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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 6, 2007

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Wood County Solid Waste District Policy Committee was held on the 6th day of March 2007, in the Wood County Commissioners' Session Room, 5th Floor, One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Commissioner Carter called the meeting to order at 8:26 A.M. Roll Call was taken. The following attended...

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Carter, Pres., WC Commissioners
John Quinn, Mayor, City of Bowling Green
Donald Bechstein, Plain Twp. Trustees
Patricia Bacon, City of Northwood
Brad Espen, WC Health Department

ALSO PRESENT:

Dan Raezer, Evergreen RDF
Lauren Schall, WC Solid Waste District
Amanda Bradford, WC Solid Waste District
Ken Rieman, WC Solid Waste District
Patti Bowsher, WC Solid Waste District
Sergeant Rod Konrad, WC Sheriff's Office
Paulie Shaffer, WC Solid Waste District

THOSE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Skip Baltz, North Baltimore Recycling
Jack Ritchie, Phoenix Technologies

Commissioner Carter began the meeting by asking for review of the minutes from the September 19, 2006 meeting. With no corrections, Mayor Quinn made a motion to accept the minutes and Pat Bacon seconded that motion and members present voted yes. Motion carried and minutes approved.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item II, Education & Awareness Report. Paulie Shaffer reported that they have been working with Community Employment Services (C.E.S.) to establish a recycling program at Bowling Green Junior High and the Owens Community College Toledo Campus. Ms. Shaffer shared a newspaper article about the C.E.S. program. She noted that in the Year End Report, there was a 25% increase in the amount of customers serviced by the C.E.S. Recycling Program. C.E.S. now services 30 Wood County Schools, 35 government entities, and 41 business communities with recycling collection. They are also starting a couple of new programs to raise money. Mr. Rieman added that everybody benefits from the program and it is a good partnership. Another article Ms. Shaffer shared was from the Farmland News Progress Edition that displayed advertisements on the Bowling Green Recycling Center and Wood County Landfill. Ms. Shaffer also mentioned that Earth Camp is scheduled for July 10th at the Wood County Historical Museum (a detailed education outline is attached).

Commissioner Carter moved to Item III, Health Department Report. With the absence of Jim Konopinski, no report was given, however, Brad Espen mentioned that the Health Department had their annual survey with the Ohio EPA and everything worked out well.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item IV, Landfill Reports. Ken Rieman introduced Dan Raezer, the new site manager at Evergreen Landfill. Mr. Raezer addressed the situations with the Delta Fuels and S-K Handtools findings. The S-K Handtool incident was a liquid waste that came in for solidification. It was a waste stream that Evergreen has received before and it actually comes from a generator who generates acidic waste water and then treats it to neutralize it. Mr. Raezer said that this time it was over treated and it was on the high end of the pH scale. It came in and was solidified and after going through paperwork, the problem was discovered on a non-hazardous manifest. Someone had written the sludge had a pH of 12.8 (anything over 12.5 is considered hazardous). The incident was reported to the Ohio EPA.

Mr. Raezer explained the Delta Fuels incident was a soil spill in Toledo, Ohio. Part of that soil was brought to the Evergreen Landfill for bioremediation. After accepting some of the waste, the Ohio EPA declared part of the waste as hazardous. Prior to accepting it, the facility had done analytical sampling of 57 samples. It was statistically analyzed and determined to be non-hazardous and was acceptable to the U.S. EPA, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard. However, the Ohio EPA did not come to the same conclusion, which is why the violations were issued. The Ohio EPA felt that the material was hazardous when spilled and would not accept it as tested. Mr. Raezer said that in December Evergreen settled with the Ohio EPA for the violations and Evergreen has since retrained their personnel. They have also submitted a waste management plan to the Ohio EPA on how they are going to address handling the soils that are on site. They included in the plan that it would be bioremediated and it appears it is still going in that direction. The surface water detention that is in that area has been analyzed three times since those fuels have been placed there and all those results have come back as non-detect. They will proceed as directed through EPA's findings and orders. The long term concern is if Ohio EPA will allow them to continue to treat soils and will accept standard test procedures.

