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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 12, 2010

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Wood County Solid Waste District Policy Committee was held on the 12th day of January 2010, in the Wood County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 5th Floor, 1 Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Commissioner Jim Carter called the meeting to order at 8:28 A.M. The following attended...

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Carter, Pres., WC Commissioners
Patricia Bacon, City of Northwood
Skip Baltz, North Baltimore Recycling
Jim Rossow, Plain Twp. Trustees
Jack Ritchie, Phoenix Technologies
Patricia Bacon, City of Northwood

THOSE ABSENT:

John Quinn, Mayor, City of Bowling Green

ALSO PRESENT:

Ken Rieman, WC Solid Waste District
Lauren Schall, WC Solid Waste District
Amanda Gamby, WC Solid Waste District
Patti Bowsher, WC Solid Waste District
Mick Torok, N.A.T. Transportation
Judy Hagen, City of Perrysburg
Dan Raezer, Waste Management
Steve Lonneman, Waste Management
Dave Spengler, Bowling Green Recycling Center
Vic Gable, C.E.S.

Commissioner Carter began the meeting by introducing new Committee Member, Jim Rossow of Plain Township. Mr. Rossow is replacing Donald Bechstein as the Township Representative. Commissioner Carter then moved to the reappointment of Policy Committee Membership two-year term renewal for Skip Baltz, Pat Bacon, and Jack Ritchie. All have been contacted and expressed desire to continue serving on the District's Committee. The only members that can make the decision for reappointment are the remaining four original members. Brad Espen made a motion to accept their reappointment and Jim Rossow seconded the motion. All designated members present voted yes, motion passed.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item I, Approval of the October 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes. With no corrections, Pat Bacon made a motion to accept the minutes and Skip Baltz seconded that motion. Members present voted yes, motion carried and minutes approved.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item II. Amanda Gamby reported on Technical Assistance and Education & Awareness for the Solid Waste District Office. A detailed outline of education awareness activities and upcoming events is attached (see page 6).

Commissioner Carter moved to Item III, Health Department Report. With the absence of Kristin Tillison, Brad Espen mentioned that she has been busy with inspections.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item IV, Landfill Reports. Ken Rieman reported on activities at the Wood County Landfill. He said they finished about three acres of the cell that was done earlier this year. It was properly covered and there should not be as much leachate as last year. He said the Landfill had a really good end-of-the-year construction season. Mr. Rieman also reported on the force main project. He said they are still waiting for a permit from the Ohio EPA to start the construction. Mr. Rieman said he spoke with the EPA yesterday and they should have the permit this week or maybe next week. Mr. Rieman said they have a pre-construction meeting tomorrow and the construction company is anxious to start because they have a lot of other work behind it that they want to get going.

Mr. Rieman also reported on the Landfill gas project. He said they are working on a lease between the City and the County, which is similar to the wind turbine lease. Once the lease is done, it is up to AMP Ohio to move ahead on that project. Lastly, Mr. Rieman reported that they have a large pile of brush to grind into mulch and that will be done within the next two weeks to a month.

Dan Raezer then reported on activities at the Evergreen Landfill. He reported that they continue to operate in 11B west and they plan to operate in that area throughout the year. He said they compared their tonnage from 2008 to 2009 and Evergreen was within a couple thousand tons. One reason for the amount of tonnage was a large project from Southwyck Mall that came in. Also, in the beginning part of 2009 they were establishing a fluff layer and diverting waste from some of their other facilities, as well as third party haulers to increase waste volume to get the cell floor covered up. They are also using material that was coming off the recycling line that wasn't proper for recycling as part of their solidification operation. Mr. Raezer said that all those things have ceased and they expect the numbers to decline. Looking over the past three years they have seen a 17% decline. Mr. Rieman said they have seen a similar percentage in decline at the Wood County Landfill. Mr. Raezer said they continue to expect a drop and they are starting off 2010 extremely slow. They are off about 52% compared to where they were last year and off about 30% from the first quarter. Mr. Raezer also said that Evergreen finished an upgrade to their leachate collection system, which included the installation of some new pumps. A new system was installed that will automatically turn pumps on and off, giving volume amounts, which will help from compliance or spill perspective as well.

