stores. Besides composting food waste, another solution is putting the food waste into a biodigester. Mr. Rieman discussed how biodigestors work. He explained that it is a closed vessel with a concrete tank which heats up and kills all the pathogens. The end product is a liquid fertilizer and undigested solids or fibers that can be composted. However, if food waste is added to the biodigester, the food waste will increase the methane gas production 50%. The ability to generate power from food waste is a major benefit. Mr. Rieman would like to get a pilot project to have a biodigester in the area.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item VIII, Other Business. Ken Rieman mentioned that AMP Ohio is going to have an Earth Day Celebration at the Wind Farm on Saturday, April 19, 2008. He added that there is a possibility the Governor will be in attendance and he extended the invitation to the event to the Policy Committee Members and meeting attendees.

Commissioner Carter asked for any other business. Mr. Rieman mentioned that the Solid Waste Plan must be updated every five years. He said the final approval of the plan is May 2011 and he said the plan should be started in August 2008. He also stated that there is not a big hurry because there is going to be a change to the plan format because the old format dates back to 1996.

Commissioner Carter asked for any other business. Judy Hagen, City of Perrysburg mentioned that the containers for cardboard collection are already filled and awaiting pick up from C.E.S. She also said that they had to cancel the ODOT Keep Ohio Beautiful Cleanup because of bad weather. It was rescheduled for April 19th and there will be a kickoff at Erie Street Market in Toledo at 9:00 a.m. and the cleanup will start in Perrysburg at 10:00 a.m. They will be cleaning up the interstate interchange at 20 and 75. If there are enough volunteers they will also cleanup the interchange at 25 and 475 next to Levis Commons. She also said she is working with Amanda Gamby on a rain garden workshop at the 577 Foundation. Ms. Hagen reported that there will be a Recycle Roundup on May 3rd and they are partnering with Goodwill, who will be taking all the computers. They will also be collecting compact fluorescent bulbs. They are working with the Sheriff's Office and Heritage Environmental to do a prescription and over the counter drug safe disposal. The Recycle Roundup is open to residents from Middletown Township, Perrysburg Township, City of Rossford, and the City of Perrysburg.

Ms. Hagen invited everyone to attend an Earth Day event on April 18th at the YMCA in Perrysburg from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On April 25th the Commissioners have been invited to attend Arbor Day, which will be at River Crest Park. Ms. Hagen also mentioned that they are going to be doing an athletic shoe recycling with Nike Grind. The schools will be collecting shoes the week of April 21st and they are hoping to get at least seven gaylords of shoes so they will have enough to fill a semi truck. The shoes are then sent over to OSS Joint Solid Waste District where they will be picked up by Nike Grind and taken to Oregon to be recycled into a soft playground safety surface.

Commissioner Carter asked for other business. Ronda Downard from Juvenile Court stated that the summer crew is slated to start mid June.

The next Policy Committee Meeting was scheduled for July 15, 2008 at 8:30 A.M. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room. With no further business to discuss, Pat Bacon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jack Ritchie seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

A. Education, Awareness & Other Projects

1. The 2007 Year End Report has been distributed. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to see any other information included next year. We will offer the report electronically next year, along with the paper copy;
2. Several presentations were given to classrooms and other groups during the past few months. Tours will be picking up again as the weather warms;
3. April 24th: Partnering with Vic Gable and other Wood Lane Employees, along with North Branch Nursery to host a Clean Your Files Day. This event will focus on office recycling and promote Wood Lane's Document Destruction Business & Laser Cartridge Recycling Program. Three locations will be available in Bowling Green, tree saplings will be given to recyclers, and four (4) trees donated by North Branch Nursery will be raffled off. Please see brochure for more information;
4. April 26th: Partnering with the 577 Foundation, Perrysburg's Office of Litter Prevention & Recycling, the Wood County Engineer's Office, and the Rain Garden Initiative group to host a Rain Garden Workshop, which will include an educational presentation and a hands on workshop. Please see the attached brochure for more details;
5. Partnered with the OSU Extension office's 4H Program and have assisted with implementing a new Cloverbuddies Project, "Go Green with 4H." This new partnership has led to an increase in loan box use for the first time in years;

B. Advertising/Awards

1. Advertising has been focused on Earth Day Events, as well as landfill and recycling information;
2. Since the beginning of the year, the website has had over 1,000 visits. The Landfill page has been the top viewed page, with the recycling and education pages not far behind. Patti continues to work with the webmasters on a regular basis to keep the site up to date with current events and information.

