



Solid Waste Advisory Board
Summary of Open Meeting
Bennett Springs Conference Room
1730 E. Elm St., Jefferson City, MO
Wednesday, October 1, 2014 - 1:00 p.m.

District Members/Designated Alternates

Region A – Absent
Region B - Ann Hamilton -
Region C – Absent
Region D - Brenda Kennedy - phone
Region E – Chris Bussen
Region F - Ruth Anne Parrott - phone
Region G – Absent
Region H – Lauren Henry
Region I – Absent
Region J – Kristi Kelley
Region K – Brady Wilson
Region L – John Haasis
Region M – Absent
Region N – Gary Lomax - phone
Region O – Tim Smith
Region P – Gary Collins
Region Q – Felicity Brady - phone
Region R – David Grimes
Region S – Absent
Region T – Kris Franken

Industry Members/Alternates

Vacant

Public Members/Alternates

Vacant

Recycling/Compost Members/Alternates

Vacant

DNR Staff

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

Others

David Berger - Region L – phone
Natalie Moseley- Region N – phone
Rhonda Long – phone
Dave Overfelt – phone
Brian Bernskoetter – phone
Tammy Snodgrass – MRPC Region K
Jane Cale – Region I
Angie Gehlert – MORA
Kristin Tipton – EIARA
Lisa McDaniel – Region E
Sue Morton – NEMO SWMD
Deanna Trass – Region H
Robert Hamilton – Region O
Barbara J. Lucks – City of Springfield
Rob Didriksen – OA/Recycling
Tim Little – Region M
Rich Aubuchon – Aubuchon Law Firm, LLP
Shanon Hawk – Armstrong Teasdale, LLP
Kevin O'Brien - WCA

1. District Roll Call

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

2. Approval of October Agenda

Chris Bussen made a motion to approve the October agenda. Ann Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of May Meeting Summary.

Chris Bussen made a motion to approve the May Summary. Kris Franken seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Call for Nominations from the Floor

None were given.

5. Proposed 2015 Board Meeting Dates discussed before Election of Officers

While ballots were updated for the voting, discussion was held about possible meeting dates for 2015. A January meeting was proposed, but not an April meeting since there was no meeting room available in April. Members decided to eliminate the January meeting and hold an April meeting in the Roaring River conference room, which is smaller, but available on April 1. Tim Smith moved to accept the proposed dates with the January and April change, and Brady Wilson seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

6. Election of Officers

Ballots were distributed and Brenda Ardrey and Jane Cale left the room to count ballots and contact those members attending by phone for their private vote. Chris Bussen from Region E was elected Chairman and Tim Smith was elected Vice Chairman.

7. Solid Waste Management Program Update

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

- The Department is hosting a boards and commissioners new member training on November 11th in Springfield from 1:00-5:00. Information will be sent to Board members as it becomes available. The training will also include Rulemaking processes. A draft agenda will be out soon.
- Legislation – The Scrap Tire fee was signed into law and will be effective until January 2020.
- The Program is starting on the update process for rules, and is expected to continue through the next few years. A law passed last year that requires a rules review and update every 5 years.
- The FY15 Budget process has already started, October 1st (today) was the deadline for submittal.

8. Solid Waste Management Fund Update

Brenda Ardrey returned from counting votes to give the update. FY15 1st quarter funds were: \$2, 962,225 up from FY14 1st quarter: \$2, 928,986.

Results from the election were given at this time, and Chairman Bussen resumed the meeting from his place.

9. Planners Update

The Planners report was given by Tammy Snodgrass.

- Today's main focus was the question from the Joint Interim committee; what do the districts need in the way of funding to accomplish administrative responsibility? After discussion, the breakdown to take back to board members was: up to 50% for both Administrative and Plan Implementation for the minimally funded districts to just under a \$250,000 allocation. 42% for districts from a \$250,000 to just under \$500,000 allocation. 34% for districts from \$500,000 – \$1,000,000, and 25% for districts with \$1,000,000 and above allocation. The plan is to come to some agreement of terms by the first part of November to be able to send something in response to Representative Ross.
- The upcoming 2015 MORA conference will be September 14-16 in Blue Springs, MO.
- America Recycles Day is Nov. 15th.
- There was discussion of projects within the districts.

10. SWAB Member Update

- Tim Smith stated District O was pleased to host the MORA conference this year, and Barbara Lucks made a few comments:
- There was a good turnout and some good tours.
- Some local entities won awards.
- John Haasis reported that the St. Louis-Jefferson district sponsored a regional HHW permanent facility which opened in March of 2013. They will be opening a second facility in the North area of St. Louis County next year. Invitation for Bid was submitted to Procurement for building the facility next year. John Haasis offered to help other districts with HHW disposal for a fee. Districts would need to transport it to the St. Louis area, and MoDOT transportation rules would need to be researched before transporting to St. Louis.

