

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY

JOHNSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT  
OLATHE, KANSAS  
WEDNESDAY, May 14, 2008  
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairperson Ruth Hopkins.

Committee members present were: Randy Alewine, Floyd Danner, Cheryl Scott, Kent Seyfried, Dave Greene, Elaine Giessel, Betty de Wit, and Ruth Hopkins. Others present included Bernie Sabbert, Systech Environmental Corporation, and Kevin and Randy Weldon, Weldon Enterprises, Inc.; Cindy Kemper, Betsy Betros, Phil Askey, Julie Coon, and Maureen Deeds, Johnson County Environmental Department (JCED).

MINUTES APPROVAL

Due to the fact there was not a quorum present, the committee was unable to approve the March 12, 2008, Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC) minutes.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Plan) APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES

Cindy Kemper explained the Plan was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on December 13, 2007 and additional resources were requested from the County in the 2009 budget to cover these expenses. The resources requested by the Environmental Department have come in high on the BOCC list of expenses to approve.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) have completed a review of the Plan. They suggest two minor changes in regard to needing more information.

Deffenbaugh Industries Inc. has made some changes to their program that is consistent with the SWMP. Deffenbaugh is changing the number of bags residents can dispose and they are making changes to their vehicle fleet.

LAFARGE CEMENT PLANT ALTERNATIVE FUELS OPERATIONS

Ms. Kemper introduced Mr. Bernie Sabbert of the Systech Environmental Corporation, which is wholly owned by Lafarge in Sugar Creek, Missouri. The company utilizes waste materials as an energy source for the Lafarge cement company. They process industrial byproduct materials (called co-processing) from sources within a 100 mile radius of the Kansas City area. Co-processing is defined as using the byproduct of one industry to make the product of another. The materials are used as fuel for the production operations at the cement plant. They use this alternative fuel to cut down on the fuel usage and to reduce the number of trucks they use and reduce their carbon footprint.

Lafarge's sustainability program began in March 2002 with goals toward environmental stewardship and social responsibility. They have a strong record of sustainable manufacturing through land stewardship, community outreach, energy efficiency, and innovation. [www.sysenv.com](http://www.sysenv.com)

#### WELDON ENTERPRISES' NEW WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Ms. Kemper introduced Kevin and Randy Weldon of the Weldon Enterprises, Inc. The company is located in Eudora, Kansas and is currently servicing the cities of De Soto, Eudora, and Linwood in Kansas. It is a residential trash collection system that uses a specialized container that is emptied by automated equipment which makes garbage collection cleaner and safer. The service results in a more attractive curbside appearance, cuts down on injuries, and promotes recycling. Yard waste can only be collected in compostable craft paper bags separate from the collection bins. Educating the public to the benefits and encouraging whole (smaller) cities to participate has been the key to success for this program. [www.weldon-enterprises.com](http://www.weldon-enterprises.com)

#### UPDATE ON PLAN APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION

One of the objectives of the Plan is to develop objective criteria for consistency determinations in using the Plan. A handout was provided that gives an overview of what has been developed as possible criteria for review and approval of permit applications or grant requests. Each permit or grant application will be looked at against the Plan and then be legally reviewed for approval.

#### ONE KC VOICE

Betsy Betros explained the One KC Voice program. It is a plan of action that brings citizens together to dialogue various relevant public issues with the use of a trained facilitator. One KC Voice identifies the issues, invites the public to community discussions, connects the citizen voice to the decision making process, and then they report the results. <http://www.onekcvoice.org>

#### OTHER BUSINESS

The remaining 2008 meeting dates are as follows: September 10; and November 12.

Johnson County will be one of several sponsors of a broadcast program called Living Green. It is being sponsored by KSHB TV.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SWMC is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 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 8:53 p.m.