

APPROVED June 4, 2018

## Solid Waste Advisory Group Meeting Summary

DATE: March 28, 2018

LOCATION: Solid Waste Administration Training Room

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MEMBERS PRESENT: County Commissioner Barry Jacobs, County Commissioner Mark Marcoplos, Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger, Chapel Hill Council Member Donna Bell, Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Carrboro Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, UNC-Chapel Hill Representative Brad Ives, UNC-Healthcare Representative Mel Hurston

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hillsborough Commissioner Mark Bell

STAFF PRESENT: County Manager Bonnie Hammersley, County Solid Waste Director, Robert Williams, County Chief Finance Officer Gary Donaldson, Chapel Hill Public Works Director Lance Norris, Hillsborough Public Works Director Ken Hines, Carrboro Public Works Director Joe Guckavan, Chapel Hill Public Works Staff Wendy Simmons, UNC-Chapel Hill Solid Waste BJ Tipton County Solid Waste Staff: Gordon Dively, Cheryl Young, Allison Lohrenz, Muriel Williman, Kristina Witosky, Wanda McCain

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Call to Order

Approval of Meeting Summary

March 23, 2017 meeting summary approved

Introductions

SWAG Board Members – new to the board are Mark Marcoplos, Donna Bell

New Solid Waste Director – Robert Williams

Twenty years of government experience

Will continue along the track of things done well in recycling

See an opportunity to grow and develop regional partnerships to meet solid waste needs

Update on SWAG projects

Review of Solid Waste Priorities/Goals

Jacobs states that people can bring things to the next meeting that they would like to suggest that we look at or work on. There is a more detailed document that listed what we wanted to do and in what priority order. We can get that out with the agenda next time.

Inter-local Agreement

Hammersley states that the draft inter-local agreement has been reviewed by staff which will be shared with the other managers. Managers will discuss changes, once approved it will go the attorneys of all the jurisdictions for review. It then goes to SWAG for approval and then to the governing boards for approval.

Eubanks Road Waste & Recycling Center

Williams states that there will be a soft opening of the improved site on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and a grand opening ceremony at 9am on April 17.

Lohrenz states that the new materials at the site will be food waste, plastic film, and clothes and shoes Household hazardous waste will also move over to the site.

SCS Engineers, PC and AGR, LLC

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Williams states that the commissioned work has been completed and will schedule a presentation of the information for the SWAG during the April or May meeting.

### Emergency Storm Debris Site Update

Dively stated that a RFP should be going out in the next month or so soliciting large land owners, about 30 acres, in the county to see if they want to enter into a lease with the County to provide land for a large storm debris event. The RFP will spell out the specifics. A site evaluation will be conducted before a lease or agreement is discussed with the land owner and have it pre-certified with the State. If the site is used it will be restored back to its original state.

Hemminger asks as we have large trees taken down, how difficult is to have a program to allow citizens can come get the wood if they wanted to make something out of it.

Lohrenz replies that there is limited space at the landfill to house large trees.

Hammersley states that County has done a RFP to allow citizen come by and remove the wood at no cost within a specific time.

### Department Funding

Recommendation to increase annual Solid Waste Programs Fee from \$128 to \$132

Donaldson states that the proposed 2019 budget is consistent with the SCS recommendation to follow an increase from \$128 to \$132 which generates \$243,000. After this presentation the recommendation will go to the respective Town managers.

### Staff Information Items

Williams states that these items are for your reading.

### Other

Jacobs ask if there is a recreational use for the retired landfill.

Williams states that were discussions about solar arrays. Unsure if that will work because of the access to the sun but will continue to look into it.

Marcoplos asks how many years does the landfill have to settle before you can develop it.

Dively states that there is a 20 year lease agreement with UNC-CH on the gas system with about 15 years left as long as the gas wells are operating we can't really do anything.

Jacobs states an information item for next time is how much gas and revenue is being generated at the landfill.

Ives states that there have been some operational problems with the engine and the volume of gas isn't that great.

Jacobs states that our goals deals with food waste and having a more aggressive program for acquiring residential food waste. Another thing to contemplate is the fact that OWASA bio-solids are solid waste. Do we want to have a strategy for other than applying it to land in Bingham Township?

Williams states we can look into that.

Next Meeting - Doodle poll for available times.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:10 pm  
Name of Minute Taker: Wanda McCain