Mr. Raezer also reported they recently received a vertical expansion permit. The permit will allow Evergreen to place waste at a lower level and move the clay cap for more volume but first it must be agreed upon by other parties. Construction projects for the spring and summer include a wheel wash, cell construction of about 6 ½ acres, and expanding the gas system for collection of methane gas.

Mr. Rieman then reported on activities at the Wood County Landfill. He said that with the colder weather they have been able to move trash to the North side and then bring it up to grade. He mentioned that when the weather was negative ten degrees with 30 miles per hour winds, they did receive an odor complaint. Mr. Rieman said they have tried to contain the odor by using a spray for odor control; however, the spray will not work in negative ten degree weather. They should finish up moving trash within the next few weeks.

Mr. Rieman also reported on the gas project. He said initial samples show they have high gas content. When the weather is warmer they will test the variation of the amount of gas they get during cold weather verses warm weather. Mr. Rieman said the Landfill had to get an exemption from the Ohio EPA for venting the gas through the vents they had. They got the exemption but when the Ohio EPA did the review, they found out they did not have an air permit. Mr. Rieman explained there is a Non-Title V permit for fugitive dust, which is the dust that escapes when you are driving around the landfill. The EPA told the Landfill that they should have had this permit about 10-15 years ago. Mr. Rieman said he found a letter from the Solid Waste District asking the EPA if there was anything the Landfill needed to do. Mr. Rieman said no reply was found from the EPA regarding their letter and there are some back fees that the Landfill will have to pay. It was the first citation Mr. Rieman ever received from the EPA where fines are threatened in the first letter. Mr. Rieman stated this mistake should have been discovered by the Ohio EPA in 2003 when they reviewed everything for the permit for the Landfill's vertical expansion.

Mr. Rieman reported that rare seagulls have been spotted at the Landfill which has brought many people to the Landfill to view the birds. He also reported that there is a pot hole in one end of the brand new turn lane. It appears that the freeze/thaw has affected it but it is unsure sure how much has been affected. Mr. Rieman doesn't believe it has anything to do with the ground tire rubber because the rest of the turn lane is fine.

Mr. Rieman also mentioned that he has been part of an Ag Energy Group and he is part of the group because of his involvement with the generation of power from landfill gas. He has attended some meetings and the biggest issue is that if you are going to generate power, you are going to have a problem

with selling that power unless you have a cooperative utility. The units that work best use an anaerobic digestion process that gives off gas.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item V, Litter Collection & Enforcement. Sergeant Rod Konrad reported that January and February's weather has been bad for picking up roadside litter but they did manage to collect 940 pounds of trash and 25 tires. The time worked at the Bowling Green Recycling Center for January and February was 248 ½ hours. Recyclables hauled from the jail to the Recycling Center included 1,220 pounds of steel cans, 243 pounds of plastic and 3,900 pounds of cardboard.

Commissioner Carter moved to Item VI, Grants. Mr. Rieman reported that the Solid Waste District submitted grant applications to ODNR. One grant application is for the Bowling Green Recycling Center for a commingled sort line with the idea being that the City of Bowling Green would start automated collection. The request was for \$250,000.00 and it would have to be matched with \$250,000.00. Commingled collection is faster curbside; however, it is harder at the facility where the materials have to be sorted. Another grant submitted was for the containers for the commingled collection for the City of Bowling Green through the Community Development Grant. Mr. Rieman explained that grant is a \$100,000.00 grant matched by 50%. The last grant application submitted was for Bill Frankart's tire operation, Enviro Tire. It is in the scrap tire grant category. Bill Frankart is looking to purchase a shredder for shredding tires. That grant is a dollar for dollar match that would go toward a private business. Those three applications will have to wait until July to see what will be awarded.

