

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



DRAFT Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-person

Members Present: John Kirby, Woody Getz, Adam Strott, Richard Soderman, Juli McCoy, Carolyn Mathews, Andrew Cowan, Lee Heavner, Raquel Ketterman, Frank Fox, Dusty Hilbert, John Schwalbe, Brynn Laird

Members Absent (without Alternate): Kristin Harper, Wally High, Misty Joy

Next Meeting: May 3, 2023 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

- The March 1st Minutes were approved with a motion from Lee Heavner and seconded by Adam Strott.
- The following additions were made to the Agenda for the April 5th meeting:
 - Woody requested that Atrazine be added under new business.

Old Business

Eastern Refuse Site Improvement Update:

- A site visit was preformed on March 16th. John, Woody, Brynn, and Andrew attended. Andrew stated that additional cardboard bins were ordered. One would be placed at the MV Smith site.

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update:

- Raquel stated that in the weeks ahead the City will work on RFP for FY 2025. In July they will enter into year 5 of their current contract and the new contract will be a 3-5 year contact. With a new City of Cumberland administrator, they are examining the old RFP for potential updates. Bids will go out in December.

Mountainview Landfill Update:

- John Schwalbe updated the board on the progress of permits for the expansion of the Landfill. Noble is currently revising their MDE submittable and are 3 weeks out from submitting Surface Water Permit. John requested a task force meeting before the next regular meeting to go over their surface water submittable and 5-year package. Noble is also looking into a high btu methane plant. The plant will capture methane from the landfill and convert it into a usable gas. John indicated that a meeting with the wind turbine installer and Noble presented a potential partnership that would allow Noble

to install solar panels. Dusty Hilbert stated that the landfill was closed on 04/01/2023 due to high winds.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Update:

- Andrew stated that MES contracted with a new vendor, MXI, for disposal of hazardous material. The cost of the previous event was \$20,000. The HHW 2023 event is expected to cost \$ 35,000. John drafted solicitation letters for the City of Cumberland, Frostburg, and local businesses for sponsorship. The date for the event was set for Saturday, October 7th. Woody suggested distributing a SAVE the Date for the event. Raquel proposed the question of how to promote the event. The old mechanisms for advertising are not working. Brynn suggested using radio advertisement. Adam Strott mentioned that the County has a new Public Information Officer, Kati Kenney, that would be able to post the event on social media platforms.

ReUse Directory Update:

- Woody stated that there was no response from college/ university contacts.

Agricultural Tire Collection Update:

- Andrew is waiting on MES to award a contract to a hauler. Once a hauler is awarded, he will inquire as to whether they have open top containers for tire disposal.

Penn-Mar Recycling Signage:

- Brynn pointed out that we would need the City of Cumberland's permission to place a new sign for recyclables at Penn-Mar. Raquel will need drawings for where the sign should go.

New Business

Education:

- Carolyn, along with Woody and Lee, hosted a table at STEM Like A Girl at Allegany High School on Saturday, March 11th. The table focused on recycling in Allegany County. The event was attended by 150 to 200 students, teachers, and residents. Carolyn is scheduled to present the SWMB sponsored ACPS Recycling AV competition/contest at the Envirothon held at Rocky Gap Wednesday, April 26th from 9am-1pm.

Tire Collection Limit:

- Andrew stated that the last residential tire collection event held in 2018 limited residents to 20 tires. This could be expanded with prior authorization. Smitty's Tire is a licensed scrap tire collector and hauler. Local businesses or residents with large number of tires will be directed to use Smitty's Tire for their disposal. A 20 tire, at a time, limit will be imposed for Allegany County Residents for tire disposal at the County building.

Atrazine:

- **Woody had a resident reach out as to a proper way to dispose of Atrazine containers. Lee will contact Amanda from Soil Conservation for the proper method of disposal.**

Committee Report:

- **No Reports.**

Task Force:

- **A task force meeting was set for May 3rd at 2:15pm**

Meeting Adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Andrew Cowan

Reviewed by John Kirby and Woody Getz