



Solid Waste Advisory Board
Summary of Open Meeting
Bennett Springs Conference Room
1730 E. Elm St., Jefferson City, MO
Wednesday, October 2, 2013
1:00 p.m.

District Members/Designated Alternates

Region A – Tye Parsons
Region B - Ann Hamilton
Region C – Dave Davison
Region D - Brenda Kennedy - phone
Region E – Chris Bussen
Region F - Ruth Anne Parrott
Region G – Cindy Hultz
Region H – Lauren Henry
Region I – Lon Little - phone
Region J – Kristi Kelley
Region K - Brady Wilson
Region L - John Haasis
Region M – Jim Honey - phone
Region N – Gary Lomax - phone
Region O – absent
Region P – Steven Reed - phone
Region Q – Absent
Region R – David Grimes - phone
Region S – Absent
Region T – Kris Franken

Industry Members/Alternates

IESI – Absent
WCA – Kevin O’Brien

Public Members/Alternates

Sue Noel
Denise Bennett – phone

Recycling/Compost Members/Alternates

Patrick Geraty - Absent

DNR Staff

Chris Nagel - SWMP
Brenda Ardrey - SWMP
Mary Ellen Hummel – SWMP
Charlene Fitch – SWMP
Larry Lehman – SWMP
Dee Goss – SWMP

Others

Linda Laderoute – Region A
Harry Rogers – Region M
Rhonda Long – Region O - phone
Mark Phillips – Region T
Matt Winters – Region Q – phone
Lisa McDaniel – Region E
Casey Powers – Republic Services
Tammy Snodgrass – MRPC Region K
Daryl Duwe
Kristin Tipton – EIERA
Sue Morton – NEMO SWMD
Karen Massey – EIERA
Angie Gehlert – MORA
Tom Rackers
Stephanie Hulsey – Region I
Deanna Trass – Region H
Rhonda Long – Region O - phone

1. District Roll Call

Chairman John Haasis called the meeting to order. Roll was called; there was a quorum.

2. Approval of October Agenda

Brady Wilson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Ann Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of September Meeting Summary.

Chris Bussen made a motion to approve the September Summary. Sue Noel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Solid Waste Management Program Update

Chris Nagel gave the Program update as well as brief updates of bills from the recent legislative session.

- The Program has submitted the budget for approval and all departments have submitted their budgets to the governor for review.

- The Program is also reviewing a number of cell constructions at landfills, and also is reviewing a number of approvals to operate in the next few months, as well a couple of horizontal expansions and a small number of utility landfills in the process, notably Ameren's Labadie in Franklin County.
- Bridgeton landfill SSE ongoing work.

Chairman asked a question about the utility landfills and how many tons of material they have and was there an average of so many tons per kilowatt. Mr. Nagel answered that the tonnage amount is not known exactly as the utility landfills do not report tonnage to DNR. Looking at their landfill footprint, they are very large so it would be very large amounts of materials which would vary from site to site. Total airspace is the information available. The landfills plan for 20 year usage, so they tend to be very large.

- Tammy Snodgrass asked about Transfer Stations & MRFs. How many LFs or TSs have permits to process recyclables? There are less than 5 out of the 57 processing facilities. Some of the facilities have source-separated drop offs that allow certain items to be dropped off. There are two separate permits. At some point in the testimony at the hearing it was stated that landfills were diverting recyclables. Additional testimony clarified that a landfill can't divert unless it's a dirty MRF. A Transfer Station can apply for an additional permit to divert, but there is no knowledge of any landfills diverting in a dirty MRF setting.

5. Solid Waste Management Fund Update

The SWMF update was given by Brenda Ardrey:

- In the FY14 1st quarter, \$2,928,986 in tonnage fees were paid in, as compared to \$2,719,135 for the same period in FY13. That shows an 8% increase. 4th quarter FY13 allocation letters were emailed and distributed this morning. Those not attending the SWAB meeting will receive it in the mail.

6. Planners Update

The Planners report was given by Tammy Snodgrass:

- Angie Gehlert gave a report on the MORA conference, which was a success. Information and presentations were posted on their website. The next conference is scheduled September 8, 9, 10, 2014, in Springfield, MO.
- Discussed the hearing of the Joint committee. Shared informational pieces had been given to legislators.
- Update from DNR staff: Annual reports due the 28th of October.
- Presentation on the Retrack system.
- HWP seminar coming up on November 5th.

7. Update from EI ERA

Kristen Tipton gave the update report from EI ERA:

- Changes made to the Missouri Market Development program and the impacts.
- Awards were capped at \$50,000 in the past.
- Award availability cap amount was increased to \$250,000 based on a point system. There is eligibility for \$50K, \$70K and \$100K grant availability or up to \$250,000 with a matching amount, but it must create more than 11 jobs and divert 10,000 tons.
- Extra points are awarded for the targeted conditions of: construction/demolition waste, food waste and organics, plastics or if located in a minimally funded district.
- Carryovers from previous years that had not been awarded were also made available. 8 awards made in the amount of \$988,000 diverting 83,000 tons of materials, created 50 new full time Missouri jobs and the total investment for the state was over \$11 million.
- \$39,000 was awarded to Lake Area Industries, sheltered workshop in Camdenton for a foam densifier to address lake foam issue, \$250,000 to St. Joseph's Plastics, a new plant in Sedalia, \$45,000 to Foam Products in Maryland Heights to densify various types of foam. \$250,000 to

Ciona Technology in Springfield for remanufacturing agriculture electronics. \$75,000 to St. Louis Green to expand their mattress recycling program, \$46,000 to Missouri Organics in Kansas City for an urban lumber project with waste wood because of the Emerald Ash Borer and all the big ash trees coming down in the area. They will be ground up for mulch or lumber will be produced from them. \$50,000 to Master Marble in Fulton who makes countertops and showers etc. using crushed glass. \$250,000 to Natures Methane Farmworks in St. Louis converting organic waste into bio fuel.

