

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



DRAFT Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-person

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

Members Absent (without Alternate): Frank Fox, Misty Joy

Next Meeting: August 2, 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 May 3rd Minutes were approved with a motion from Lee and seconded by Raquel.
- The following additions were made to the Agenda for the May 3rd meeting:
 - John requested that Economic Development be added under new business.
 - Woody requested Recycling Questions be added under new business.

Old Business

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update:

- Raquel reported that Burgmeier updated their trucks with GPS sensors that monitors whether or not they have picked up a street. She is also able to check on concerns from residents with newly installed cameras on the trucks that are linked to the GPS.

Mountainview Landfill Update:

- A task force meeting was held before the regular meeting by Noble Environment. John Schwalbe presented on Noble's Surface Water and Construction Permits. Dusty reported that the landfill received an odor complaint from residents on Burning Mines Road. Andrew reported the incident to MDE for follow up. MDE provided the previous monthly report and recent report upon which MVL passed. MVL installed misters to help mask the smell.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Update:

- Andrew stated that Yuck Old Paints accepts cash, check, and credit card. MXI accepts the same materials as the previous vendor ACV. He has a meeting with Brent Frick from MXI on June 27th to go over the layout at the Fairgrounds. Kati Kenney is finishing an Ad for the event.

Agricultural Tire Collection Update:

- An Intergovernmental Agreement was approved by the Commissioners and sent into MES. The event was advertised on the County website and posted at County drop off sites. A tractor trailer was placed at Oldtown garage for the tire collection. The event will run from June 5-15.

Penn-Mar Recycling Signage:

- Kenny Dawson, from Cumberland Roads, gave Andrew permission to install a new sign at Riverside Road. A sign was previously made to correct the signage on Kelly Road but lacks some information. Andrew will inquire if the sign can be corrected or if a new one will need to be made.

New Business

Education:

- Carolyn stated that Mount Ridge students have made 3 videos in the last weeks of school for the contest. One for hazardous waste, cardboard, and plastic recycling. Eric Van Slyke, Supervisor of Science, reached out to Carolyn to ensure participation for the contest. The last day for submission will be October 31st. Woody suggested a presentation by the Commissioner's at the regular meeting for the winners. Kati and Andrew are still updating the County website and it should be fully updated by the new school year.

Mulch Yard

- The County will not approach a lease option for the Mulch Yard. Andrew would like to keep the drop off free to residents as mono loads of yard waste cannot be delivered to the landfill. Going forward a contractor will chip and mulch twice a year and haul away to Ebby's. 500 to 600 cy of mulch will be left, free of charge, for residents.

Economic Development

- Adam Strott informed the group that Geocycle entered into a 20-year lease for the Barton Business Park Shell Building. They will process off- spec industrial plastics to turn into an alternative fuel. They are the first company to receive a non-waste permit for disposal in Maryland. Geocycle's is interested in expanding in Allegany County and are currently seeking other opportunities within the County. There are also other companies that are interested in doing business in the County. Adam asked for support from the SWMB during the current and future permitting process.

Recycling Questions

- Raquel asked if there were any other options to recycled TVs besides Penn-Mar Recycling. As of now Penn-Mar is the only option to recycle electronics. Woody asked if a metal ring would have to be removed in order to recycle a plastic container. Andrew suggested removing the ring to prevent contaminating the stream. Andrew also mentioned to take off caps of plastic bottles when recycling even if it states to leave the cap on.

Cancellation of Meeting

- John proposed cancelling the July meeting. Andrew along with other members will not be able to attend. The meeting for July 5th was cancelled with a motion from Lee and seconded by Adam.

Committee Report:

- No Reports.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Andrew Cowan

Reviewed by John Kirby and Woody Getz