Mr. Raezer also discussed the contract and Evergreen is waiting for the Solid Waste District to finish up their plan before meeting with them. Mr. Rieman mentioned that he has talked to the Commissioners and Eastman & Smith and they were going to get in touch with the Prosecutor since he is the legal advisor for all the County entities. They want to make sure the Prosecutor is comfortable with having outside council. Mr. Rieman said there are some issues in the old contract that they all agree need to be clarified. The big issue is the 250-mile limit. Dan Raezer added that a lot of waste outside 250 miles (from the East coast) is getting sent to other new facilities in eastern Ohio.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item V, Programs. Ken Rieman mentioned an article about the Luckey curbside compost collection was published in *BioCycle* magazine (the article was distributed to the Committee Members and attendees). Mick Torok then reported on the Luckey Curbside Compost Collection Program and said it was great they were given recognition in a national magazine. The program was started in October and he is reporting for October, November, and December 2009. Previously there was a diversion of about 5% from the total tonnage out of Luckey for recycling in the standard matter. He said now that they are doing the composting, there is about 16% diversion, which amounts to about 35,000 pounds for the first quarter (last quarter of last year). Mr. Torok said the project is successful and are reasonably certain that they can get around 140,000 pounds per year. He said it is just a matter of time before they get more participants. They have roughly one third of the households in Luckey participating in the program. He also noted that neither Luckey nor N.A.T. Transportation has used public funds for the project.

Mr. Torok also reported on the Anaerobic Digester Project. He said they have made some site improvements. The building site was leveled and set up in a manner to support a building and digester.

Currently they have a firm called Red Stone from Dublin, Ohio, who is their consultant for EPA permits. They are waiting to hear from the firm about how they will be handling permitting with the EPA.

With the absence of Vic Gable, Ken Rieman reported on the C.E.S. Program. He said that their volumes for the last year are very similar to 2008. They collect about 800,000 pounds per year, which is very significant. He also mentioned that the sort line at the Recycling Center is mostly staffed with employees from C.E.S. He said it has evolved over the past six to eight months and has turned out to be a very good partnership. He wants to give credit to the C.E.S. crew and to Vic Gable for making it a success.

Dave Spengler reported on the Bowling Green Recycling Center. He said the volume was about 6.9 million pounds for 2009 and is up about 100,000 pounds. The curbside volume increased by about 50%. Part of that is because of the cardboard that the Center is accepting curbside. When they are done sorting the material that comes in curbside, the residual trash volume that they have to dispose of is about 7%. That compares to about 1.3% of the overall trash that comes to the Recycling Center otherwise. Mr. Spengler also reported that the drop-off volume has also increased. However, the glass volume is down, partly because it is not accepted curbside and material is no longer accepted from Buckeye in Gibsonburg. One of the other issues Mr. Spengler discussed is that the Recycling Center submitted a bid that was accepted to collect and run the trailers that are out at the satellite sites throughout the County on the weekends. Due to some of the changes in rules by the County, the Recycling Center had to submit a bid for the first time and was accepted. The total cost of the bid was \$54,000.00 for the year, which takes care of delivering the trailers, picking up the trailers, and processing all the materials.

With the arrival of Vic Gable, Commissioner Carter asked if he had anything to add to Mr. Rieman's comments about the C.E.S. Program and the great job they do working at the Recycling Center. Mr. Gable added that it has been a good partnership there and they appreciate the opportunity.

Next, Skip Baltz reported on recycling activities at the North Baltimore location. He said they received much needed improvements at the facility. The floor was past due for replacement and Village employees were able to come in and work on improvements quite a bit. He also said the Masonic Temple Company, who oversees the operation of the recycling facility, supplied some white paint and the Village employees applied the paint and really brightened it up. Mr. Baltz said it was great to see the people notice all the changes the first Saturday they reopened. He also said there is more room in the building since rearranging things. He said they really appreciate they were able to get the facility updated.

Judy Hagen reported on recycling in Perrysburg. She said the biggest and most exciting news is that they are moving this weekend to their new public service complex. The new address is 11980 Roachton Road in Perrysburg. They will be having an open house and everyone will be invited to see the new facility. They are currently working on the year-end report. Ms. Hagen said she is also working with Amanda Gamby on the next Recycling Round Up, which is scheduled for May 1st. This year they will be working with Environmental Recycling from Bowling Green and Best Buy will also be there taking computers. They have received affirmation that they can collect medications from the DEA with Sheriff Wasylyshyn's support. Ms. Hagen also reported that she is working with Ms. Gamby and Nikki Kale from the Wood County Solid and Water District on Rain Garden Workshops in March. This will be funded through a grant that the City of Perrysburg received. Ms. Hagen also gave kudos to Vic Gable and his crews for cardboard recycling. She said they are keeping him very busy and have increased their number of participants to 263 in 2009. Ms. Hagen added about 70% of households in Perrysburg have curbside recycling, which is an increase of about 2% from last year. She also mentioned that they were awarded the Preserve America Community Status late in 2009.

