

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



## DRAFT Meeting Minutes July 7, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-Person

- Members Present:* Raquel Ketterman, John Kirby, Richard Soderman, Lee Heavner, Steven Guinn, Misty Joy, Carolyn Mathews, Woody Getz, Brynn Laird
- Members Absent:* Wally High, Steve Young, Brian Dicken, Stu Czapski, Amy Moyer, Dusty Hilbert
- Guests Present:* AJ Miller, Margie Hartman, Adam Patterson, Frank Fox
- Next meeting:* August 4, 2021 at 3:00pm, Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and Meet in Potomac Room 230, County Office Building at 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD
- Steven Guinn welcomed everyone to the meeting.
  - A motion to approve the minutes from June 2021 was made by John Kirby, seconded by Lee Heavner, and unanimously approved.
  - There were no additions or corrections to the agenda for July 2021.

### Old Business

#### Eastern Refuse Site Improvement Recommendation

- We currently have a posting on the County website and at the Flintstone and Little Orleans sites asking for public comments on the proposed consolidation.
- Everyone agreed that there should be no concerns overall and the public is accepting of the change based on what we have heard so far.
- Adam Patterson will ask for approval from the Commissioners at the July 22 meeting.

#### Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update

- Raquel Ketterman will have the recycling flier go out mid-July.
- The National Night Out is scheduled for 8/3. Raquel and Carolyn Mathews will be attending in volunteer shirts and there will be four recycling bins. Burgmeier's has agreed to accept all materials collected.

#### 2021 Priorities

- Too Toxic to Trash Event - Saturday, Oct 9, 2021
  - Brynn Laird will be submitting a grant application to the CBT.
  - We have received pledges from the City of Frostburg and Burgmeier's so far.
  - We will hold a Task Force meeting to fully plan the event before the August, September, and October (if needed) SWMB meetings. Volunteers are needed for the task force, as well as for the event.
- #5 Plastic Recycling
  - No update.
- Residential Pay Tire Event
  - No update.

## **Riverside Recycling Site Update**

- The public does not seem to be deterred by the construction as the site is still getting plenty of use.
- The contractor is completing paving of the road for Grow West this week.

## **Oldtown Refuse Site Development**

- Brynn Laird and Dan DeWitt met with Burgmeier's to discuss the compactor and make sure the site is set up correctly.
- Sharon Hymes is still concerned about having to operate the compactor, but we decided that whoever pushes the button needs to be standing at the compactor to ensure it is clear rather than standing up at the office. It is also a potential liability to allow the public to operate the compactor.
- Making progress and hopeful for a Fall 2021 opening.

## **SWMP Update**

- Brynn Laird emailed the final draft plan to the Board and would like to receive any comments by the August meeting.

## **2019 MRA Report**

- No update.

## **Legislative Update**

- No update.

## **Trash Stickers**

- No update. We agreed that this will be removed from the agenda before next month.

## **2020 MRA Reports**

- Brynn Laird submitted to MDE, and we are awaiting comments.

## **Landfill & Transfer Station Clarification for Public**

- Brynn Laird, Steve Young and Adam Patterson met with Waste Management on 7/1 to discuss. We will share info as it becomes available and decide how we need to get word out to the public.

## **New Business**

### **Membership**

- AJ Miller and Rob Euen of Waste Management/Western MD Transfer Station have been nominated as member and alternate for the Hauler/Recycler position on the SWMB. AJ was in attendance as a guest and provided an introduction to himself and Rob. A motion to approve the nominations was made by Lee Heavner, seconded by Carolyn Mathews, and unanimously approved. Adam Patterson will ask for Commissioner approval at the next meeting.
- The Vice-Chair seat is currently vacant. Steven Guinn said it is not a big issue since he does not typically miss any meetings as the Chair. Woody Getz said that we should fill the spot. Brynn Laird will accept nominations for this position and we will vote at the August meeting.
- Adam Patterson has replaced Paul Kahl as the Director of Public Works, and therefore will assume his spot as alternate to Steve Young on the Board.

### **Possible Frostburg Mulch Site**

- Brynn Laird and Adam Patterson met with Dusty Hilbert of GFL on 6/29 to discuss. Dusty is open to the idea, but needs a bit of time to figure it out due to internal management changes. He will present the idea and get back to us.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Reduce/Reuse**

- It is time to update the Reuse Directory. Brynn Laird will email to everyone for review.
- We need to research the movement to include caps with recyclable materials. Will we need a separate bin for bottles with caps?
- Carolyn Mathews brought some materials to share with the group, including a Lands' End catalog advertising clothing made of water bottles.

### **Recycle/Compost**

- No update.

### **Landfill/Transfer Station**

- No update.

### **Education/ Public Relations**

- No update.

### **Task Force**

- Too Toxic to Trash Task Force meetings will be held at 2PM before the August, September, and possibly October SWMB meetings. Some items to think about and items to prepare:
  - Woody Getz to reach out to Patrick O'Brien at FSU regarding student volunteers.
  - Brynn Laird to contact Yuck Old Paint.
  - Do we want a survey this year?
  - Brynn Laird to bring a map of fairgrounds to the first Task Force meeting.
  - Adam Patterson to make sure Kevin Kamauf has event on the Fairgrounds calendar.
  - Do we want to use Post-Its to label cars with paint only?
  - Make sure Mick D'atri is included in Task Force.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:56 PM.

*Minutes prepared by Brynn Laird, Recycling Coordinator.*