



Solid Waste Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes, Friday April 17, 2015

Members Present: Don West, Jim Marcinko, Bruce Holstein, Ellen Cutsail, Bob Ernst, Charles Hughes

Staff present: Scott Moser, Dusty Hilbert and Sheree Lima

Our meeting began at 4 PM in Room 003 (Reagan Room). Minutes from the prior meeting on April 2, 2015 were approved and accepted.

Don West advised that we were scheduled to present to the Board of Commissioners on April 28, 2015 at the morning session. Dusty suggested that we arrive shortly after 10 am in case the other business moved quicker than expected. He also advised that reappointment papers were being processed for Karen Leatherwood and Bruce Holstein.

Don West led the group through 16 items suggested by various Council members to develop a list responsive to the request made by the Commissioners i.e. a couple of goals and a starting point for solid waste management in the County. He said that if an item were voted down that did not mean it was a bad idea. It meant that the idea was not best suited for the upcoming presentation and could be brought up again at subsequent meetings.

I attached a list showing the 16 suggestions so you can see the details. The minutes reflect the actions taken with each by the number assigned on the attached list.

- 1) Board send a letter to Governor Hogan to amend O'Malley's executive order which prohibited MDE from issuing permits for new landfills. Jim Marcinko said other counties were working on this issue but that it was the single most important item the Commissioners could address. Bob Ernest said it was important to notify the Governor. This item was vote to be included in the presentation to the Commissioners.
- 2) Board of Commissioners approve a Zero Waste presentation about bags. Voted down.
- 3) Staff look at sending C&D materials to a recycling facility. Tabled.
- 4) Staff present 3 privatization proposals to the Commissioners. Proposals have been cancelled. Letters will be sent out in the near future.
- 5) Establish a full time position for solid waste strategic planning. Items 6 and 16 also dealing with additional staff were included with discussion about this suggestion. Dusty said he and Maria Myers were ready to work now that the proposals have been cancelled. Discussion about need for another person was tabled.
- 6) Hire or transfer a person to work for Maria. Tabled.

- 7) Get Composting facility to take on more products and have a product to sell. Item 14 about separating organics was also included in the discussion. Bob Ernest said Harford County made 45,000 tons of compost and mulch using about 11 acres. Their cost was about \$28 per ton and the sales price was \$10 per cubic yard. He said there was no charge on compostable products brought in and no SBC either. Harford uses about \$2 million to \$3 million from their general fund to support solid waste disposal. He said they gradually raised the tip fee and tied the increases to Annual Cost of Living increases. Dusty said the County does not keep records about compostable materials but he estimated that Carroll County has 14,000 tons of materials that could be composted. He said the county received one response to an RFI. This item was voted to be included in the presentation to the Commissioners.
- 8) Find additional markets for recycling products. Item 15 about sending some of Carroll County's items to Baltimore County MRF was included in the discussion. Both were tabled pending outcome of 2 RFP's.
- 9) Recycling bins was voted down at this time. Charles Hughes opined that it would be a waste of money for the County to purchase recycle bins. Bruce Holstein informed that Commissioner Rothschild would not support the County purchasing recycle bins.
- 10) Resource Recovery Park (composting, C&D, MRF) This item was voted to be included in the presentation to the Commissioners.
- 11) PAYT (incentivize for a municipality) This item will be discussed at the presentation as a subset of item 12.
- 12) Make diversion our #1 goal (+Recycle More – Landfill Less-) This item was voted to be the major goal presented to the Commissioners.
- 13) Trial PAYT with a municipality. This item was combined with Item 11 and will be discussed as a subset of item 12.
- 14) Separating organics was combined with item 7.
- 15) Contact Baltimore County to see if we could use their MRF was included with item 8.
- 16) Hire a temporary staff person was included with items 5 & 6.

Discussion ensued about the volume of trash with IESI having approximately 18,000 tons of MSW and the County 80,000 tons AND the fee structure. It was decided that Dusty would discuss the fee structure at the presentation to the Commissioners.

The final outline for April 28th presentation was item 12 (Make diversion #1 goal) as the lead goal with items 11 and 13 (both PAYT initiatives) supporting the goal; then item 1 (letter to the Governor); items 7 & 14 (Composting); and last item 10 (Resource Recovery Park). Following that part of the presentation, Dusty will talk about the fee structure.

Date for summer meeting was changed from July 2nd to July 14th due to July 4th holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Holstein