

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes April 3, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Allegany County Office Complex, Potomac Meeting Room, 701 Kelly Rd, Cumberland, MD

- Members Present:** Woody Getz, Agnes Yount, Wally High, Raquel Ketterman, Steven Guinn, Steve Young, Danny Bloskey, David DeWitt, Misty Joy, Rich Collins, Robert Boyce, and Siera Wigfield
- Members Absent:** Brian Dicken, Stu Czapski, John Wardzinski, Jon Ickes and Dick Soderman
- Guests Present:** Alex Kirchhof (Conservation Corps, City of Cumberland)
- Next meeting:** May 1, 2019 at 3:00 pm in Potomac Room, 701 Kelly Road Cumberland, MD 21502

Meeting

- Steven Guinn welcomed everyone to the meeting. No introductions were made.
- A motion was made by David DeWitt to approve the March 6, 2019 minutes, the motion was seconded by Raquel Ketterman and was unanimously approved.
- Steven Guinn called for any addition or corrections to the April 3, 2019 agenda.
 - Siera Wigfield asked to add Delfest to item New Business, Plastic Film Recycling Challenge to Education Report, and Shred Event to Recycling/Compost Report
 - Woody Getz asked to add Upstream Food Waste Reduction

Old Business

Curbside Recycling Update

- Raquel Ketterman announced Burgmeier's will be doing a direct mailing new recycling schedules to Cumberland Residents for the July 1 contract. There will be a change in the recycling schedule, first trash pick-up day will be comingled items and second trash pick-up day will be mixed paper.
- Raquel Ketterman also noted that many respondents in the survey asked for a paper bin, the City's contract did not include the addition but there is an affordable option. Siera suggested to Raquel a. True Value on Mechanic Street sells blue 7-gallon Rubbermaid Brand recycling bins works, but the store will sell them to the public for \$5.99 if they bring in a print off of the online price <https://www.truevalue.com/recycling-wastebasket-blue-28-1-8-qts>).

2019 Priorities

- 1: HHW Event
 - Siera Wigfield updated the Board of the award of the \$5,000 Community Engagement Grant from Chesapeake Bay Trust. Siera is still waiting for pledges of funding from HHW request letters.

Sponsor/ Grant	Pledge Amount
City of Frostburg	\$ 1,000
Clean up & Green Grant	\$ 2,900
Chesapeake Bay Trust	\$ 5,000
Allegany County	\$ 15,000
	\$ 23,900

- 2: Frostburg Yard Waste Site- The County Surveyor will mark the site, and a site visit will be made soon.

NERC Grant Update

- Siera Wigfield shared the poster (attached), event will take place Saturday, April 27, 2019 starting at 9am until 1pm. 39 Bins will be for sale, cash or check only, first come first serve, only one bin per customer. During the sale Athena Lee Bradley will be providing free backyard composting training. The training portion will be informal and walk-ins are welcome.

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield added she is promoting ShareWaste.com a free service to connect people who accept food scraps for composting or feeding animals with folks who want to divert their food waste from the landfill.

Tours and Guest Speakers

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield announced there will be tour of the PG County Composting Facility on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. The group will be leaving at 8:00 am from the County building and hopefully arrive at 11:30 for the hour-and-a-half tour. So far five folks have requested to go, please contact Siera if you would like to join us.

Hauling Contract

- ♻️ The County Commissioners awarded the Local Recycling Hauling and Recycling Bin Hauling to Advanced Disposal. The County Commissioners awarded the Glass Recycling Hauling, Special Event Recycling Hauling, Solid Waste Hauling, clean up Hauling, and Sewage Sludge Hauling to Burgmeier's Hauling

Event Recycling Bin Grant

- ♻️ No updates this month.

Keep America Beautiful Affiliation

- ♻️ No updates this month.

MRA 2018

- ♻️ No updates this month.

Landfill Drop-off Area Improvements

- ♻️ Steven Guinn offered to mock up more welcoming, attractive, and "thank you for recycling" signage for the "kiosk" at the Frostburg Recycling Site.

New Business

Day of Civility

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield reported she and Raquel Ketterman will be setting up a table promoting source reduction, recycling, and compost bin sales for the Day of Civility Event at Allegany College of Maryland on Thursday April 11, from 4 pm to 5 pm.

WM Food Conference

- ♻️ Woody Getz reported the Food Council is holding the first Western Maryland Food Conference on Friday April 12 at Allegany College. Here is a link for registration for \$25: <https://www.wmdfoodcouncil.com/conference.html> . Siera Wigfield is a panelist discussing Upstream Food Waste Reduction. At the end of the conference there is an evening field trip to the Co-Op and Gunter's Toasted Goat.

MD Styrofoam Band

- ♻️ See attached legislative update, from the Maryland Recycling Network.

Solid Waste Management Plan Update

- ♻️ A letter was received from MDE to provide an update on the expected life of the landfill (expected to last until 2023), it was not addressed in the Progress Report. Siera will be providing MDE with updated pages of the Plan.

Solid Waste Worker Training

- ♻️ On April 4, 2019 the Solid Waste attendants will be receiving training on customer service, incident reporting, workers comp reporting, slip trip and fall awareness, and lifting ergonomics. Some of the training will be provided by the County's Worker's Comp provider, Allison Illig, Risk Manager and Siera Wigfield. Two sessions will be given, one for the Frostburg Site attendants and one for the Eastern Site attendants.

MRN Conference

- ♻️ Held on Tuesday, June 11 2018 at the BWI Conference center. Siera Wigfield will be attending. Would like someone else to go to attend concurrent sessions? County may cover registration.

Delfest

- ♻️ Advanced Disposal will be providing single-stream recycling for Delfest, to be taken to Carry All Products in PA, at Delfest's expense. Siera suggested volunteer attended trash and recycling stations for the patrons to sort to save on costs and to recycle locally.
- ♻️ Steven Guinn mentioned how much economic impact Delfest has for the County's businesses.

Committee Reports

Reduce/Reuse

- ♻️ No report this month.

Recycle/Compost

- ♻️ Chessie Shred Event Saturday, May 18 9am – noon. Flyer attached
- ♻️ Discussion about landfilling TV's and impacts of full loads of electronics.

Landfill

- ♻️ No report this month.

Task Force

- ♻️ A task force was held before the meeting. The County would like to have promotional items, that are durable, promote reuse/source reduction, preferably made in the USA, non-plastic, made from recycled products and or can be recycled. These items may be more expensive, but random drawings will be held vs the hand-outs. Here's some ideas
 - Handkerchiefs
 - Reusable bags
 - Pyrex/takeout container
 - Recyclable notebook
 - Reusable utensils
 - Spray bottles
 - Recycling bin
 - Use local imprint
 - Bookmark
 - Recycled tire jar opener

Education

- ♻️ The following are sponsors of the 2018-2019 Plastic Film Recycling Challenge ending on April 15.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:03 pm

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

Attachments:

*Compost bin Sale Flyer
Share Waste Flyer
KAB Update Email
Chessie Shred Event
Legislative update MRN
MRN Conference Materials
Press Release – Composting at Westernport Elementary*

Sponsor	Amount
Penn Mar	\$ 500
Standard Bank	\$ 150
LaVale Ladies Methodist Church	\$ 50
Potomac Valley Lions	\$ 200
American Insurance	\$ 250
Burgmeier's	\$ 250
Advanced Disposal	\$ 300
Mountainview Landfill	\$ 300
	\$ 1,700