

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



DRAFT Meeting Minutes October 4, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-person

Members Present: John Kirby, Juli McCoy, Carolyn Mathews, Andrew Cowan, Raquel Ketterman, Dusty Hilbert, John Schwalbe, Richard Soderman, Adam Strott, Lee Heavner, Wally High

Guest: Bethany Fife, Margie Hartman

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

Next Meeting: November 1, 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 Heavner and seconded by Dick Soderman.

Old Business

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update:

- Raquel reported that due to the unusual circumstances a one-year contract extension for Burgmeier and Noble was proposed to Mayor Morris in a closed session. There are currently no updates on the status of the contract extension. She expects rebidding next year for their recycling/ solid waste hauling and tipping fees. The cameras and GPS installed on Burgmeier's trucks have reduced complaints to the City about service.

Mountainview Landfill Update:

- John and Dusty recently met with MDE regarding the permitting. Regulations have changed since the original permit was issued and requires Noble to submit a Phase I application. A Phase I application will require a public meeting by MDE that will address any concerns on the expansion of the landfill. John assured the board that they landfill had 3 ½ years of airspace left that will carry them through the permitting process. They still expect construction to begin in late 2024 or early 2025.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Update:

- John stated there will be one FSU volunteering in the morning and one student in the evening for the event. Andrew has asked Sharon and Henry to work the event that day. Everyone that signed up to help was asked to show up at 8:30am to step up. Woody will open the gates at 9:00am and residents will be accepted until 2:00pm.

Penn-Mar Recycling Signage:

- A new sign was installed at the corner of Riverside and Kelly Road. The sign directs residents to the rear of Penn-Mar for cardboard and office paper recycling and straight ahead for other recyclables. A “Penn-Mar Receiving” was also added to direct truck traffic into the plant.

New Business

Education:

- Carolyn was able to educate 600 7th grades students this year. The last day for Outdoor school was October 3rd. She focused on the reuse directory and how to properly recycle in Allegany County. There have only been 3 submissions for the contest, which were submitted last school year by Mountain Ridge. Carolyn has emailed the teachers to remind them of the deadline for submissions and has had no response. A task force meeting is set for November 1st, before the regular meeting, to pick the winners.

Economic Development

- Adam informed the group that a public hearing was held at the BOCC meeting to amend the SWMP for Geocycle. There was a comment at the meeting which led to consent being tabled until the next meeting. An action item is set for the next regular BOCC meeting on October 5th to amend the SWMP and include Geocycle as a solid waste facility. Nexus is planning a site visit with an outside firm for design and engineering. They have also been working with a third-party vendor to apply for permits. Clym Environmental is finalizing their site plan with a projected operations start date of next year. They have met with MDE to start the permitting process.

Reuse Directory

- Andrew made 400 copies of the updated Reuse Directory. They will be passed out at the upcoming HHW Event.

Committee Report:

- No Reports

Meeting Adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Andrew Cowan