

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes May 5, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-Person

Members Present: Raquel Ketterman, Steve Young, Steven Guinn, Stu Czapski, Carolyn Mathews, Lee Heavner, Wally High, John Kirby, Misty Joy, Dick Soderman, and Siera Wigfield

Members Absent: Brian Dicken, Erick Kasecamp, Jon Ickes, Woody Getz, and John Wardzinski

Guests Present: Dusty Hilbert, Margie Hartman, Brynn Laird, Frank Fox, Adam Patterson

Next meeting: June 2, 2021 at 3:00pm, Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and Meet in Commissioners Meeting Room, County Office Building 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD

- Steven Guinn welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Siera Wigfield said farewell and introduced Brynn Laird as the new Recycling Coordinator.
- A motion to approve the minutes from March and April 2021 was made by Steve Young and seconded by John Kirby, and unanimously approved.
- No changes to the May 2021 agenda.

Old Business

Eastern Refuse Site Improvement Recommendation

- Carolyn Mathews questioned the available space at the MV Smith Road location in reference to excess piles of material previously discussed. Adam Patterson responded that there is plenty of room available, which has been confirmed by the supervisor at the site.
- Siera Wigfield reiterated the goals of the new site:
 - Utilize a compactor for efficiency.
 - Have ADA-compliant access.
 - Offer a full recycling suite.
- A motion to approve the recommendation to move ahead with the MV Smith Road site was made by Steve Young and seconded by Lee Heavner, and unanimously approved.
- Brynn Laird will submit to the Commissioners for approval.

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update

- Raquel Ketterman noted that there are no new recycling updates.
- The City is putting forth a public enforcement effort to encourage residents to bag items and to not put out trash early.

2021 Priorities

- Too Toxic to Trash Event - Saturday, Oct 9, 2021
 - Pending budget approval.
 - Brynn Laird will check in with municipalities and Waste Management regarding pledges.
 - Brynn Laird will take MES contract through a Commissioners meeting after new FY begins in July.
- #5 Plastic Recycling

- County should request that Steve Miller accept #5 plastic at the Riverside site as a pilot.
- Residential Pay Tire Event
 - Event conflicts budget-wise with the Too Toxic to Trash event.
 - May be possible to get ag tire funding.
 - County should consider a trailer for tires to be dropped off in lower quantities. Otherwise, consider more promotion of the \$3 tire drop off option.

Riverside Recycling Site Update

- Adam Patterson reported that he and Paul Kahl met with Carl Belt to discuss the plan for the Riverside area.
- We are in the process of relocating the containers along the Penn-Mar building, which will be their final spot. That road will no longer be a through road.
- A concern about the safety of that area due to lack of lighting was brought up, but dismissed since the site is only open during daylight hours and Grow West has a considerable amount of security in place.

Oldtown Refuse Site Development

- The compactor will be installed soon.
- Brynn Laird and Dan Dewitt will be ordering the office building.
- We are still on track for an opening after July 4th.

SWMP Update

- Siera Wigfield has the plan close to completion. We need to add a timeline and update Chapter 5.
- Brynn Laird will complete and send out the Draft to the Board for review.
- We will then need to allow the public and MDE comment, have the Commissioners adopt and submit to MDE.

2019 MRA Report

- Currently pending approval 32% +4% source reduction credit. No update this month.
- Siera Wigfield notified MDE that new contact for Allegany County is Brynn Laird.

Legislative Update

- The MRN recap is available on their website (link in agenda) and the Board is encouraged to review.
- Steven Guinn suggested that we need to review the amendments on food waste to see what the impact could be.

Penn-Mar Recycling Contract

- Brynn Laird confirmed that the contract has been renewed for one year through June 30, 2022.
- Brynn Laird to follow up approximately 6 months prior to that to determine if we want to consider alternate options.

Trash Stickers – Compliance

- Siera Wigfield just placed an order for the current style.
- Brynn Laird to investigate alternatives.

Bylaws Update

- A motion to approve the updates to the Bylaws was made by Lee Heavner and seconded by Raquel Ketterman, and unanimously approved.
- Brynn Laird to seek approval from the Commissioners.

2020 MRA Reports

- Brynn Laird to wrap up and turn in to MDE.

New Business

Clean Rivers Potomac River Clean Up

- Carolyn Mathews reported that 1,700 lbs of trash was removed from 4-5 sites.
- There were approximately 50 participants. The Boy Scouts were very helpful with the clean up. There was low turnout from FSU students.

Membership

- Dusty Hilbert with GFL submitted a membership application with Paul High as his alternate.
- Dusty Hilbert introduced himself. Paul High was absent, but had previously been on the Board.
- A motion to approve the membership of Dusty and Paul was made by Lee Heavner and seconded by Carolyn Mathews, and unanimously approved.
- Brynn Laird to submit to the Commissioners for approval.

Landfill & Transfer Station Clarification for Public

- Siera Wigfield shared an FAQ document she created.
- Need to confirm phone #, hours and Summer 2021 opening of the transfer station.
- Need to clarify items about what the transfer station will accept, specifically scale services only or also bag services.
- It was suggested that Brynn Laird, Steve Young and Adam Patterson schedule a meeting and tour.
- We will need notices and signs at the scale house at the landfill with pertinent information for customers once everything is finalized.

Committee Reports

Reduce/Reuse

- Frank Fox mentioned that there will be a new recycling site in Keyser with a kickoff grand opening on 5/8.

Recycle/Compost

- A mulch grinding has been scheduled for June 21st.

Landfill

- The closure date of Q1 2022 is still accurate.
- Dusty Hilbert to review Siera's plan for a yard waste site to be built at the landfill and provide comments.
- Brynn Laird to schedule a meeting with Steve Young and Dusty Hilbert to discuss further.

Education/ Public Relations

- No report this month.

Task Force

- No Task Force.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:57PM.

Minutes prepared by Brynn Laird, Recycling Coordinator.