

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-person

Members Present: Raquel Kettermann, Bethany Fife, Robin Paulman, Juli McCoy, Dusty Hilbert, Frank Fox, Lee Heavner, Adam Strott, Andrew Cowan

Members Absent (without Alternate): Brian Dicken, Wally High, John Kirby, Richard Soderman, Carolyn Matthews

Guest Present: Woody Getz

Next Meeting: September 4, 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

- One correction to the June 5th Meeting Minutes. Under Economic Development it should read that Nexus is looking at late summer not last summer. Minutes were approved as corrected with a motion from Lee Heavner seconded by Bethany Fife.
- There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Old Business

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update:

- Raquel reported that Cumberland is working on their trash, recycling, and dumpster contract. The bids will be advertised late December and they expect to receive the bids January 2025.

Mountainview Landfill Update:

- A subcommittee meeting was held on July 23rd to review the Public Hearing that took place on July 8th for amending the SWMP to include the landfill's expansion. Dusty stated that Noble would like to have a formal presentation at another Public Hearing in September. Since the Public Hearing, one resident has made a complaint to MDE that daily cover was not being applied. Dusty is working with MDE to resolve the issue. Another resident felt that the landfill had polluted their well. Dusty will have the well tested in August when they test the landfill's ground water. Andrew will verify which dates the conference room is available for the next hearing and coordinate with Noble. Mountainview has drilled additional ground wells to satisfy MDE's requirement for the new footprint of the landfill and will be ready to submit their Phase II late fall.

New Business

Appointments:

- Lee Heavner spoke with Dr. Jennifer Bentlejewski about joining the SWMB. She was not interested as she resides in Garrett County. Another employee, Sarah Llewellyn, of University of Marland Extension expressed interest in joining. Lee will speak with Dr. Bentlejewski and explain the process of nominating Sarah for the position of Environmental Group.

Economic Development:

- Adam Strott informed the board that Burgmeier has purchased the land from the County on PPG Road for their proposed transfer station. Burgmeier is currently working with Planning and Zoning to secure the necessary permits. Andrew added that Burgmeier has submitted a Permit Application to MDE for a Solid Waste and Refuse Permit. Andrew has started the process of amending the SWMP to include the transfer station. More details to follow once MDE responds to the initial letter.
- Adam Strott reported that Geocycle has removed 634.4 tons of tires from the illegal dumping site located in McCoolle. Geocycle was only able to work for 3 weeks but plan to start work again next week.
- Nexus has switched their equipment distributor to a company located in Bethal, PA. The new equipment requires additional monitoring from MDE. The change will push the start of construction into Spring 2025.

2024 Priorities and Project Coordination:

- Juli read an email provided by Carolyn Matthews that stated after consideration there was no need for a program or contest to reduce the disposal of pumpkins in the landfill. The pumpkins compact easily and the digestion will provide methane for a future RNG plant. Bethany suggests that the pumpkin committee could partner with Frostburg, UME, and Frostburg First on a fall pumpkin fest held September 28th.

Tire Recycling Fee Increase:

- Andrew was informed by the County's tire hauler that Emauel has raised their tipping fees on tire recycling. Andrew has not received a new bill for the tire hauling but expects that County tire recycling will need to increase to offset the cost. He hopes to have more information at the next meeting.