C. Upcoming Events/Other Updates

1. Several Earth Day Events, presentations and tours are scheduled for this month and May, which have been keeping us out of the office and in the community. Please see the attached sheet for a schedule of events;
2. Erica Bruielly has been hired as the new Education Assistant. Erica comes to us with a great deal of experience. While completing a degree in Environmental Policy, she has worked with BGSU's recycling program for the past four years and completed an Internship with the Wake County Solid Waste Division in Raleigh, NC.

Rain Garden Workshop



Saturday April 26, 2008
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
The 577 Foundation
577 East Front Street
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

Fee \$15 which covers the cost of the Rain Garden resource book
Lunch provided
Planting rain date is Sunday May 4, 2008 at 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Are you interested in learning about rain gardens?

Thinking about installing one on your property but don't know where to start?

Katie Swartz, of American Rivers, will lead this workshop. This day long workshop will walk you through the steps including: planning, design, implementation and maintenance of a rain garden. Participants will have a morning of instruction and in the afternoon participants will install a demonstration rain garden on the grounds of The 577 Foundation. Come prepared to get dirty.

To register, call The 577 Foundation:
419-874-4174 (9:00 am-5:00 pm) or online @ www.577foundation.org
Registration limited to 25 participants

This workshop sponsored by:
577 Foundation • Keep Perrysburg Beautiful
Wood County Solid Waste District • Rain Garden Initiative

2008 Earth Day Events

April 9th: BGSU Health Fair
BGSU Student Union, Grand Ballroom
10:00-3:00

April 17th: Owens Eco Fair & Speaker
Owens CC, SHAC, Toledo
11:00-4:00

April 18th: Earth Day Celebration
Fort Meigs YMCA, Perrysburg
6:00-8:00

April 19th: Great American Clean Up
9:00-noon (Rescheduled from 3/29)
Volunteers Needed!

April 22nd: BGSU Eco Fair
BGSU Union Oval
10:00-4:00

April 22nd: Earth Day!
Visit our booth during April!
Woodland Mall, Bowling Green

April 24th: Clean Your Files Day
3 Locations, please look right for more details!
9:00-3:00

April 25th: Arbor Day Celebration
Rivercrest Shelter, Perrysburg
10:00-11:00

April 26th: Rain Garden Workshop
The 577 Foundation, please look left for details!
9:00-4:00

Clean Your Files Day!

Document Destruction
Office Paper & Ink/Laser Cartridge Recycling
April 24, 2008

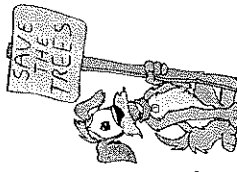
The Wood County Solid Waste District is partnering with Wood Lane Industries & North Branch Nursery to recycle as much office materials as we can!

- Confidential Document Shredding: \$0.10/lb.
- *This is a special reduced rate for this day only!
- Office paper that does not need shredded, can be dropped off at no charge!
- Ink/laser cartridges accepted at no charge!
- Free Tree Sapling for the drop off of any recyclable!
- A chance to win one of four 8'-10' trees, donated by North Branch Nursery!
- Three convenient locations in Bowling Green:

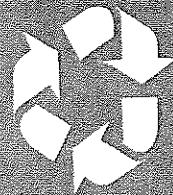
Wood Lane Industries
Entrance E
11180 Gypsy Lane

Laser Cartridge Express
1088 Fairview

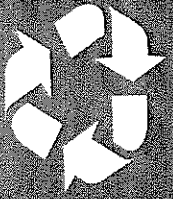
Bowling Green Recycling Center
1040 N. College



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For more information on 2008 events, to schedule a tour or presentation, & other tips for making Earth Day every day, please call or visit us on the web!

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