

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes November 6, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-person

Members Present: Juli, McCoy, Raquel Ketterman, Bethany Fife, Robin Paulman, Frank Fox, Lee Heavner, Richard Soderman, John Kirby, Carolyn Mathews, Dusty Hilbert, Andrew Cowan

Members Absent (without Alternate): Brian Dicken, Adam Strott, Wally High, Sarah Llewellyn

Guest Present: Woody Getz, Dalton Wood, Matt Burgmeier

Next Meeting: December 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

- The previous Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion from Lee Heavner seconded by John Kirby.
- There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Old Business

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update:

- Raquel reported that the program is operating as usual. Recycling numbers have slightly increased from previous comparable quarters.

Mountainview Landfill Update:

- Dusty mentioned that Noble is waiting for the county to take action on amending the SWMP to include the lateral expansion of the landfill. Once this action is taken, MDE will be ready for Noble to submit their Phase II application. Andrew added that an amendment to the SWMP was presented at a Board of County Commissioners meeting on October 17, 2024.

New Business

Burgmeier Presentation:

- Dalton Wood and Matt Burgmeier from Burgmeier Hauling presented the proposed Allegany County Resource Recovery Facility. This facility will serve as a solid waste transfer station located on PPG Road within the Mexico Farms Industrial Park. It will accept both solid waste and recyclables. They plan to transport cardboard to Penn-Mar Recycling and solid waste to Mountainview Landfill. Co-mingled waste will be taken to Burgmeier's processing facility in Altoona, PA. Additionally, the facility will include natural gas refueling stations for trucks, and Burgmeier intends to convert their fleet from diesel to natural gas. The building will also feature a roof equipped with solar panels. They anticipate the facility will be operational by May or June of 2025.

Economic Development:

- **No Update.**

2024 Priorities and Project Coordination:

- **No Update.**

SWMP Amendment (Noble):

- **A resolution to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan and a recommendation letter from the SWMB will be presented at the BOCC meeting on November 14th. DPW will recommend that the Commissioners take action during this meeting.**

Holiday Recycling Guide:

- **Andrew and Adam Strott are creating a list of places to recycle unwanted holiday items. They would like the recycling guide to focus on what is recyclable and where you can recycle it in the County. Adam will forward it to a graphic designer to create a tri-fold handout. Andrew hopes to have a draft ready for the next meeting.**

LaVale Recycling Site:

- **Andrew installed new signs at the LaVale Recycling Site that read, "No Illegal Dumping" and "Site Under Surveillance." Since the signs were put in place, there has been no more mass dumping of trash. However, the site continues to receive a significant amount of waste in the trash cans. One major issue with the recycling site is the contamination of plastic materials. Number one plastics are mixed with number two plastics, and vice versa. Recently, Penn-Mar had a load rejected by a customer due to this contamination. To address this problem, Frank suggested adding signs to the recycling bins to guide residents on how to recycle their items properly.**

Other Items:

- **Bethany asked how the book recycling was going. Andrew replied that there was a lot of interest in it. Many people had books from their kids that were in good shape; they had just outgrown them. They wanted to pass them on instead of shredding them. Bethany posted it on the Green Team Facebook page, and there were many questions and comments about it.**

Meeting Adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Andrew Cowan.