

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



DRAFT Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Adam Patterson, Steve Young, John Kirby, Woody Getz, Lee Heavner, Juli McCoy, Frank Fox, Raquel Ketterman, Dusty Hilbert, Carolyn Mathews, Wally High, Kristen Harper

Members Absent: Amy Moyer, AJ Miller, Richard Soderman, Jinny Warn

Guests Present: Brynn Laird

Next Meeting: October 5, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and Meet in Person in Potomac Room 230, County Office Building at 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD

- No changes were needed to the Minutes from the August 2022 meeting, and the Minutes were approved. No additions were made to the Agenda for the September 2022 meeting.

Old Business

Eastern Refuse Site Improvement Update:

- Brynn Laird updated that site development is almost complete and then shed will be built soon. We are still on track to have the site opened before the end of the year.

Oldtown Refuse Site Development Update:

- No updates on Oldtown. Everything is running well now.

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update:

- Raquel Ketterman updated they are in the final year of the recycling contract with Burgmeier's.
- It was discussed that Burgmeier's is hauling recyclables to a facility in Altoona now with a new MRF opening around November 1.

Mountainview Landfill Update:

- Dusty Hilbert said that Mountainview is collecting groundwater data for their MDE application to be submitted later this fall.
- The slope regrade will allow the landfill to remain open "well into 2024." If they are able to move forward was expected with a full expansion, the landfill will gain "a few decades" of life.

- Noble's goal is to have the full expansion approved before the landfill as currently permitted reaches capacity so that we can coordinate a plan.

New Business

Cost Analysis Update

- John Kirby updated that solid waste/recycling is an essential service and with an upcoming election we do not anticipate being able to increase the cost of trash stickers or add other fees so we will table this discussion.
- Steve Young mentioned that he has looked into the amount that Garrett and Washington Counties subsidize their programs and \$130K is small in comparison.
- Woody Getz said that recycling benefits all County residents and solid waste disposal benefits only non-City residents, so we should keep that in mind in future discussions.
- The group discussed how there are regularly lines at the County disposal sites so people are utilizing the services we provide and we want to prevent trash in our community.

2022 Priorities:

- Update the Solid Waste and Refuse Disposal costs on a unit price basis.
 - This will be especially important once we have better data using the new hauling rates.
- Obtain information for when the Mountainview Landfill will be at capacity.
- Update and Promote the Reuse Directory.
 - This should be added to the 2023 priorities list.
- Open and Ensure M.V. Smith is Operating Most Efficiently.

Task Force:

- No Task Force

Other Discussion:

- Carolyn Mathews said that she is volunteering at Outdoor School and will be teaching a trash module to 7th graders.
- Adam Patterson updated that the new recycling truck we ordered several months ago is now in service and working well for Henry.
- Adam Patterson updated that Jinny Warn has transitioned to a part-time, remote employee as she attends school at Towson. This is a temporary situation to cover the Recycling Coordinator responsibilities and Adam is working with HR on a plan to backfill the position.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Brynn Laird and reviewed by Jinny Warn/John Kirby/Woody Getz