

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY

JOHNSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT  
OLATHE, KANSAS  
WEDNESDAY, November 14, 2007  
6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Tom Stewart.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members present were: Tom Stewart, Mike Clagett, Cheryl Scott, Mike Clagett, David Green, Elaine Giessel, Betty de Wit, Kent Seyfried, Tom Ireland, and Bob Tully. Others present included Bill Franklin and Shelly Schneider of Franklin Associates; Megan Laha, County Manager's Office; and Cindy Kemper, Betsy Betros, Phil Askey, and Maureen Deeds, Johnson County Environmental Department (JCED).

MINUTES APPROVAL

Tom Stewart entertained a motion to approve the October 10, 2007, Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC) minutes as written. A motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

5-YEAR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Cindy Kemper updated the Committee on moving the Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) through the process towards BOCC approval. She stated the public hearing on the Plan was held on November 7, 2007. Three citizens attended and two commented verbally and one provided a written comment. All three were supportive of the Plan. Four of the seven Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) attended the hearing. A few questions were raised by Commissioners and Ms. Kemper agreed to provide written response.

Final additions and changes to the Plan have been made in response to comments and suggestions from the SWMC. A written summary of the changes was provided to committee members.

After further discussion and some additional changes suggested by the Committee and agreed to by staff, a motion was made that the Johnson County Solid Waste Management Plan 2007 Edition be approved as revised and forwarded to the BOCC for adoption. The motion was seconded, and was unanimously approved by the SWMC.

LANDFILL UPDATE

Phil Askey provided a slide show update of the Johnson County Landfill activities. The main landfill areas presented included:

1. Phase 6, stage A, is now lined with a geocomposite liner covering the 32 acre cell. Recent heavy rains resulted in water flow under a section of the liner. Deffenbaugh Industries (DII) personnel, KDHE, JCED, and Aquaterra (third party quality control) were onsite to inspect and remedy the liner condition. KDHE approved the liner condition the following week. DII plans to begin accepting waste in Phase 6 by the end of December, 2007.
2. The massive Phase 6 Barker Road berm is completed with ongoing seeding and erosion control of the side slopes.
3. Groundwater monitoring wells have been installed along the perimeter areas of Phase 6 about every 500 feet to monitor the uppermost aquifer.
4. The Phase 5 area continues to accept about 4,500 ton/day and is projected to last to mid-2008. The C/D landfill cell takes in about 400-500 tons/day and will last another year. DII has plans to accept waste in both Phase 5 and Phase 6 during part of 2008.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Kemper distributed a proposed meeting schedule for 2008. Committee members were encouraged to reserve the meeting dates on their calendars. The 2008 dates are as follows: January 9; March 12; May 14; July 9; September 10; and November 12. The Committee agreed to return the meeting start time to 6:30 p.m. The light dinner preceding the meeting will continue.

Ms. Kemper noted that the date for the adoption of the Plan by the BOCC is scheduled for December 6, 2007 at the BOCC hearing room. (The Plan adoption date was subsequently rescheduled to December 13, 2007.)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SWMC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. The JCED will provide a light dinner at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Prepared by: Maureen Deeds  
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