

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

JOHNSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT
OLATHE, KANSAS
WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2007
6:30 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members present were: Floyd Danner, Kent Seyfried, Tom Stewart, Tom Ireland, Betty de Wit, Bob Mazza, David Green, Elaine Giessel, and Ruth Hopkins. Others present included Bill Franklin and Shelly Schneider of Franklin Associates; and Cindy Kemper, Betsy Betros, Phil Askey, and Maureen Deeds, Johnson County Environmental Department (JCED).

MINUTES APPROVAL

Ms. Hopkins entertained a motion to approve the February 14, 2007, Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC) minutes as written. A motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

REAPPOINTMENTS

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking letters of interest from Floyd Danner and Randy Alewine for reappointment to new 3-year terms. Two additional committee members representing cities are also up for reappointment. Tom Stewart has agreed to another term but Bob Mazza has decided to retire at the end of his term. Ms. Kemper will begin the process of recruiting for Mr. Mazza's first class city representative position.

5-YEAR PLAN REVISION PROCESS

Franklin Associates Update

Shelly Schneider with Franklin Associates presented two data collection handouts. A set of tables provided information about residential municipal solid waste (MSW) management services and costs. The second handout provided information on an informal curbside recycling survey that Shelly Schneider, Betsy Betros, Cindy Kemper, and Phil Askey have been doing in their respective neighborhoods. Committee members were encouraged to participate in their own neighborhoods using a similar procedure and provide the data to Betsy Betros or Shelley Schneider.

Waste Sort Update

Phil Askey recapped results from the Solid Waste Analysis Series One Interim Report prepared by Engineering Solutions Design in October, 2006. The second waste sort, Phase II, has been completed at the Johnson County Landfill and

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is underway at the Olathe Transfer Station. The complete waste sort study results should be available by the next SWMC meeting. Mr. Askey presented slides showing Phase II waste sort activity.

Results of the Stakeholder's Group Process

Ms. Kemper stated the first meeting of the Stakeholder's Group was held on March 27, 2007 and included an orientation to the stakeholder process and a discussion of the current waste management system. Facilitators and scribes kept tabs on all the information gathered at these meetings for content review. Copies of the materials from the stakeholder's meeting had been previously provided to the committee and were briefly reviewed. The second meeting of the Stakeholder's Group will be April 19, 2007.

SWMC BY-LAWS

Betsy Betros presented a proposed draft revision of the SWMC By-Laws, which were prepared in 1993 and have not been reviewed or revised since that time. Ms. Kemper noted this is an important time for the committee with the Plan rewrite and now is a good time to review the By-Laws. The By-Laws have been reviewed by JCED staff and are currently being reviewed by the County Legal Department. The revised By-Laws draft will be discussed with the committee at the next meeting.

JOHNSON COUNTY LANDFILL UPDATE

Mr. Askey provided a Johnson County Landfill update by showing slides of the major changes at the landfill including Phase V and Phase VI.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Kemper stated there has been very limited state legislative solid waste activity in the last year. The state was interested in a state-wide e-waste initiative program but has decided to promote only a pilot e-waste program. Johnson County plans to apply to participate in the pilot e-waste program.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) "Get Caught Recycling Program" promotes recycling state-wide. The JCED and KDHE completed three Get Caught Recycling posters for Johnson County. The three posters were shared with the committee.

The remaining 2007 SWMC meeting dates are as follows: June 13; July 11; August 8; September 12; October 10; and December 12.

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Please note other important dates:

- May 17, 3-5 p.m. - Stakeholder's Meeting
- July 19, 1:30 p.m. - Board of County Commissioners work session. Franklin Associates will present their findings to the Board. (**Note:** this is a date change that occurred since the SWMC meeting.)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SWMC is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2007. The JCED will provide a light dinner served at 6:15 p.m. followed by a 6:30 p.m. meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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