

Wood County Solid Waste Management District

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WOOD COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING** **September 16, 2014**

A meeting of the Wood County Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee was held on the 16th day of September 2014, in the Wood County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 5th Floor, One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Commissioner Jim Carter started the meeting at 8:27 A.M. The following attended:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Carter, Pres., WC Commissioner
Skip Baltz, North Baltimore Recycling
Brad Espen, WC Health District
Scott Warner, A-Gas RemTec
Bob Warnimont, Perrysburg Township
Richard Edwards, Mayor, City of B.G.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Rossow, Plain Twp. Trustees

ALSO PRESENT:

Joe Fawcett, WC Commissioners' Office/SWMD
Patti Bowsher, WC Solid Waste Management District
Lauren Schall, WC Commissioners' Office
Judy Hagen, City of Perrysburg
John Randolph, Evergreen RDF
Amanda Gamby, WC Solid Waste Management District
Mick Torok, N.A.T. Transportation, Inc.
Christy Pruett, C.E.S. & WCBDD
Lana Glore, WC Health District
Joshua Chamberland, BGSU Campus Sustainability
Dave Spengler, B.G. Recycling Center

Commissioner Carter began the meeting by asking for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2014 and May 6, 2014 meetings. With no corrections, Scott Warner made a motion to accept the minutes and Brad Espen seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Joe Fawcett gave the Solid Waste Management District Update. He reported that the staff would like to get more involved in the Annual District Report that is due to the Ohio EPA each year. It would save the District money by taking more ownership of the business list used, thereby increasing the response rate, and reducing the amount of outdated contacts.

Mr. Fawcett also reported that the Bowling Green Recycling Center has asked the District to move a storage container that the District has stored out there for many years. The container will be relocated to the secured storage area at the Landfill. The storage container holds blue recycling bins, Clear-Stream containers, the weights for the Clear-Streams and other miscellaneous items.

Mr. Fawcett also discussed a visit to Wood County from Channon Cohen, the EPA Planner for Northwest Ohio. Amanda Gamby and Mr. Fawcett took her to B.G.S.U. to show her some of the sustainability efforts the University has undertaken as far as the new dining halls being LEED certified.

Mr. Fawcett also discussed the Solid Waste Management District Plan update. Patti Bowsher also discussed the District's financials and charts were distributed to attendees and members. She mentioned that there is a decline in their revenue, however expenses have decreased as a result of the re-organization of the District last year.

Amanda Gamby reported on Education and Awareness activities and upcoming events. A detailed outline is attached (*see page 4*).

Joe Fawcett reported on activities at the Wood County Landfill. He said that the tonnage is up and they are currently working on capping a 6.1 acre area along the southern edge of the Landfill. They are also starting to place sand on top of the plastic liner.

Due to Steve Lonneman's absence, John Randolph reported on activities at the Evergreen Landfill. For the 2nd Quarter their tonnage is down 30% from last year. Mr. Randolph also stated that they have a tour coming up in October with a Girl Scout Troop.

Dave Spengler reported on the B.G. Recycling Center. He said he has one issue to bring before the Policy Committee regarding glass. Glass has always been a tough issue because there is little market value for it. It is the only material they recycle that they have to pay shipping to get it to market. For a few years the Solid Waste District has granted the Center \$25.00 per ton to help with those costs. He shared a letter that they received from the hauler, N.A.T. Transportation, Inc., that indicated the \$25.00 rate they have been charging the Center to haul the glass will increase to \$30.00 per ton on October 1st. The Center requests that the Solid Waste District increase their support to \$30.00 per ton to help with the costs of recycling the glass. Commissioner Carter asked for a discussion on this topic. Mr. Fawcett stated that the recommendation would have to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners since they are responsible for the budget. Skip Baltz made a motion to present the cost increase to the Commissioners and Mayor Edwards seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, motion passed.

