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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

JOHNSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT
OLATHE, KANSAS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Ruth Hopkins.

Committee members present: Randy Alewine, Mike Clagett, Maril Crabtree, Floyd Danner, Betty de Witt, Dave Drovetta, Elaine Giessel, Dave Greene, Ruth Hopkins, Tom Ireland, Gerry Miller, Tom Stewart, and Bob Tully. Others present included: Carol Gonzales, City Manager, City of Shawnee; Betsy Betros, Phil Askey, Julie Coon, Craig Wood, and Maureen Deeds, Johnson County Environmental Department (JCED).

Introductions were made for new committee member, Dave Drovetta, City of Gardner council member, representing Cities, Second Class. Craig Wood has taken the new Environmental Department position, Solid Waste Management Coordinator, and will be mainly responsible for business/commercial implementation of the County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan).

MINUTES APPROVAL

Ruth Hopkins entertained a motion to approve the November 12, 2008 and the January 14, 2009, Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC) minutes as written. Motions were made and seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Betsy Betros stated that the committee needed to elect 2009 officers. She opened the election process by asking if any committee member wanted to step forward as Chairman and Vice-Chairman. She offered that both of the current officers have agreed to continue to serve if called upon. After a brief committee discussion, it was moved and seconded that Ruth Hopkins remain as Chairman and Tom Stewart continue as Vice-Chairman for 2009. The committee unanimously approved the selections.

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Plan Consistency Guidelines

Phil Askey outlined the changes and additions that were discussed at the previous meetings and that were incorporated into the document. Committee approval was now needed for the document. Two types of applications are covered by the proposed Plan Consistency Guidelines: 1) KDHE grant applications for state solid waste funds to support Plan implementation projects and 2) facility applications for a KDHE permit to construct or make a major modification to a solid waste processing or disposal facility. After a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve the Plan Consistency Guidelines.

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Plan Implementation Update

Julie Coon summarized recent staff efforts to implement the Plan (see attached table). Ms. Coon added that the County solid waste rules and regulations, which have not been updated since originally adopted in 1982, are being reviewed and rewritten by staff. The committee will be updated on the process and the County Legal Department will provide review and comments. A public notice and hearing will be scheduled before any Board action.

Ms. Coon stated that meetings were held with haulers in Johnson County in an effort to explain the proposed yard waste restrictions and make them consistent and fair to all haulers whether they disposed of yard waste within or outside of the County. Public education and illegal dumping would need to be addressed with the adoption of yard waste disposal restrictions. The revised solid waste rules and regulations will incorporate the following in regards to haulers:

1. County permitting of waste haulers.
2. Require all haulers to provide curbside recycling in their base service so all households have recycling.
3. Volume-based rate charges to encourage recycling and waste reduction.

Environmental staff are participating on solid waste task forces in the cities of Overland Park and Shawnee. Extension's Master Gardener program will continue educating the public on composting. Deffenbaugh's curbside recycling program has expanded to accept plastic products #3-7. Johnson County government is participating in Shawnee Mission East's "Soles for Souls" shoe collection program for recycling/reusing shoes.

Draft Solid Waste Regulations

The County solid waste regulations are being rewritten and will replace all the various resolutions used through the years for solid waste management. The new regulations will also formalize the Plan implementation strategy as part of the Code.

2009 Plan Update

Ms. Betros stated the annual review and update of the Solid Waste Management Plan is due to KDHE on July 9, 2009. She discussed several options to update the Plan including hiring Franklin and Associates to assist with updating the statistics within the Plan. Another option was to compile the Plan implementation activities in a report to be added as an appendix or chapter in the Plan and to update the chronology section. The committee decided not to change the details or statistics of the Plan for this annual review but to have JCED staff prepare a report on all Plan implementation activities to date. This report will be compiled and sent out to committee members for review before the next meeting.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Betros stated Senate Bill No. 183 is making its way through the State Legislative quite well. The Bill would expand the solid waste management fees on real property for funding to implement any approved solid waste management plan including operations to administer the Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Giessel announced that a magazine (*Greenability Magazine*) will conduct an interview with her and do an article on the proposed upcoming Johnson County yard waste restrictions. She hopes this will be a great educational opportunity.

Ms. Giessel made a second announcement that the League of Women Voters had awarded our committee Chairman, Ruth Hopkins, with their award for "Making Democracy Work." The award will be presented on May 9, 2009 and all committee members will be invited.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SWMC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. JCED will provide a light dinner served at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Prepared by: Maureen Deeds

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