Mr. Rieman also reported that the Solid Waste District grant applications will be sent out soon. They continue to receive reports from the local governments on the per capita grants. The reports must show recycling totals and how much yard waste was received in the previous year. If reports are not submitted then those communities do not qualify for grant funding. The reports are useful for completing the Solid Waste District Annual Report, which is due in a couple of months.

Commissioner Carter asked if there were any questions. Mayor Quinn asked Mr. Rieman what the future holds for recycling glass at the Recycling Center. Mr. Rieman replied that the Recycling Center will continue to accept glass because they have glass pulverizer and the crushed glass is taken out to the Wood County Landfill where it is mixed in with the asphalt and stone for road base. Glass may no longer be accepted curbside with commingled collection due to safety issues with the glass breaking during collection and sorting. It also tears the bearings out of the equipment. Mr. Rieman said that residents can collect glass at home and then take it to the Recycling Center drop off. The Recycling Center has managed to keep the glass costs to a minimum.

Commissioner Carter asked for any other business. Mr. Rieman said that over the past few years, the legislation put in a provision that all agencies review their rules every five years. The philosophy was that there would be less rules but it turned out to be exactly the opposite. Every time the agency reviews their rules, they start to change them on everyone so it is almost to the point where it is nearly impossible to comply. The Wood County Landfill is struggling with chloride in a well (20 parts per million). It meets secondary drinking water standards, which makes it safe water; however, they have been forced into an assessment to see if the Landfill is leaking. Mr. Rieman stated that chloride is naturally occurring and in his research discovered that baby formula requires 250 milligrams per liter because you need the electrolytes to work in your body. They have appealed the finding to the Environmental Review Board, which could be a long process.

Commissioner Carter asked for any other business. The next Policy Committee Meeting is **July 17, 2007 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 Brad Espen seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

WCSWMD Policy Committee Meeting
EDUCATION REPORT
December 12, 2006

A. Education, Awareness & Other Projects

1. 2006 Environmental Awareness Program Summaries were completed and delivered/mailed in February;
2. BG Woodland Mall Kid's Day – January 27. Our display featured options for the disposal of household hazardous waste materials. Approx. 100 youth made toothpaste with crushed Roloids & flavoring (vs. regular toothpaste that is made with chemicals);
3. Working with CES to establish recycling at Bowling Green Junior High School and Owens Community College, Toledo Campus;
4. Amanda Bradford attended First Aid/CPR/AED Training in February;
5. Currently working on the update of the Household Recycling Guide, with a target date for completion in April;
6. We are working on displays for upcoming events.

B. Advertising

1. *Toledo Blade* newspaper article dated March 4, 2007 – re: CES recycling program with McComb Middle School in Hoytville;
2. Running ads in local newspapers to promote recycling and proper waste management for the upcoming holidays;
3. The District was featured in the *Farmland News* Issue “Focus on Business” on February 20, 2007. The front cover featured a landfill site photograph;
4. Due to the success of last year's campaign, we will use the theme “Every Day Solutions to Your Disposal Needs” for the 2007 Awareness program.

C. Upcoming Events

1. BGSU Biology 101 tours (16 tours for approx. 400 students)–week of April 2-6;
2. BGSU Health Fair on April 11;
3. BGSU Eco/Earth Day Event on April 18;
4. Perrysburg/Perrysburg Township Recycling Round Up on April 21. Our office will be assisting Judy Hagen & Bob Warnimont;
5. Perrysburg Earth Day at the Ft. Meigs YMCA on April 22;
6. Owens Community College, Toledo Campus, Energy/Earth Day Fair on April 26;
7. OSU Extension Master Gardener Seminar on Composting on May 3;
8. Plus – classroom presentations, tours, safety towns will be scheduled in the next few weeks;
9. Earth Day/Month Awareness will be through the month of April. Auto litterbags will be available for distribution at the Woodland Mall and at the BGRC 24 Hour Drop Off. A table display will be located at the Center Court at the Woodland Mall, with information on Wood County Recycling, the Wood County Landfill, Earth Day & composting;
10. Earth Camp on July 10; Judy Hagen will be assisting us.