Judy Hagen reported on recycling for the City of Perrysburg. She reported that they have added some new special item collections for City residents at the Roachton Road site. They are working with ReCellOne to collect batteries at no cost to them. They are also collecting CDs, DVD, cassette and VHS tapes with only a small charge for the VHS tapes. They are also working with C.E.S. with hardback book recycling. Perrysburg is also participating in Clean Your Streams events this Saturday. She also mentioned that all of their MSW is taken to the Wood County Landfill and curbside leaf collection will start October 15th.

Due to Vic Gable's absence, Christy Pruett reported on recycling activities for C.E.S. She reported that C.E.S. partnered with OI to recycle glass at the Marathon Women's Golf Tournament at Highland Meadows in July. They collected 11,285 pounds of glass. Ms. Pruett also announced that Wood County school districts restarted their school recycling programs within the last couple of weeks.

Due to Nick Hennessy's absence, Joshua Chamberland, reported on recycling at BGSU. He said they commenced their single stream recycling with Waste Management in mid-August and spent the entire summer preparing for the transition. They did a number of presentations for key administrative and student staff. They are in the stage of trouble shooting any issues that may come up and will continue to monitor that. Their goal is to increase their diversion rate but are being very careful to monitor contamination. He also reported on Green Game Day (formerly known as Green Tailgating). The program is a partnership between the Office of Campus Sustainability and B.G.S.U. Athletics. It aims at overall waste reduction at all home football games, primarily through recycling inside the stadium, as well as the tailgating area. He also reported that for the third consecutive year, B.G.S.U. collaborated with the Black Swamp Art Festival committee, and the Solid Waste District to offer recycling throughout the Festival.

Mick Torok, from N.A.T. Transportation stated that he is working with Nick Hennessy doing a post-consumer food waste program. This is a pilot program and has been extremely successful so far. The produce material is put with the compostable material collected in Luckey and then delivered to the Hirzel Compost site.

Commissioner Carter asked for other comments or questions. The next meeting is scheduled for ***Tuesday, December 16, 2014*** at 8:30 A.M. in the CommissionersøHearing Room. With no further business to discuss, Bob Warnimont made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Edwards seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:03 A.M.

Technical Assistance, Education, & Awareness Report: September 16, 2014

A. Education Program Review & Events:

Past Events:

- **Wood County Employee Safety Fair: June 10th**
- **OALPRP Conference: June 18th-June 20th**
- **14th Annual Earth Camp: July 22nd**
The theme for this year's annual Earth Camp was "Seussville"! Sessions included: *Polymers & Plastic Recycling*: Amanda Gamby, WCSWMD; *Fred the Fish*: Judy Hagen, City of Perrysburg; *Animal Safety*: Olivia Hegedus, Wood County Humane Society; *Seed "Bombs"*: Stewardship Department, Wood County Park District; & *Resource Relay*: Nicki Kale, Wood Soil and Water Conservation District. This year's event brought 175 participants to William Henry Harrison Park for a fun day of learning outdoors!
- **Wood County Fair: July 28th-August 4th**
Those visiting our booth were provided Household Recycling Guides, brochures, water bottles made from recycled plastic, and the opportunity to win an Adirondack chair made from recycled plastic lumber. The District also worked with the Wood County Fair Board, the Wood County Sheriff's Department, and NAT to provide recycling and trash collection during the Fair.

Upcoming Events:

Grant Writing Workshop-October 28th

Grant Writing 101/102: Finding the Right Funder and Writing a Winning Proposal, Tuesday, October 28, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Wood County Courthouse (5th Floor of Office Building) 1 Courthouse Square Bowling Green, OH 43402. Sponsored by the Wood County Solid Waste Management District, Environmental Education Council of Ohio (EECO) Region 2 and Ohio EPA, Office of Environmental Education. This workshop is FREE to attend, but you must register and lunch will be on your own. To register, contact Jeff Montavon, Jeffrey.montavon@epa.ohio.gov

B. ClearStream & Trash Barrel Lending Program:

The District has developed a new Container Loan Application form. The District currently has 50 ClearStream recycling containers that are loaned to local groups to encourage recycling during events. The new form also encourages the use of the District owned trash barrels.

C. New Logo:

The District has a new logo that will be used on brochures, promotional items, display materials, and other items. Please see below:

