

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



DRAFT Meeting Minutes January 4, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-Person

Members Present: Wally High, Steve Young, Juli McCoy, Raquel Kettermann, John Kirby, Lee Heavner, Woody Getz, Frank Fox, Dusty Hilbert, Adam Patterson, Carolyn Matthews, John Schwalbe, Andrew Cowan

Members Absent: Amy Moyer

Guests Present: Brynn Laird, Margie Hartman

Next meeting: February 1, 2023 at 3:00pm. Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and Meet in Potomac Room 230, County Office Building at 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD

- John Kirby welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Two corrections were made to the December 7th Meeting Minutes. "Wally's building" should read as "Board of Education Building". Also, Raquel's report should read "service" not "pricing". The minutes were approved with a motion from Lee Heavner and a second from Steve Young.
- Woody Getz requested that three additions be made to the January meeting agenda:
 - o Continue the discussion on openness between the County and the Board.
 - o Discussion on whether or not empty oil containers are recyclable.
 - o Updated timeline for working with the FSU social department on the ReUse Directory.

Old Business

Eastern Refuse Site Improvement Update

- All construction is completed
- Final site preparations in order.
- Site visit set for February 16th departing from the County Office Complex at 10am.

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update

- Raquel Kettermann stated that paper recycling has a downward trend. However, commingled recycling totals are back up to average.
- The City has received a 5 year contract from both Noble and Burgmeier's and are still reviewing. More info on pricing should be available at our February 1st meeting.

- Burgmeier's is still using the sticker program they recently implemented, but there is no tracking going on as of now. Raquel will talk more with them over the next few months about what they are seeing and if progress is being made in educating customers.

Mountainview Landfill

- A Task Force meeting was held at 2PM when Noble presented their expansion plan.
- Noble has met with MDE and are preparing construction drawings for the expansion.
- For the major expansion permit, they hope to have submittals to SCD and MDE within the next 1.5 months.

New Business

Personnel Update

- Andrew Cowan was introduced as the new Recycling Coordinator.

2023 Priorities

- Expanding Education
 - Explore option of reaching out to 7th graders about food waste
- Tire Recycling Event/ Household Hazardous Waste Event
 - Andrew to email Forever Maryland to update contact information.
 - Will know the status of the grant March 15th.
- ReUse Directory
 - Woody to reach out to FSU when school is back in session.

Miscellaneous

- Woody Getz asked about recycling empty oil containers. Raquel Ketterman said that the recommendation is to throw away anything that contained hazardous material even if it is empty.
- Woody Getz requested that the County send out emails on any important information that is relevant and available for public knowledge. He gave the example of notices posted on the Allegany County website related to the SWMB such as the Opening posted for the County Recycling Coordinator

Committee Reports

Reduce/Reuse

- No update.

Recycle/Compost

- No update.

Landfill/Transfer Station

- No update.

Education/ Public Relations

- No update.

Task Force

- A Task Force Meeting was held at 2 PM per Mountainview Landfill.
- We decided to not have a Task Force Meeting in February.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:31pm.

Minutes prepared by Andrew Cowan, Recycling Coordinator.