- EIERA recently moved to 425 Madison.
- Question was asked if EIERA had emailed criteria for awards and amount of funds to all districts. Chairman requested she email it again.

8. Update on HB 28 Joint Committee

Chairman Haasis was unable to attend the committee hearing so he asked Vice Chairman Brady Wilson to give the report on the hearing he attended.

- Strong showing of attendance. There was an overflow room with audio, a lot of positive testimony, good questions from the committee members. Prior to the meeting, he had attended a small meeting in the Rolla courthouse with Representative Robert Ross who is on the joint committee.
- Chairman Haasis pointed out that a position statement from SWAB had been given to the committee by Mr. Wilson and asked if it had been emailed out to all the districts. It was emailed to the districts, and Mr. Wilson didn't hear much feedback from them. What responses he received were positive.
- Nov 7th, 1:00 is the next meeting of the Joint Committee.
- Alternate Kris Franken asked if the position statement went to the Alternate or the Member. He did not see it and stated that the county level does not do business "like that", meaning email. He stated the sender should receive some verification that the email was received. He had not seen the statement and stated that those sending the position paper were a small group acting on behalf of everyone. He felt leadership should not act on behalf of the group without verification, although he expressed understanding that there was a short time to act.
- Kevin O'Brien felt members should have been given the opportunity to go on record that they didn't agree with the position statement, as he does not agree with it, but it comes across as the position of the entire board.
- Brady Wilson stated he thought the position paper was generic enough that there are no hard and fast recommendations and it shouldn't be an issue. He would stand by it.
- Chairman wished to make sure everyone gets a copy of the position paper and looks at it. He asked Mr. Wilson to send copies out again and that the SWAB should state to the Committee the circumstances and that the position did not represent all of the board. Chairman asked all the districts and the 5 at large members to formally submit a yea/nay to SWAB about the position in order to send an amendment or clarification to the committee regarding who agreed with the paper or disagreed. Someone pointed out his district board Chairman sent his response to the position paper directly to the committee. Chairman Haasis asked that the SWAB secretary Mary Ellen Hummel be copied if districts did that in order that there was a record with SWAB.
- Mr. Bussen asked if there was any recording or documents kept for the Committee meeting. Brenda Ardrey suggested that Senator Wallingford's office be contacted for that information.
- Mr. Pabst had submitted a report to the committee and Mr. Bussen wondered where that was.
- Chairman asked that Mr. Nagel send out a copy of his testimony that he had given to the committee.
- Question was asked about gathering tipping fee information gathered from all 50 states. Mr. Nagel said that it was still being compiled. Brenda Ardrey said initial information was completed in July or August. Chairman asked if SWAB could get a copy of that.
- Discussion held about the Administrative cost issue with the Joint Committee. Average district administrative cost runs between 34-39%. There may be some use of carry over funds that affect it. Larger districts run about 27% and smaller districts can be as high as 49%. The definition of Administrative costs is in the rule.
- Districts are not funded equally and data should be normalized in order to get realistic data.

- Discussion of Plan implementation.
- Districts should show joint committee and legislators what their district is doing. Districts need to make their case of what they're doing, why, what good they're doing and why their district is working well, as well as what can be done to improve it to the joint committee and legislators from their district.
- Discussion of cost of audits required every other year. Audit costs have increased significantly since the law.
- Suggested a top ten recommendations list from SWAB of things to improve to give to the joint committee.
- Next SWAB is Nov. 6th and is the day before the Joint Committee meets on Nov. 7th.
- Rhonda Long pointed out that 100% of the moneys are returned to the community as a pass through organization and that needs to be pointed out to the legislature. Districts have worked well for 20 years but have failed to advertise that. She suggested that the districts become offensive with information to the committee rather than responsive to misinformation from legislators.
- Chairman will try to organize getting a top ten list of recommendations to the committee ready to vote on at the next SWAB meeting.
- Chairman acknowledged that Region O sent a letter to the committee stating Region O's position and he sent a copy of that to all board members and alternates.
- Question asked if the members would have a transcript of the testimony to the Joint committee, also the report given to the committee by a Mr. Pabst was requested.
- Mr. Bussen suggested a week to compile suggestions into a list to vote on, send out and take a week to look at and then vote on at the November 6th meeting.
- Jim Honey of Region M set up a meeting with Senator Ron Richards and three counties to talk about solid waste laws.
- Open to suggestions from DNR for improvements.

9. Old Business

Proposed meeting dates for 2014. Dates proposed below are based on the first Wednesday of the month with some adjustment for weather, holidays and meetings or conferences.

January 8 February 5 March 5 April 2 May 7 August 6 October 1 November 5

Room is available January 8th, and September 3rd. Since September is the week after the Labor Day holiday, there was not much interest in that date. Mr. Bussen suggested holding a January meeting to try to stay up with the filed legislation (beginning December 1). Vote was held to have meetings on the above dates, and excluding September 3rd. Chris Bussen moved to approve the above dates and Harry Rogers seconded. Motion carried.

10. Other Business

None given, no additional comments from the public.

11. Call for Agenda Items

Possible presentation for the November meeting from District D regarding silage plastic recycling. EIERA would like to suggest Lake Area Industries project present their project.

12. Adjourn

Chris Bussen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brady Wilson. Chairman Haasis adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Hummel, Secretary

