

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



DRAFT Meeting Minutes August 2, 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, Frank Fox, Lee Heavner, Misty Joy

Members Absent (without Alternate):

Next Meeting: September 6, 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 August 2nd Minutes were approved with a motion from Lee and seconded by Juli.
- No corrections to the agenda were needed.
- Woody requested that the URL for the HHW event be included on the Minutes and Agenda.

Old Business

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update:

- Raquel reported that the numbers for the last quarter of the fiscal year were similar to previous years. Cumberland is revising the language for the solid waste contract that will cover the next 5 years. The RFP should be available in December for a July 1 starting date. Raquel has been able to address citizen concerns with the use of Burgmeier's new GPS/ Camera system.

Mountainview Landfill Update:

- Noble has submitted their application to MDE for stage 5 permits. John has been coordinating details with Jerrod Cook in response to request regarding soil conservation and storm water permits.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Update:

- October 7th 9am-2pm, <https://alleganygov.org/1639/Too-Toxic-To-Trash-Event>. Juli suggested that a job list be past around so that members could sign up. The event will require volunteers and John ask members that were able to participate to sign up. Woody asked for a task force meeting before the next regular meeting to finalize activities at the HHW collection event. John will contact Patrick O'Brien about participation from FSU volunteers. The event is posted on the website with a flyer

made by Kati Kenney. She was also able to make save the dates which are being passes out at the County Refuse sites. Andrew sent a pdf of the flyer to all local municipalities. Brent Flick, from MXI, toured the Fairgrounds with Andrew on July 27th for final preparations. Kati will release a radio advertisement in the next month to promote the event.

Agricultural Tire Collection Update:

- The Agricultural Tire Collection event ran from June 5- 15. Andrew reported that 3.67 tons of tires were collected. He felt that the lack of consistency with the program and timing resulted in low numbers.

Penn-Mar Recycling Signage:

- Andrew spoke with John McMillian and the old sign could not be altered. A new sign will be made with the suggested corrections. The County is still in transition from retirements and Andrew is waiting for an employee to accept their new duties. Once everyone is in their new role the new sign will be made.

New Business

Education:

- Carolyn stated there are no updates.

Economic Development

- A task force meeting was held before the regular scheduled meeting. Nexus W2V presented a possible business opportunity at the current Mulch Yard. The company would produce bio-char from wood and bio solids. Nexus would continue to allow residents free disposal of their yard waste at the site. In order to move forward in the permitting process, the Solid Waste Management Plan will need revised not only for Nexus but any new company accepting solid waste in Allegany County. Andrew and Adam will develop procedure guidelines in order to streamline the process. They are asking for support from the SWMB for this and future projects as they arise.

Committee Report:

- No Reports.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Andrew Cowan

Reviewed by John Kirby and Woody Getz