

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-person

Members Present: John Kirby, Woody Getz, Raquel Ketterman, Richard Soderman, Lee Heavner, Adam Strott, Bethany Fife, Robin Paulman, Juli McCoy, Andrew Cowan

Guest Present: Marggie Hartman

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

Next Meeting: February 7, 2024 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 Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion from Lee seconded by Raquel.
- Woody requested adding suggestions and glass to the agenda under New Business.

Old Business

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update:

- Raquel reported the program is continuing as usually. The City will do a curbside pick for real Christmas trees. Residents who have the means may take them to the Mulch Yard on PPG road.

Mountainview Landfill Update:

- No Update

New Business

Nominations:

- John Kirby nominated Juli McCoy from the Allegany County Chambers of Commerce for Chair of the SWMB. The nomination was 2nd by Lee Heavner. No other nominations for Chair were received. John nominated Woody Getz for the position of Vice Chair of the SWMB. The nomination was 2nd by Lee. No other nominations for Vice Chair were received. Both Juli and Woody received a unanimous vote from the members present.

Economic Development:

- Adam Strott reported that Nexus will hold a public hearing/ meeting January 30th at 5:00pm in the Allegany room for their permitting. MDE staff will be present to answer regulatory questions but Nexus plans to handle the majority of questions and concerns. This will be outside of the regular BOCC meeting. Andrew stated the company will be name Allegany Biochar, LLC.
- Burgmeier is still in contact with the County in regards to building a transfer station.
- Clym is working on their permitting. They are currently focusing on their site design.
- Geocycle is going through a rigorous construction phase with the Barton Shell Building. They are hoping to be operational by late spring.

2024 Priorities:

- John was able to create a goals list for 2024 and Andrew created a list of accomplishments of 2023.
- Adam Strott reached out to graphic designers McClaren & Williams about creating materials for classrooms. Adam and Andrew will start working with them on design.
- Woody added the he would like to make the County Commissioners aware of our current Solid Waste Management Plan as a goal in the new year.

Suggestions:

- Woody suggested that we have copies of the previous Meeting Minutes and Agenda along with the SWMP at the meeting. Andrew said he would keep a rolling 12 month set on hand in the future.

Glass:

- Woody asked Andrew to clarify the mixing of glass recycling. Andrew explained that some bins are mixed glass and to place glass in the bin as directed by the labels.

Committee Report:

- No Reports.

Upcoming Events:

- A task force meeting is set for 2:00 pm before the regular meeting on February 7,2024. We will work on a two-year progress update for MDE on Allegany County's SWMP.
- Frostburg Green Team will present their Buy Nothing program during the February 7,2024 meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:46 p.m.
Minutes prepared by Andrew Cowan