

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



## Meeting Minutes March 6, 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, Jon Ickes, Danny Bloskey, David DeWitt, Misty Joy and Siera Wigfield

*Members Absent:* Brian Dicken, Robert Boyce, Stu Czapski, John Wardzinski, Rich Collins, and Dick Soderman

*Guests Present:* Alex Kirchhof (Conservation Corps, City of Cumberland) and Jessie Morgan FSU Facilities Administrative Assistant

*Next meeting:* April 3, 2019 at 3:00 pm in Potomac Room, 701 Kelly Road Cumberland, MD 21502

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### **Meeting**

- ♻️ Steven Guinn welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made for Jessie Morgan, Bob Boyce's Administrative Assistant.
- ♻️ A motion was made by Steve Young to approve the February 6, 2019 minutes, the motion was seconded by Raquel Ketterman and was unanimously approved.
- ♻️ Steven Guinn called for any addition or corrections to the March 6, 2019 agenda.
  - Woody Getz requested a correction on the date for the Day of Civility item, from Wednesday to Thursday, April 11.

### **Old Business**

#### **Curbside Recycling Update**

- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman reported the Mayor and City Council approved the twice a week trash and recycling proposal from Burgmeier's Hauling, the Mountainview Landfill was awarded the tipping fees. Raquel is working with Burgmeier's to define recycling and they will be providing direct mailings of the recycling schedule to customers. There is discussion of increase price to citizens for the increase in trash and recycling costs. Raquel will be joining Siera in three outreach opportunities in March and April, to promote the program, and same guidelines.

#### **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.
- ♻️ 2: Frostburg Yard Waste Site- No update this month.

#### **NERC Grant Update**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield reported she has 39 Compost bins for sale to the public for \$20 each, she is donating one bin to the Western Maryland Food Conference as a giveaway. She is still looking for a venue.
- ♻️ David DeWitt offered to look into St. Paul's Church on Broadway in Frostburg as a venue, for Saturday, April 27 2019.

#### **Tours and Guest Speakers**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield asked Stu Czapski if he could reach out to find out a local contact for Horizon Goodwill, for a local tour for the SWMB, no response.

#### **Hauling Contract**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield reported Burgmeier's and Advanced Disposal sent in proposals for Solid Waste and Recycling Hauling, the proposals are being analyzed and Siera expects to have the Commissioners' award the contracts at the March 14 meeting.

### **Event Recycling Bin Grant**

- ♻️ No updates this month.

### **Keep America Beautiful Affiliation**

- ♻️ A Keep America Beautify Affiliation Endorsement, for the KAB affiliate application from the County commissioners is on the Agenda of March 14, 2019.

### **MRA 2018**

- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman and Wally High notified Siera they did not get the forms for MRA, Siera sent them using a different format, she will look into this and resend the forms.

## **New Business**

### **Day of Civility**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield reported she 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**

- ♻️ The State of Maryland's House and Senate have approved of banning expanded polystyrene food containers, it is expected to be voted in by the Governor. The Board discussed the matter and agreed there are alternative and the material can not be recycled and often ends up in our waterways.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Reduce/Reuse**

- ♻️ No report this month.

### **Recycle/Compost**

- ♻️ Board confirmed it was OK for the County Recycling webpage to link to Mattress recycling guide.
- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman wanted to make the Board Members aware that the Recycling Partnership, in association with Resource Recycling, Inc, is taking applications for the fourth annual Steve Thompson Memorial Grant, giving free travel, accommodations and registration for the 2019 Resource Recycling Conference to the chosen winners. The 2019 Resource Recycling Conference will be held in New Orleans, LA from Aug. 26-28. The grant includes conference registration, a two-night hotel stay, and travel reimbursement up to \$500. Last year Raquel was able to go to the conference in St. Louis, MO through the scholarship. Apply Here: <https://recyclingpartnership.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e83197e33007df6b4ecffd54f&id=643dba3df0&e=50a151c54> .

### **Landfill**

- ♻️ No report this month.

### **Task Force**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield asked the Board about purchasing promotional material for the recycling program. She is conflicted with trying to balance, cost, promotion and not making trash. She asked the Board to brainstorm on this issue which will be discussed further at the 2:30 Task Force before the April meeting.

### **Education**

- ♻️ No report this month

Meeting Adjourned at 4:03 pm

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