

Solid Waste Advisory Board
Summary of Open Meeting
Bennett Springs Conference Room
1730 E. Elm St., Jefferson City, MO
Wednesday, February 4, 2015
1:00 p.m.

District Members/Designated Alternates

Region A – Linda Laderoute - phone
Region B - Ann Hamilton
Region C – Dave Davison - phone
Region D - Brenda Kennedy - phone
Region E – Chris Bussen
Region F - Ruth Anne Parrott
Region G - Absent
Region H – Lauren Henry
Region I – Absent
Region J – Kristi Kelley - phone
Region K – Brady Wilson
Region L – David Berger
Region M – Jim Honey - phone
Region N – Gary Lomax - phone
Region O – Tim Smith
Region P – Jerry North
Region Q – Felicity Ray - phone
Region R – David Grimes
Region S – Absent
Region T – Absent

Industry Members/Alternates

Casey Powers
Tim Curry

Public Members/Alternates

Carolyn Wisecarver – Phone - was muted, sent email

Recycling/Compost Members/Alternates

David Beal

DNR Staff

Brenda Ardrey – SWMP
Mary Ellen Hummel – SWMP
Charlene Fitch – SWMP
Dee Goss – SWMP
Pete Cosgrove – DNR GCO

Others

Jackie Spainhower - Region A
Deanna Trass – Region H
Stephanie Campbell – Region M
Natalie Moseley - Region N – phone
Angie Filbeck – Region O
Johnny Murrell – Region P
Tammy Snodgrass – MRPC Region K
Kristin Tipton – EIERA
Mary Vaughn – EIERA
Lisa McDaniel – Region E
Robert Hamilton – Region O
Bryan George – Region T WCA
Derrick Standley – WCA
Ethan Shackelford – WCA
Barbara Lucks – Environmental Resource Ctr.
Tom Rackers – WCA
Dave Berger – phone, emailed he was there
Angie Gehlert - phone

1. District Roll Call

Chairman Chris Bussen called the meeting to order. Roll was called; there was a quorum.

2. Approval of November Agenda

Brady Wilson moved to approve the February agenda. Ann Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of November Meeting Summary. Ann Hamilton pointed out the summary said October for the approval of the previous meeting’s agenda. Correction was made to say “November” agenda and all voted to approve the correction. Correction was voted on without a motion.

*Summary later voted and approved at the next meeting. See March 4th meeting summary.

4. Solid Waste Management Program Update

Brenda Ardrey gave the Program update in Chris Nagel’s absence.

- SWMP technical Forum on February 27th in the Bennett Springs conference room. Send agenda ideas to Chris Nagel or Mary Ellen Hummel. Time and agenda forthcoming.
- Recently issued a utility waste permit to Labadie facility in Franklin County. Currently have a Transfer Station permit application in house for River Bend. Also a landfill expansion under review for city of St. Joseph.

- Districts have submitted grants for review.
- Governor's recommended budget for FY 16 is available on the online OA website. Solid Waste Management Program request on page 60 of the PDF file, Book 2 of the DNR budget. Copy in binders in the back.
- Amount for Districts in the Governor's budget is the same as last year, \$6.5 million.
- 4 bills – HB 505, prohibits retailers from using, distributing, or selling any single use, disposable, non-recyclable carry out bags to customers. Fees waived for certain customers
- HB722 – would allow for paper or plastic bags to be provided to customers, merchants, itinerant vendors and peddlers should have the opportunity to provide them and no political subdivision can ban or impose fee on use of plastic bags.
- SB225 – certain permits or licenses that are issued, renewed, suspended or revoked by the department, the aggrieved party may appeal the decision by filing a petition with the Administrative Hearing Commission within 30 days. This covers several programs including Solid Waste but we see little change in the way we conduct business.
- SB 152 relates directly to the SWMD. Provisions related to audits, district executive boards, solid waste management plans and suggests criteria for district grants, adds some definitions.

5. **Solid Waste Management Fund Update**

Brenda Ardrey gave the Fund update.

- Current Fund balance, tonnage fees collected through January 31, 2015 is \$7,430,914. For the same period last year, \$7,797,627. \$300,000 behind from a year ago same period. District E had some question about the River Bend Transfer Station application, if there would be a public hearing. Question was referred to Charlene Fitch who answered that public hearings are not required to be held unless one was specifically requested. Several local cities had some questions and would need to request a public hearing.

6. **Planners Update**

The Planners report was given by Tammy Snodgrass.

- Some Retrac questions
- MORA report, several webinars coming up and the conference will be September 14-16, 2015 in Kansas City. Continuing to work on e-scrap legislation. Contacted districts to collect data on what is spent on Household Hazardous Waste and e-waste collections.
- Discussion on Legislation. Question on Senator Schaefer has submitted a fund sweep bill and districts wondered how that would affect Solid Waste Fund. SB 348.
- Discussed projects in the regions.
- Brenda replied we have not yet received SB 348 for comment.