- Region E has started a regional mattress recycling program. A grant was awarded last year to Avenue of Life who hires disadvantaged individuals to deconstruct mattresses and box springs for recycling of materials.

11. Update from EI ERA

Update was given by Kristin Tipton.

- EI ERA is also involved with the Avenue of Life mattress recycling.
- Another project in a new plant in St. Louis. QRS has built a “MRF for a MRF”, for materials that don’t make it through the sorting system of a MRF and are left on the floor of the MRF. These are sorted again, shredded and used to make a new product. The business is now open.
- EI ERA also has an application for food recovery.
- Film bags recycled to make products out of.
- Another project is taking expired or overproduced products and doing material and product recovery.
- The question was posed whether QRS would be willing to come to a SWAB meeting and give a presentation. There was a positive reply, although they are still trying to make it work. There is similar technology in Europe but not in U.S.

12. Joint Committee Update

John Haasis provided an update on legislation.

- 9 people testified at the Joint Interim Committee Hearing.
- The Committee was very interested in listening to districts and wanting feedback from them.
- District O asked what happens next with this committee.
- Senator Wallingford said after the hearing he would prefer to introduce legislation before others introduced something without the consideration and cooperation of districts.
- The Committee wants the Administrative issue defined and finalized. Representative Ross specifically called for more information from the districts.
- The exact date for the next meeting for the Committee in late November or early December was not set.
- Shannon Hawk with St. Louis Municipal League stated she was at the hearing and Senator Wallingford stated he would not be submitting his report of the Joint Interim Committee meetings until January.
- John Haasis suggested that if the SWAB board was eliminated by the legislation filed and another board with Senators and Representatives was formed, that there should be representatives from districts with different levels of funding to help represent the different needs of districts.
- Tim Smith suggested the SWAB be prepared to discuss these items in depth at the November 5th meeting in order to have a position prepared before the January report is submitted.
- Planners had also prepared a list of districts they felt were in each category, with some fluctuation from year to year:
 - Under \$250,000 - districts G, S, C, D, R, I, N, J, B, A, Q, T.
 - \$250,000 - \$499,000 - districts P, K, F, O, H.
 - \$500,000 - \$1 million - M, E
 - \$1 million and above - L.
- Tim Smith questioned if the Committee had an understanding about what those figures mean.
- Putting Administrative and Plan Implementation together with large percentages still clouds the issue for the legislators.
- Operations should be separated from Projects and Grants in order to present a clear understanding to the legislators.
- Administrative costs were being described as “overhead” last year to the legislators.

- John Haasis asked if DNR had been asked what were the definitions of Administration and Operations. He felt Operation, Plan implementation and Grants were clearly defined in the rules.
- Chris Bussen said, considering the time frame, having a SWAB subcommittee would not be the best option.
- Planners have put a good amount of effort in clarifying categories and percentages needed by districts. This included looking at the draft list released by the Joint Committee in February specifically listing what they believed was administrative, which included input from the districts.
- Brenda Ardrey stated that none of the districts go over 50% for D.O. or P.I. Districts were informed if DNR thought that something was listed in the wrong category. Districts are not cookie cutter operations and each district could sit down with DNR and be helped to understand how each district operates with P.I and Operations categories.
- Chairman Bussen asked what Brenda's suggestion would be for percentage? And should the percentages be defined by district size according to revenues?
- Chairman Bussen asked that Tammy Snodgrass put together what the planners have been working on and send it to everyone, get comments and draft a statement for the Board to look at for the November meeting and make a formal statement to send out.
- Tim Smith asked if the Committee had any proposal for the funding formula being changed. John Haasis stated it was not being considered by the Committee. At the Hearing there was a proposal to change the allocation formula to 60% disposal and 40% population. Some testimony wanted to consider making it 100% population. Lisa McDaniels said the Committee has stated they're not interested in changing the funding formula.

13. Unfinished Business

None. Chris Bussen asked if there was any review of the 2 year notice to companies for substantial change of service. It is statutory, so would not be a department review. The notice is to local businesses and not governmental, so there is no record or tabulation.

14. Other Business

Comments from the public. None.

Thanked John Haasis for his service as chairman, as well as Brady Wilson serving as vice chairman.

15. Call for Agenda Items

16. Adjourn

Kris Franken made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Smith. Chairman Bussen adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Hummel, Secretary