

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

JOHNSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT
OLATHE, KANSAS
WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2008
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Tom Stewart.

Committee members present were: Randy Alewine, Floyd Danner, Cheryl Scott, Kent Seyfried, Dave Greene, Gerry Miller, Tom Stewart, Mike Clagett, Elaine Giessel, Betty de Wit, and Bob Tully. Others present included Shelly Schneider, Franklin Associates; Cindy Kemper, Betsy Betros, Phil Askey, Julie Coon, and Maureen Deeds, Johnson County Environmental Department (JCED).

MINUTES APPROVAL

Tom Stewart entertained a motion to approve the January 9, 2008, Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC) minutes as written. A motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS

Cindy Kemper explained the committee reappointment process. She reminded those interested in being reappointed to new three-year terms to update their biographical page for the approval process. The Council of Mayors (COM) reappointments are Bob Tully, Ruth Hopkins, and Betty de Wit. BOCC reappointments are Elaine Giessel and Mike Clagett. Due to his pending retirement from the City of Gardner, Dave Greene will be moving from a COM slot to a BOCC slot that represents the General Public. Mr. Greene's move will create a vacancy the COM will be asked to fill.

BY-PRODUCT SYNERGY PROJECT

Shelly Schneider of Franklin Associates introduced the By-Product Synergy project she is working on through Bridging The Gap. "By-product synergy" applies the principles of industrial ecology in which companies work together to match unwanted by-products as resources for new products and processes. Ms. Schneider stated the project seeks to bring local companies and organizations together to discover innovative ways to link their operations. Identifying synergies helps to cut pollution, reduce material costs, and improve internal processes.

Ms. Schneider explained that this collaborative, business-driven approach also enlists industry's capabilities in addressing waste and pollution issues. In return, regulators have shown a willingness to explore ways to allow some reuse options which can be shown to produce greater positive environmental results.

Ms. Schneider said eleven diverse organizations have been recruited as fee-paying participants, with additional financial support provided by EPA, Missouri's Environmental Improvement Energy Resources Authority, and the Mid-America Regional Council. The participating members are: Boulevard Brewery, City of Kansas City Missouri, Cook Composites and Polymers, Gerdau Ameristeel, Hallmark Cards Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Johnson County Wastewater Department, Kansas City Power and Light, Lafarge Corporation Cement Group, Missouri Organic Recycling, and North Star Steel. The project team includes Bridging The Gap, BNIM Architects, Franklin Associates, and the U.S. Business Council for Sustainable Development.

Committee members solicited additional information about the wastes that Lafarge could use for fuel as part of the project. They also asked about the metrics for measuring the environmental benefits associated with the project.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Ms. Kemper introduced Julie Coon of the Environmental Department as a new member of our SWMC support team. Ms. Coon will be working closely with the committee to help implement the 2007 Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) and get information to the public. Ms. Coon provided an outline of the Plan implementation activities to date. A brochure she developed that outlines key parts of the new Plan was distributed to the committee.

Ms. Kemper reported that financial resources to implement the Plan have been requested as part of the FY09 budget development process. While the BOCC has supported the Plan, funding Plan implementation will be difficult in light of anticipated budget shortfalls. She offered to provide the committee information regarding the BOCC budget public hearing for any one would like to attend.

APAC-RENO C/D LANDFILL & JOHNSON COUNTY LANDFILL UPDATE

Phil Askey provided an update on operations at the Johnson County Landfill (JCL) and the APAC-Reno C/D Landfill.

JCL:

- Holiday Drive road construction is completed.
- Phase 5 is reaching final elevation.
- Phase 6 has received final approvals for landfilling from KDHE, which should begin in a few weeks.
- Phase 1 - Redesign has received Shawnee local zoning approval; BOCC approval is in process.
- The C/D Landfill area has a one year lifespan.
- The landfill gas plant is being discussed for possible ownership change.
- Deep well is fully operational after new packer seats were installed.
- Salvage yard material on Phase 4 is actively being removed to scrap metal dealers. Deadline for scrap metal removal is June 30, 2008.
- The composting site on Phase 4 is being cleared of landfill equipment. Expansion of the composting site and yard waste collection options are being considered by Deffenbaugh Industries.

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The APAC-Reno Landfill received a permit modification for landfill expansion from KDHE. Many special conditions were included in the permit which includes a closure date set at the end of 2010. Hydrogen sulfide odors have been minimal and APAC continues with 24-hour control and monitoring measures.

OTHER BUSINESS

The 2008 meeting dates are as follows: May 14; July 9; September 10; and November 12.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SWMC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. The JCED will provide a light dinner served at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Prepared by: Maureen Deeds
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