



# HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) minutes:** July 19, 2010

**Present:** Chairman Stan Kumor, Mr. Jim Phelps, Ms. Katie Breckheimer, Mr. Terry Maybin, and Mr. Robert Delwiche, Ms. Debbie Hicks, Ms. Emily Anderson and Mr. Greg McMinn.

**Guests:** Mr. Jack Keyes with Etowah Lions, Ms. Sharon Burlingame with ECO and Mr. Dwight A. Lively with Zeke's Garbage.

**Staff:** Ms. Alexis Baker, Mr. Marcus Jones, and Ms. Natalie Berry.

**Welcome/Call to Order:**

Chairman Kumor called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

*A motion was made to approve the minutes from May 17, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Election of Vice Chair:** Mr. Jim Phelps was nominated for Vice Chair by Stan Kumor, Mr. Phelps accepts nomination and the vote was unanimous for the election of Mr. Phelps as Vice Chair. Vacant position for committee member will be filled once the Board of Commissioners meet again.

**Old Business:** The Stoney Mountain Road improvements are in complete in design phase. Permits have been applied for and the bidding process is coming up in August 2010. The status for the MRF (Material Recovery Facility) is unchanged. The Request for Proposals for the lease of a facility and the qualifications from equipment manufacturers have been reviewed and the process now awaits the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners to make a decision in how to move forward. NC DOT has agreed to pave the new entrance for the improvements at no cost to Henderson County in exchange for dumping their materials from Henderson County only, at no cost to them.

**New Business:** Mr. Jones explains that the 2009-2010 fiscal year revenues were down from previous years due to things like reduced trash volume. Previous years have allowed for a 10% retainer to be set aside (Fund Balance). Some of those funds will now be used for the construction of the updated facility at Stoney Mountain Road but the 10% retainer after expenses is not expected for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The Solid Waste program is in no financial danger. More will be known after all auditing is complete. No tipping fee increase is planned for the upcoming 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Ms. Debbie Hicks inquires about the volume of wood waste becoming too much for the Stoney Mtn. Road facility. Mr. Jones explained that we currently have a company grinding the wood waste and then the waste is removed and taken to a company with a licensed composting facility. Henderson County is not currently interested in running a composting facility on site due to cost of maintaining such.

Ms. Alexis Bakers reports that a Household Hazardous Waste Training event was held in May 2010. The next several event dates will be announced in a press release. The plan is to hold one even a month. Ms. Baker explained that the items collected will include pesticides (free), insecticides (free), thermostats (free), household cleaners/chemicals (free) and paint (\$5.00 a gallon to cover the Counties cost of disposal). When the construction begins it will disrupt the monthly events for a time. The HHW building will be moved to a new location as part of the improvements.

Mr. Marcus Jones explains that the process of permitting Haulers includes a schedule set forth by the Board of Commissioners. The schedule includes:

- No hauler may purchase a vehicle that is not purpose built for hauling MSW to add to their fleet as of 2010
- All haulers must offer recycling by 2011
- All haulers may only use purpose built equipment for hauling MSW by the year 2013. This allows 3 years for hauling companies to comply.

This schedule is set forth by the commissioners so that Henderson County is compliant with state statues. A recent letter has been sent to all haulers reiterating the plan. Mr. Kumor reminded the committee that discussion of a possible Haulers Forum was due at this meeting. Discussion ensued as to the rules and regulations and making sure that all haulers, large or small business are following the plan as set forth by the commissioners. No word was finalized at this meeting as to having holding a Haulers Forum.

Ms. Natalie Berry shares that the June 4<sup>th</sup> deadline to bring the Stoney Mtn. Road Facility into compliance as imposed by the DENR Inspection results from March 10<sup>th</sup> has now passed and the facility is in compliance to the satisfaction of the DENR inspector. The methane gas plan is the only outstanding issue and is currently being worked on. A more current map will be developed to show the location of each well. The NOV's (Notice of Violation) have been given resolution by DENR. No fines were issued.

The Solid Waste Manager Position has been filled by the interim manager Natalie Berry. As the application process extended over several months, Ms. Berry successfully brought the Stoney Mountain Road Facility to compliance with DENR and maintained the management of the facility and staff. Due to her proven ability to run the facility well, the decision was made to have her continue as manager.

Mr. Stan Kumor, Mr. Marcus Jones, Ms. Natalie Berry, Ms. Alexis Baker and some staff from McGill, the firm working on the Stoney Mtn. Road Capital Improvements project recently visited the MRF in Mecklenburg County. The purpose of the visit was to look at equipment that was provided from a possible vendor for Henderson County's MRF as well as view the operation of the facility. Mr. Kumor shared photos from the visit and explained with the help of Mr. Jones the operation of that facility.

Ms. Alexis Baker reviewed the material reports showing that MSW decreased from the 2009-2010 fiscal year as compared to the previous year. According to the reports, recycling has increased. The increase in recycling was discussed and the reasons associated with the increase include more banned materials and more haulers offering recycling in our area. Ms. Baker also reviewed her latest efforts as of May 20, 2010 in regards to education and outreach. Ms. Katie Breckheimer reported her findings on contacting different companies in regards to touring their factories/facilities. She will continue to inquire with different companies as to their tours and keep the committee informed.

The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2010.

*Meeting Adjourned*

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