

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-person

Members Present: Raquel Ketterman, Bethany Fife, Robin Paulman, Juli McCoy, Frank Fox, Lee Heavner, Adam Strott, Carolyn Mathews, Richard Soderman, Andrew Cowan

Members Absent (without Alternate): Brian Dicken, Wally High, John Kirby, Dusty Hilbert

Guest Present: Woody Getz, Sarah Llewellyn

Next Meeting: October 2, 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 previous Meeting Minutes were approved 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 received a report from a board member that Burgmeier was mixing recycling and trash. That incident was due to new staff. She verified that other incident reports were from Burgmeier's employees purposefully disposing of recyclables with trash. A current concern she has is that of a property owner disposing of waste from outside the city. The City continues working on its Trash/Recycling/Dumpster contract. It will be available in digital format this year. She expects it to be open for bid in January.

Mountainview Landfill Update:

- Andrew announced that the next public hearing for the expansion of the Landfill will be on Wednesday, September 18 at 5:00 pm. Andrew sent a letter to all property owners within the proximity of the landfill to notify them of the public hearing. MDE will not be in attendance. It is up to Allegany County to determine if the expansion conforms with the County's SMWP. Upon receiving a conformity letter from Allegany County, MDE will hold its public hearing in 9-10 months.

New Business

Nomination:

- Andrew received a letter from Dr. Jennifer Bentlejewski nominating Sarah Llewellyn for the SWMB. Before the meeting, Andrew forwarded the letter to all board members for review. Lee Heavner motioned to recommend the appointment of Sarah Llewellyn to fill the Environmental Group seat. Bethany Fife seconded the motion, which received a unanimous vote by present board members. Andrew will make a staff report recommending Sarah's appointment to the Commissioners.

Economic Development:

- Adam Strott informed the board that the Burgmeier land transfer should be completed by the end of the month.
- Economic Development and Geocycle has successfully remediated 200 tons of tires from the tire site in McCoole. Since June, 750 tons of tires have been removed, and they aim to remove an additional 400 tons in September. Cameras have been installed at the site, but despite this, people have still been found dumping tires. They have referred the illegal dumping to the Sheriff's Department.
- Nexus and the County are working with the federal government to explore incentives through the IRA. They are still moving forward with the proposed facility.
- Clym has started site work for the new facility. They are still waiting on the State's Storm Water review.

2024 Priorities and Project Coordination:

- Bethany announced that the Frostburg Green Team, Frostburg First, and the University of Maryland Extension are collaborating to organize a Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, September 28. The University of Maryland Extension held an educational session on pumpkin cultivation in early spring, and they are encouraging participants to bring the pumpkins they grew to the festival. Carolyn suggested adding information about what to do with the pumpkins after decorating them.

Tire Recycling Fee Increase:

- Andrew spoke with the County's tire hauler and found out that although the fee has increased, it is minimal. He feels that with the recent increase in trash sticker prices, the board should reconsider the tire recycling fee in the spring. Juli suggested that we keep a close eye on the tire recycling fee to avoid raising it by too much at once.

