

SOLID WASTE POLICY BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2010
Solid Waste Department
9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leon Pfaff, Dave Corcoran, David Eddy, Maureen Freedland, Dale Hexom, Jarrod Holter, Margaret Wood, Floyd Riester
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Steve Hogden
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Hank Koch, Randy Nedrelo, Debbie Henriksen (Solid Waste Department), Larry Hougom, Gary Hougom and Pennie Pierce (Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling), Gary Harter and Bob Talley (Harter's Quick Clean-Up), Brian Kent (SEH, Inc.); Charlie Handy, David Lange (La Crosse County); Cathy Onsanger (Town of Shelby)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Leon Pfaff, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

INTRODUCTIONS

NEW APPOINTMENT

Pfaff announced that Floyd Riester had been appointed to the board to replace Pete Riester who has retired. **MOTION** Eddy/Corcoran to accept Floyd Riester as a member of the Solid Waste Policy Board. **MOTION** passed unanimously with one excused - Hogden.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes (July 28, 2010)
- Previous Meeting To Do List

MOTION by Freedland/Wood to approve the Consent Agenda. **MOTION** passed unanimously with one excused - Hogden.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments and questions were welcomed throughout the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL LAND USE PLAN

Charlie Handy provided information regarding the Final Land Use Plan for the Landfill Complex. He discussed the process used to develop the plan. This included soliciting ideas from the public, others in his office, input from the WDNR Forester, tours of the site, etc. Various aspects of the vision presented were discussed by the group. Also discussed was that approval of this plan did not mean approval of each concept addressed in the plan. Each concept will require its own approval through appropriate channels. This plan will be reviewed annually and updated every 5-10 years. **MOTION** by Freedland/Holter to approve the plan and to recommend to the Public Works and Infrastructure to adopt the plan. **MOTION** passed unanimously with one excused - Hogden.

FLOW CONTROL

David Lange, La Crosse County Corporate Counsel, provided information regarding Wisconsin flow control laws. He provided information on current Wisconsin and local laws, a history of flow control and presented case histories of law suits regarding flow control. Rick Frank also discussed some of the State of Minnesota laws and differences between the two states. There was discussion about options for La Crosse County. This was an informational topic and no action was expected or taken.

WABASHA FLOOD DEBRIS

Floyd Riester presented a slide show about the September flooding in Wabasha County. The cities of Hammond and Zumbro Falls were lost during this event. Floyd discussed the importance of having a disaster plan in place and how he worked with FEMA and others including the La Crosse County Landfill to collect and properly dispose of the garbage created by this event.

STCSWC

John Staats was ill and unable to provide an update of his facility in Trempealeau County.

UPDATES

Green Tier

Nedrelo provided information on the Green Tier certification. We are expecting certification shortly and will be planning an event to celebrate this accomplishment.

Pharmaceuticals

Nedrelo gave an update on the collection of pharmaceuticals. He specifically reported on the November 6 event that was held with the support of the Viterbo University and the Onalaska Police Department. In all, 613 pounds of medications were collected at these locations. Four events are schedule in 2011 to collect controlled substances.

Solid Waste Evaluation

Koch provided an update on the Solid Waste Evaluation. It is expected that in 2011 an ad-hoc committee will be set up by the Cities of La Crosse and Onalaska to review this plan and recommend future action.

Gas to Energy

Koch reported that the gas-to-energy project is going well and is on schedule.

Waste to Energy Contract Extension

Koch provided a handout regarding Waste to Energy. This included items that need to be considered prior to the end of our contract with Xcel in 2023. This topic will be included as an agenda item for future meetings.

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS FOR HAULERS

Koch discussed a few issues that have been questioned by Haulers considering taking advantage of the new hauler rebate program. One of them involves a route that may take a hauler outside the County and the economics and practicality of using another landfill. Question is whether they would be allowed to do this and in return, bring in equal tonnages to the La Crosse Landfill that were picked up out of La Crosse County. The goal is to get more total tonnages into La Crosse and currently we have transfer station records and annual permit routes to assist in measuring this. Some issues identified were: Monitoring, Acceptable Definition, Recycling and Xcel Retrofit Payment. Since a Hauler may initiate the new rebate agreement at the start of any quarter, this does not need immediate attention.

FUTURE MEETING DATE – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Next agenda will include reciprocity/rebate agreement changes.

MOTION by Wood, Corcoran to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION** passed unanimously with one excused – Hogden. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Approved, January 26, 2011, Debbie Henriksen, Recorder