

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



DRAFT Meeting Minutes September 6, 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, Richard Soderman, Adam Strott, Lee Heavner, Kristen Harper

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

Next Meeting: October 4, 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 September 6th Minutes were approved with a motion from Lee and seconded by Carloyn.
- Raquel requested adding Allegany Life Long Learning as a bullet under Education Proposals. Woody requested future upcoming events include the day of the week.

Old Business

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update:

- Raquel reported that the City of Cumberland reached out to Burgmeier and Mountainview Landfill for proposal to extend the current contract for one year of service for garbage and recycling curbside pickup. Both of the agencies are in the planning stages of their development and Cumberland feels this provides a better chance at receiving a 3-to-5-year contract next year. The cameras and GPS that Burgmeier has installed on their trucks have helped with communication. There are issues from both Burgmeier and the residents and they eliminate hearsay while addressing problems with service.

Mountainview Landfill Update:

- Noble has submitted their 5-year E&S to zoning for review. They have also submitted an application to MDE and were asked to add more information for a potential phase III application instead of construction plans. After phase I and II were completed there have been statutory changes that may require Noble to submit to a 1-year review and public hearing. John stated either direction was ok as they still have 4 years of air space left.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Update:

- Saturday, October 7th 9am-2pm, <https://alleganygov.org/1639/Too-Toxic-To-Trash-Event>. A task force meeting was held before the regular meeting for final details and volunteer sign ups.

Penn-Mar Recycling Signage:

- Andrew stated the new sign is made. He is hoping that it is installed before the next meeting.

New Business

Education:

- Carolyn had her first day of 7th grade outdoor school. She has not heard from the teachers on the current contest. A task force meeting is planned before the regular November meeting to remove submitted videos.
- Raquel was contacted by Anne DeV Vaughn about presenting, along with Andrew, at ACM. The Life Long Learning seminar will be held February 29, 2024 and focus on what and where to recycle in Cumberland and Allegany County. Woody suggested using submissions from the education contest in the presentation.

Economic Development

- Adam reported that Clym has applied to the Board of Zoning appeals to build a medical waste recycling facility in the Frostburg Industrial Park. They will use ozone to make the plastic recyclable instead of being disposed of in landfills. Since the ozone has a short half life there will be no emissions or industrial waste water to treat. Nexus has decided to incorporate the entirety of the PPG Mulch Yard into a lease agreement. The option agreement has been approved by the Board of Commissioners. They are currently using a third-party company to apply for permits. Andrew has initiated the process of including Geocycles into the Solid Waste Management Plan. The permit along with a notice was listed in the Cumberland Times News and on the County website. The next step is a public hear which is set for September 21st at the regular Board of Commissioners' Meeting.

Reuse Directory

- Andrew contacted the listed businesses on the Reuse Directory and verified what they could and could not accept. He was also able to solicit two additional businesses, Bruce Outreach Center and Union Rescue Mission, for the directory. An updated directory was presented to the board and copies will be made for the Household Hazardous Waste Event.

Committee Report:

- No Reports.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Andrew Cowan