7. **SWAB Member Update**

- Region O has a new assistant planner taking Rhonda Long, Angie Filbeck.
- Region M has Stephanie Campbell back with them as planner.
- Introduced new members, Dave Beal of EPC electronics recyclers, Tim Curry of Advanced Disposal, Environmental Compliance manager of Midwest region, Casey Powers of Republic Services, general manager of St. Louis MO operations. Not present is Carolyn Wisecarver of Pike County Economic Development Corporation.

8. **Update from EIARA**

Update was given by Kristin Tipton.

- Has a new employee, Mary Vaughn.
- MO Recycled Products list will have a website, it is currently being built.

9. Joint Committee Update

- SB 348 already discussed regarding fund sweep.
- SB 266 by Senator Schaefer – legislatively bans cities from providing a service if a private entity is already providing services, unless there is a vote of the people. A feasibility study is required and presented publicly 90 days before a vote is taken. Study must involve 5 years stability into the future. If it fails by a vote of the people, may not be introduced again for 2 years. Disallows entities to add a line item to existing bills, i.e. an existing water bill etc. District O pointed out they were extremely concerned about this bill as it covered any service and would touch anything a city does, i.e. stripe streets, etc.
- SWAB Chairman will try to get a listing relating specifically or broadly to “us” (SWAB or Districts?) so SWAB can discuss at the March meeting and arrive at some recommendation or position statement for the legislature. Chairman stated it would be more productive to move forward on solid waste issues in his opinion but that as an advisory board it was our requirement to provide advice to the legislature on solid waste issues. Chairman would prefer the board work on future solid waste issues and plans to divert waste and utilize resources, but if have to combat legislation, that’s what they have to do. He feels it would be appropriate to get the listing of bills to all the board members in advance and they discuss with boards and planners and come back and take a position on “maybe each line of the legislation”.
- Chairman feels it would be prudent to provide written documents signed by SWAB that provide the exact position the SWAB has on as many bills as possible.
- Some areas of concern for Senator Wallingford’s bill are the extension of the freeze on the tipping fee from 2017 to 2027. SWAB’s position from last year was to have a conversation about levels of service to be provided and use that to determine if the tipping fee was appropriate and to review it every couple years. The ban on competition of the private sector was opposed by SWAB. Lisa McDaniel also commented on the familial relationship between grant applicant and a member of the district executive board, the bill stated the board had to approve by 2/3 of the executive board, rather than 2/3 of the board present. That change was not made. Also there was a requirement that only the designated SWAB member could vote, not alternates. There was a change in the first part of the bill, but not the second part.
- Chairman entertained comments on the best way to present comments. Mr. Smith from Region O asked for clarification that a letter was sent last year to the committee. He stated that SWAB’s position was still as written last fall, and no need to reiterate. Chairman thought position should be reiterated. Mr. Smith moved to authorize the Chairman to prepare correspondence and distribute it to the board to review and finalize by the next meeting. Mr. Grimes seconded that motion. No other comments, and the motion carried. Mr. Smith asked if there were letters to send to the committees for the other bills discussed. He moved that the Chairman also write letters to be approved at the next meeting. Seconded by David Grimes. Comment that they would be reviewed by the next meeting. Wording done by next meeting. Motion carried. Ms. McDaniel reminded the board that Senator Wallingford had made 4 requests of SWAB to be addressed in the first annual report.
 1. Definition of Administration
 2. Job description for a planner – Possibly definition of plan implementation
 3. Breakout on % of district funds for Administration and Planning
 4. Ideas for reducing grant paperwork.

Planners sent a letter last year to Bill Foster outlining what they considered to be Administrative expenses, a copy will be included in the SWAB legislative recommendations. A copy of the planner's letter will be sent out to the members with the recommendations. Plan implementation had not been sent to the committee. % of funds for administration and planning definition had been sent last year to the committee, with a recommendation of a sliding scale. It was excluded from the bill last year, possibly to be revisited this year. Reduction of paperwork – provision in the bill of a limitation in number of times the district can talk to grantees. Lisa McDaniel said that Bill Foster wanted to see a unified grant application and more electronic records as well as one due date for all grants.

- Chairman suggested maybe have a joint committee member come to the March meeting to talk about what the thoughts of the committee are regarding the bills.
- Chairman will put together a package complete with positions from last year.

10. Unfinished Business

None.

11. New Business

Comments from the public.

12. Call for Agenda Items

Chairman had a conversation with a MORA board member about electronics recycling bill not yet filed. Looking for ways to impact electronics going into the landfills. If the schedule fits, MORA could give a presentation of what MORA is working on for e-waste bills.

13. 2015 Board Meetings

March 4 April 1 May 6 August 5 October 7 November 4

14. Adjourn

Casey Powers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Smith. Chairman Bussen adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Hummel, Secretary