Joe Hirzle reported on the Hirzel Farms Class II Compost Site. He said that they have increased their input tonnage to 75 tons per day. Their licensing fee is now \$1,800.00 per year. He also said the Health Department has been very cooperative with helping them get through some issues. Mr. Hirzel also said that it

is very costly to compost this diversion from the landfills. They have not taken any public money at this point for the project. He also said they are now shredding their cardboard and incorporating it into their compost.

The report on EnviroTire was passed over for now with the absence of Bill Frankart.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item VI, Solid Waste Draft Plan: EPA Review Comments. Before Mr. Rieman reported on that, he wanted to bring attention to some other handouts that were distributed to the members and attendees. He included an article about disposal bans from *Waste Age* magazine called "Field of Screams." It seems if you ban these materials they will go away, but the reality is that they have to go somewhere. Electronics has been one of those items collected where some places are doing it right but other places are doing it wrong. There are even places that ship it overseas, which creates all kinds of environmental problems. Before banning materials, there must be an available market where the materials can be recycled safely. There is a lot of push from the Ohio EPA for electronics collection but there are some real questions about where some of the collected material went at times.

Mr. Rieman discussed another article from *Waste Age* magazine called "Profiles in Garbage: Steel Cans." The article states how steel cans have one third less metal than 20 years ago. As Mr. Spengler stated earlier, the Bowling Green Recycling Center had a 1% volume increase. A 1% increase in down times is pretty good considering there are some commercial recycling facilities whose volume decreased 30-40%. Mr. Rieman said that most of the materials recycled are being light weighted. Jack Ritchie agreed and said plastic bottles weight about 1/3 of what they did when he started. When you look at a recycling facility like Bowling Green, who has been recycling about seven millions pounds per year for the past five to seven years, one would say they are flat but they are actually handling more containers to get that same volume of material. The good news with lighter products is that fewer resources are being used.

Mr. Rieman also mentioned an advertisement that he included in the handouts with a picture of solar panels. He has an idea to put solar panels on the side of the landfill as you cap it, which would provide cover and no leachate. Because landfills today are built today with steeper slopes, it is difficult to turn them into golf courses like they did in the past. One of the things in the future may be to put solar panels on the side of the landfill, especially if it is facing to the South. It is something that has been done in Texas and believes we are going to see it developed more in the future.

Next, Mr. Rieman reported on the draft Solid Waste Plan, which was due in November 2009. The non-binding advisory opinion was returned by the Ohio EPA on December 21, 2009 and was 22 pages long. The District tried to spend less money putting the draft plan together, which showed up in some of the comments from the EPA. Those opinions will be used as a blueprint as the District finishes the plan. The EPA stated in the opinion that they believe the Solid Waste District should increase their fees to bring in more money. Mr. Rieman stated though that the Landfill is so close to the state line that if the rates are too high it will drive away business. Mr. Rieman also said the amount of money that they have budgeted in the plan is half of what they have budgeted in the past because the money is not there.

Mr. Rieman said they will need to meet with the EPA but he does not see major changes from what they have done in the past. One of the criticisms was the budget and how the District spends their money. Mr. Rieman explained the budget was done purposely so it was flexible but typically the EPA does not like that and wants you to commit to everything. The EPA also requests the Solid Waste District submit a budget for fifteen years into the future, which can be difficult.

The Solid Waste District will be running these issues by the EPA because you do not want to submit the plan to the EPA and they turn it down. There are many implications if that happens. The EPA can impose a solid waste plan on a district, impose fees, and even take away the decision making process from the Policy Committee and the Commissioners. Even though the final plan is not due until February 4, 2011, the Solid

Waste District must have it completed in about six months because there is a whole process to go through. The plan has to be approved by the Policy Committee, the Commissioners, and then it has to go out to the local government entities with 60% of the entities approving the plan. Mr. Rieman said the EPA then has until May 5, 2011 to approve the plan.

