

## MINUTES

Solid Waste Policy Committee and  
Technical Advisory Council Joint meeting  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Via Zoom Meeting

### **SWPC members present**

Dave Estrop  
Tim Foley  
Len Hartoog  
Jennifer Hutchinson  
Bobbie Sin

### **TAC members present:**

Anne Kaup-Fett  
Larry Ricketts  
Merritt Wichner

### **Solid Waste District staff present:**

Chuck Bauer  
Bonnie Martens  
Sam Perin

### **Guests:**

Matthew Hittle

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions.**

**II. Call to order:** Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

#### **III. Approval of minutes:**

SWPC 21-3 Approval of January 20, 2021 minutes

Dr. Estrop motioned to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes. Mr. Hartoog seconded. Motion carried.

#### **IV. Solid Waste District Projects**

##### **A. 2020 Annual Report**

The report was presented by Mr. Bauer for the Clark County Solid Waste District. The next step is to schedule the report to be presented to the Springfield City Commission and the Clark County Commission.

##### **B. Public Member – Len Hartoog**

Mr. Hartoog would like to transition off the board. He will complete the term, but if we can find a replacement before the end of the year he would resign to let the new member start. Mr. Hartoog thanked everyone for his experience. If any of the members know someone interested, contact Mr. Bauer.

##### **C. C & S Tree – Contract**

The contract was started February 1, 2021 and works to provide Clark County residents free yard waste disposal once again. The SWD has limited the access to our yard waste bins to only when Specialty Recycling is open.

##### **D. Education -**

Tomorrow is Earth Day and Mr. Perin will have his first of the year in-school program after the Covid-19 virus has settled some. Another SWD project for Earth Day is to encourage the use of environmentally safe cleaners. The first 51 people coming through Specialty Recycling, April 22, 2021, will receive a “green” cleaner as well as information about Grove Collaborative, a subscription service for environmentally friendly products. He will have Mike Cooper update our website to include information about environmentally safe cleaners. The EPA has a rating system of cleaners that are “safer” for the environment than other cleaners to answer Mr. Hartoog’s question. The new Adopt-a-Drop program is going very well, especially at the Home Rd. location where two groups are signed up to help clean (Real Estate II and Wallace & Turner). If anyone has suggestions for groups to help out at other locations let Mr. Perin know. Signs will be made shortly to recognize the people/groups that helped harvest seeds from last year’s sunflower field to be used in the planting of this year’s field.

##### **E. Bulky Item Program (Furniture Drop)**

Mr. Bauer let the board know that we have had two Furniture Drop collections as of this meeting. This program will happen on the second Tuesday of each month from 9am-2 pm. The SWD staff altered the program from residents showing up anytime during the 5 hour time frame in March to signing up residents in half hour blocks in April and moving forward. Ms. Kaup-Fett asked if it’s problematic for the truck to leave the bulky items in it for stretches of time given we have not had to empty the compacting truck at this point. The truck should be able to handle storing the material.

##### **F. Montgomery County Increase Disposal fee**

Mr. Bauer mentioned there were no updates at this point.

**V. Other -**

Does this group want to get together in person for meetings moving forward? Dr. Estrop mentioned the City Commission has returned to in-person meetings. He offered the City forum location if needed. Ms. Kaup-Fett felt that in-person meetings allowed for more engagement between members, but that Zoom meetings tend to be concise which can also be a positive. Ms. Martens asked if the Health Dept. Conference room C is open and available for meetings and is it large enough for the SWPC and TAC meeting. It probably is not for the time being. Mr. Foley mentioned the Springfield Township building is open and available for meetings.

We will send a follow-up email to get suggestions for future meetings from all SWPC and TAC members.

**VI. Meeting adjourned: 4:54 p.m.**

**Additional 2021 meeting dates: July 21, and Oct. 20**

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Manager

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Charles Patterson, Chair