

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes June 2, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-Person

Members Present: Steve Young, Raquel Ketterman, John Kirby, Lee Heavner, Steven Guinn, Dusty Hilbert, Carolyn Mathews, Woody Getz, Brynn Laird

Members Absent: Wally High, Brian Dicken, Stu Czapski, Amy Moyer, Richard Soderman

Guests Present: Frank Fox, Adam Patterson

Next meeting: July 7, 2021 at 3:00pm, Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and Meet in Potomac Room 203, County Office Building at 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD

- Steven Guinn welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- A motion to approve the minutes from May 2021 was made by Lee Heavner and seconded by John Kirby, and unanimously approved with one abstention.
- The June 2021 minutes were amended to include details on the updates to the Bylaws and approved.

Old Business

Eastern Refuse Site Improvement Recommendation

- Brynn Laird has a Staff Report prepared for the June 10th Commissioners Meeting.
- Lee Heavner mentioned that he talked to Sharon about her need for access to a bathroom at the MV Smith Road location. Adam Patterson and Brynn Laird confirmed that she will have full access to the bathroom in the County Roads Garage onsite, and we will install a sink in her building if financially and practically feasible.

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update

- Raquel Ketterman asked for suggestions for anything to add to the FY22 flyer that the City of Cumberland will be publishing with Burgmeier's.
- Carolyn Mathews suggested a reminder that all trash must be bagged. This led to discussion about whether or not the public is aware of the reason being it isn't bagged when their trash is not picked up.
- Raquel Ketterman will be attending the National Night Out in Cumberland on August 3rd with County recycling bins. Carolyn Mathews volunteered to attend with her. They will both wear recycling shirts and need a fun slogan to put on them. Raquel will report back with how much was recycled at the event.
- Brynn Laird will consider ways to trigger a notification to event organizers about the requirement to provide recycling, possibly when they request a permit. We will also consider promoting the County recycling bins that are available for use at events as a way to get the word out about recycling requirements for large events. We can start with known large events such as Heritage Days, Derby Days, Whiskey Rebellion.

2021 Priorities

- Too Toxic to Trash Event - Saturday, Oct 9, 2021
 - Pending budget approval.

- Brynn Laird will check in with municipalities and businesses regarding pledges. Steven Guinn recommended checking with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as well.
- #5 Plastic Recycling
 - Brynn Laird to research options to provide #5 plastic recycling in the County and discuss with Steve Miller the option to pilot a program at the Riverside Recycling Center.
 - Woody Getz brought up the recent push by soda companies to recycle bottles with the caps on and what that will mean for our plastics collections. Brynn Laird to see if Penn-Mar has heard anything.
- Residential Pay Tire Event
 - Brynn Laird to look into options for ag tire recycling, such hosting an event at a friendly business like Tractor Supply Co.
 - County is considering a trailer for tires to be dropped off in lower quantities if a County Roads Garage is built in Cumberland.

Riverside Recycling Site Update

- Adam Patterson confirmed that the containers have been moved to what is their new permanent location. The road will soon be closed to improve the traffic flow in that area with the new Grow West building.

Oldtown Refuse Site Development

- Brynn Laird updated that we will be building the office ourselves rather than purchase a pre-fab option.
- Brynn Laird and Dan DeWitt have met with Sharon to get her wish list and make sure the new office will be comfortable and efficient.
- Everything is moving along and we are still on track for an opening this summer.

SWMP Update

- Brynn Laird to update with comments from Steve Young and add the timeline Steve worked up.
- Brynn Laird will send out the Draft to the Board for review within the next week or two.
- 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.

Legislative Update

- Nothing new this month.

Trash Stickers

- We will continue to research different options for trash stickers, but this is not a high priority. We may want to reach out to MRN to see if they have a vendor list and/or reach out to other local jurisdictions to get info on what they use.
- Brynn Laird stated that both branches of Somerset Trust in Frostburg now sell trash stickers.

Bylaws Update

- Approved at the May 27th Commissioners Meeting. The Bylaws have been updated by Brynn Laird and are saved on Google Drive.

2020 MRA Reports

- Brynn Laird to wrap up and turn in to MDE once pending info is received.

Landfill & Transfer Station Clarification for Public

- All in agreement that this needs to happen once all details are finalized.

New Business

Mulch Site Operating Hours

- Brynn Laird proposed we change the operating hours from varying seasonally to 7 days per week dawn to dusk per Mick's suggestion.
- No one had any concerns, so Brynn Laird will update website, brochure, sign at site. We will add that the site is closed during inclement weather.

Membership

- Confirmed that the membership of Dusty Hilbert with Paul High as alternate was approved at the May 27th Commissioners Meeting.
- Jon Ickes resigned from Waste Management and the Board, so we need to fill the Hauler/Recycler position. Steve Young brought up that Jon was the Vice-Chair of the Board so we will need to fill that vacancy. Bryn Laird/Adam Patterson/Steve Young to reach out to Jon's alternate Matthew Furman to determine if he is interested. We will also check with John Wardzinski to see if he would consider rejoining or can recommend someone else.

Committee Reports

Reduce/Reuse

- No updates.

Recycle/Compost

- At some point we need to look at the composting law.

Landfill/Transfer Station

- No updates.

Education/ Public Relations

- No updates.

Task Force

- No Task Force. Will schedule next one for Too Toxic to Trash Event.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:01 PM.

Minutes prepared by Brynn Laird, Recycling Coordinator.