With the arrival of Bill Frankart, Commissioner Carter returned to Item V for the report on the EnviroTire Grant. He said they received a grant last year for a tire shredder. They obtained a tire cycle cutter for semis and a tire chopper that does not require as much electricity. Mr. Frankart explained how they cut out the side walls of semi tires and use them for weights in the bottom of orange construction barrels. He would like to thank the Solid Waste District for assisting with the grant and hopefully by next year he can invite everyone to tour the facility. Mr. Rieman added that Mr. Frankart is expanding his building as his match part of the grant. One of the positives of Mr. Frankart collecting tires is there are no more tire piles like the one from West Millgrove. It is great to have a business around like EnviroTire, especially since tires are banned from the Landfill.

With no other business to discuss, the next Policy Committee Meeting was scheduled for March 9, 2010 at 830 A.M. in the Commissioners' 5th Floor Hearing Room. *****Due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting date has been changed to March 16, 2010.***

With no further business to discuss, Brad Espen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Pat Bacon seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, meeting adjourned around 9:13 a.m.

**WCSWD Policy Committee Meeting – Technical Assistance, Education, & Awareness Report
January 12, 2010**

A. Events

November: Saturday, November 21, 2009 – 10:00 a.m., Bowling Green Holiday Parade:

The Solid Waste District partnered with the Bowling Green Recycling Center to design a float with the popular recycling wagon train! The float was designed to encourage the use of the Bowling Green Recycling Center's 24 Hour Drop Off and to remind parade attendees to recycle their holiday waste.

December: December 5 - December 19, Old Home Holiday Tour, Wood County Historical Museum:

This year's theme was "Holiday Melting Pot" at the Wood County Historical Museum's annual Old Home Holiday Tour. The Solid Waste District decorated the Laundry Room with a large tree and the Happy Recyclables. Decorations encouraged proper disposal of waste and recycling when possible. Information was available for attendees to take with them to provide local information on recycling opportunities.

B. Storm Water Management

Managing Wet Weather with Green Infrastructure Workshop, Nov.5th-6th: Amanda & Erica attended this two day workshop hosted by the Toledo-Lucas County Rain Garden Initiative with Jason Sisco, WC Engineer's Office & Judy Hagen, City of Perrysburg. Various speakers presented information on innovative storm water practices and tours were given to highlight some of the projects being implemented in Northwest Ohio. The intent is to encourage more of these practices in all counties.

Year End Report: The District's annual report will be available and distributed in February 2010. This report contains information on 2009 projects and awareness activities, as well as statistics on recycling and waste disposal in the county. This report will be utilized by Wood County and the City of Bowling Green to meet storm water reporting requirements.

C. Marketing & Community Outreach

1. **Treecycle:** The annual Treecycle Guide was updated and advertised in the Sentinel-Tribune. This guide is also available on the District's website. A copy is attached to this report;
2. **Teacher Resource Guide:** Erica has completed a new Educational Resources Brochure to distribute to local schools, day cares, and community groups. While we have remained very busy with tours and presentations, we would like to reach more individuals and educate new teachers on the opportunities our office can offer them at no charge.

D. Grants & Scholarships

Ohio Department of Natural Resources Litter Grant: The District applied for the 2009 Litter Grant made available through ODNR. If selected, the money from this grant will be used to kick off a county wide anti-litter campaign targeting elementary schools. A billboard contest will host anti-litter messages designed by local students.

OALPRP Della Ewalt Scholarship: Amanda & Erica applied for and received scholarships totaling \$500 from the Ohio Association of Litter Prevention and Recycling Professionals. This money is to be used for training and will be used to attend a teacher's workshop in the summer.

E. Upcoming Events:

Green Inside & Out Exhibit

January 15 thru March 1, 2010

The Nature Center at W.W. Knight Preserve, Perrysburg, OH

For the first time, the Wood County Solid Waste District has been asked to partner with the Wood County Park District and Green by Design to host an exhibit! Discover the fun side of being GREEN! Create electricity by riding a bike or with your own breath! Tour our green acre to learn how to make your home and yard earth friendly, take a walk outside, and much more. This hands-on exhibit is FREE to the public. For more information and a complete listing of programs visit www.wcparks.org. Brochure included.