

MINUTES

Solid Waste Policy Committee and
Technical Advisory Council Joint meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Via Zoom Meeting

SWPC members present

Tim McDaniel
Bobbie Sin
Len Hartoog
David Farrell
David Estrop
Jennifer Hutchinson

TAC members present:

Bill Cook
Connie Strobbe

Solid Waste District staff present:

Chuck Bauer
Bonnie Martens

Guests:

Matthew Hittle

I. Welcome and Introductions.

II. Call to order: Mr. McDaniel called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

III. Approval of minutes:

SWPC 20-2 Approval of January 15, 2020 minutes

Dr. Estrop motioned to approve the January 15, 2020 minutes. Mr. Farrell seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Solid Waste District Projects

A. SWD Annual Report

Mr. Bauer shared his screen and presented the 2019 Annual Report for the Solid waste District. This can be viewed on the Clark County website through the Solid Waste District page under the "About Us" section. A link was sent with the meeting reminder. Dr. Estrop asked for the SWD to present the Annual report to the City Commission.

B. OSWDO (Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio): Covid-19 District Impacts

Mr. Bauer started by explaining that the SWD lost the PRIDE crew during the shut-down and through June. This affected our ability to address illegal dumping and cardboard baling. We had to reach out to the political jurisdictions and they picked up items in their own areas and took these materials to the City Service Center after talking to Eric Erter. After cardboard bins were opened back up John Haughey was driving the cardboard to Dayton which took the better part of four days out of each week. Specialty Recycling was closed for eight weeks during the shutdown. Once re-opened, staff wore masks, gloves, and aprons. The Health District let us borrow a portable hand washing station since 1620 W. Main doesn't have running water. Another impact is that we are not doing in-person programming. This was discussed later in the Policy meeting.

C. Cardboard/Bulky Items/Programs

Mr. Bauer mentioned the trips with cardboard were taking up too much of Mr. Haughey's time. A rear-load compacting garbage truck was purchased for \$39,000. Initially it was to enable us to make fewer trips to Dayton to get the cardboard recycled while the PRIDE crew was gone. We will continue to be able to process cardboard if we were to lose our PRIDE crew again. Looking ahead, we plan to be able to use this compacting Garbage Truck for cleanups and hope to be able to use this for a bulky item program. Most likely there would be a certain day of the week when residents will be able to bring in their bulky items (mattresses & couches, etc.). Mr. Bauer shared an Economic Evaluation in deciding how to handle the processing of cardboard and bulky items from his screen. The comparison was between a compacting box (that would have to be rented) and the garbage truck. These will be available with the minutes for viewing. A CDL license is needed to drive this garbage truck. The City Service Center and the Utilities Department have drivers the SWD can pay for their services for the 1-2 times per month the truck would need to be driven to unload cardboard. Mr. Hittle asked about the logistics of the bulky items drop-off with this truck and how it might work. The thought is that we would run a program for bulky items similar to the Specialty Recycling, but the residents would be the ones putting their items in a chute to the compacting truck. Fees are being researched to enable the program to be self-sufficient.

D. EPS (Styrofoam) Recycling

To explain the Styrofoam the SWD can and cannot accept, Mr. Bauer filmed a short video that was posted on the Keep Clark County Beautiful (KCCB) Facebook page. This video was shown during the Zoom meeting.

E. Education

Two videos have been posted to Facebook showing Sam Perin educating Clark county residents about our Specialty Recycling changes in the face of Covid-19 and a new program, our Cleanup Litter Box. The Pandemic canceled our anti-litter program – the Great American Cleanup (GAC) that happens each spring. The gloves, vests, and trash bag supplies that were given for the GAC from Keep Ohio Beautiful were just sitting in the warehouse. Putting these supplies in a box -similar to the Little Libraries showing up in communities- with a flyer explaining safety precautions was our answer to getting cleanup materials to residents interested in wanting to pick up litter in an area around where they live. The local newspaper wrote an article about this program. We will make two to three of these Cleanup Litter Boxes and rotate them between our six drop-off locations for several weeks. Dr. Estrop thought these videos might be a great way for Mr. Perin to get his recycling education programs into the schools. Ms. Martens explained he does hope to live stream with teachers and will offer the teachers a kit of supplies for the different grade programs to have while he teaches remotely through a live stream. Mr. Perin has also been meeting with other Education Specialists across the state twice a month on a conference call as they all work on ideas of how to move forward with Recycling Education programs.

F. TAC / Illegal Dumping - report

Ms. Strobbe said they have not had a chance to meet. Ms. Martens explained that it was put on the agenda to get the ball rolling again through a conference call or Zoom meeting in light of the SWD having purchased a compacting trash truck and how it relates to the recommendations made from the TAC committee to the Policy committee in January of this year. Please watch for an email to schedule this meeting.

V. Other - no comments

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

Last 2020 meeting date: October 21

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Manager

Tim McDaniel, Vice-Chair

