

MINUTES

Solid Waste Policy Committee and
Technical Advisory Council Joint meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Clark County Combined Health District
529 E. Home Road, Springfield, Ohio

SWPC members present

Charles Patterson
Tim McDaniel
Len Hartoog
David Estrop
David Farrell
Melanie Wilt
Bobbie Sin

TAC members present:

Anne Kaup-Fett
Connie Strobbe

Solid Waste District staff present:

Chuck Bauer
Bonnie Martens
Sam Perin

Guests:

Jim Skora

I. Welcome and Introductions.

II. Call to order: Mr. Patterson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. followed by introductions.

III. Approval of minutes:

SWPC 19-1 Approval of September 5, 2018 minutes

D. Estrop motioned to approve September 5, 2018 minutes. L. Hartoog seconded. Motion carried. The Agenda showed the wrong date for the September meeting. It should have been September 5, 2018.

IV. Solid Waste District Projects

A. GT Environmental Draft Plan Update & Vote

Mr. Skora let the board know where we are in the schedule of turning the plan into the EPA. He listed the results of communities that voted. Ratification results showed eleven communities voted their approval and no communities voted no, but there were a few that didn't vote resulting in a no. We needed 75% approval and we reached 92.8%.

Dr. Estrop mentioned that he was frustrated that villages we support didn't make an effort to get the action on their agendas and wondered if the District could send a letter of frustration at their lack of support. Mr. Bauer explained that some of the Villages does not have a full-time Board and can be difficult to reach the members. Mr. Bauer was satisfied with the results. Ms. Wilt agreed with Mr. Bauer's in that the smaller villages/ townships have a lot to do with few people. Dr. Estrop then asked if we could at least send a letter to those unresponsive villages/townships explaining why the District plan is so important. After hearing back from the EPA, we can take the approved Plan to the villages/townships that didn't respond to let them know it passed and what it means to those political entities. Mr. Farrell stated that notification was well done by the District, even giving the villages/townships a sample resolution that could easily be used in a meeting. The District will report back to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Skora explained the next step was to certify the results of the Resolutions received from the Cities, Villages and Townships. It was verified the resolutions were approved during the September 18 to December 16, 2018. The 90-day period required.

SWPC 18-7 Approval of Resolution Certifying Ratification of the Solid Waste Management Plan 2019-01

Dr. Estrop motioned to approve Resolution No. 2019-01 (Resolution Certifying Ratification of the Solid Waste Management Plan Resolution 2019-01) Ms. Wilt seconded. Motion carried.

The completed Plan will be sent to the Ohio EPA by January 28, 2019 and they will have 90 days to review. Mr. Skora replied to Mr. Hartoog's question by explaining what steps would happen if the EPA did not approve our Plan.

The signature sheet was passed around for Policy Committee Members to sign and then the Resolution Certifying Ratification of the Solid Waste Management Plan Resolution No. 2019-01 sheet was signed and filled out by Mr. Patterson.

B. Drop-off Locations – South Charleston

Yamada wanted to be indemnified of responsibility at the South Charleston recycling drop-off location if it was located on their property. It was agreed by both parties the drop-off recycling station will not be placed at Yamada. Mr. Bauer asked Mr.

Farrell about a location in Greene Township in Pitchin. Other South Charleston options have been ruled out for not being out in the open to prevent illegal dumping. Mr. Farrell also gave other location options as suggestions; Shumaker's, the park, or the Bike Depot. Mr. Farrell will ask at the next meeting. Ms. Wilt asked about the drop-off being located at the school. The concern for the school was whether there was a two-way entrance/exit. Mr. Bauer mentioned that foreclosures, park and other options were explored in S. Charleston, but no site was feasible. Ms. Kaup-fett mentioned that David Vince offered to have some containers placed on some property he owns. Work will continue to place a new drop-off location in the eastern part of Clark County. Mr. Patterson asked about the usage of the other two newer sites. South Vienna's site is getting quite a bit of use. The total amount of recycling has increased. The Annual report will be presented at the next Policy meeting.

Mr. Patterson asked about the composting facility to be located in the city Springfield. Mr. Bauer had just spoken to Mr. Andre this morning and steps are being made in the right direction to open the business. Financing is the difficult component at the moment. Traditional bankers want to see better opportunities for revenue in Econopia's business plan before loans are given. Dr. Estrop suggested he look into small business development group for funding and Ms. Wilt suggested contacting Spring Forward.

C. Industrial Survey

This year the Solid Waste District will need to re-survey the industries in Clark County to determine their recycling rates for the Annual Report. GT Environmental has provided this service for us in the past. We will get a quote from GT Environmental to complete the survey for us this year.

D. Grants

First, the SWD applied to Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) for a grant to purchase a vinyl sign maker. Through Ohio EPA, we will apply for a grant to purchase an EPS/PS (Styrofoam®) condenser. The unit and drop-off container come to just under \$50,000 with a 25% match. A short discussion was held about how the unit would work and where it would be placed. Also, part of the same grant through Ohio EPA, the SWD will apply to purchase 20 surveillance cameras to be placed at "hot spots" identified throughout the city/county. The lithium batteries are long lasting and the information from the cameras can be received on the Deputies phones through Bluetooth. The SWD and Environmental Enforcement Deputies have already talked to Code Enforcement and the Forestry Director to work with us to help install and suggest placement of cameras. Dr. Estrop mentioned we might get some help with cameras already installed at the City Schools.

Discussion about Illegal Dumping: The City Commission is looking into holding property owners of vacant lots/houses responsible for keeping the sites in better condition. Mr. Patterson mentioned that Healthy Neighborhoods, Community Health Foundation might be contacted for funding to let the EPA know there would be other supporting organizations. Dr. Estrop offered to be a voice for SWPC on the City Commission. Prosecution is the holding point. We are hoping for a letter of support from the Prosecutor's office. Dr. Estrop would like to work with Mr. Bauer to present this to the City Commission. Mr. Farrell mentioned that behind potholes and snow removal, illegal dumping is the next biggest issue for all of the townships. Quick response can be an issue. Residents want items picked up immediately, which is not always an option. The Deputies can also get frustrated when they have a case and it's thrown out by the courts. Ms. Wilt explained some of the reasons for the backlog in the courts and the effort being made to decrease that problem. Clark Co. Farm Bureau would be happy to support the issue of catching people dumping illegally. Dr. Estrop mentioned publicly letting residents know that those people illegal dumping are starting to be prosecuted through news reports on television and social media.

V. Other

- Mr. Bauer mentioned the annual report will be given at the next Policy.
- A-frames with recycling information at the drop-off locations to decrease contamination.
- The District will look into giving bags as a give-away for customers to reuse to bring their recyclables to the drop off sites.

VI. Adjournment: 5:14 p.m.

*** The 2019 meetings will be April 17, July 17, and October 16.**

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Manager

Charles Patterson, Chair