



HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) minutes: November 16, 2009

Present: Chairman Stan Kumor, Mr. Jim Phelps, Ms. Katie Breckheimer, Tom McCullough, Mr. Terry Maybin, and Mr. Robert Delwiche.

Guests: Ms. Debbie Hicks and Mr. Jack Keyes from Etowah Lions, Mr. Jim Kisner from Waste Reduction Partners, Mr. Charles Breckheimer from ECO, and Ms. Sarah Winters and Mr. Dwight A. Lively from Zeke's Garbage Service.

Staff: Mr. Will Sagar, Ms. Alexis Baker, Mr. Marcus Jones and Ms. Katie Aultman.

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 October 19, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Will Sagar announced that the Board of Commissioners was satisfied with the transition schedule that was presented at the last BOC meeting.

Mr. Will Sagar reviewed the compliance schedule as follows:

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| October 2009 | Plastic bottle ban enforced |
| November 2009 | No new non compliant equipment permitted |
| January 2010 | All equipment inventoried and non compliant equipment identified |
| January 2011 | All haulers offer recycling services |
| January 2013 | No non compliant equipment permitted |

Mr. Terry Maybin expressed the difficulty that he thought many of the smaller hauling companies would have to become compliant due to the expense of the trucks.

Mr. Will Sagar explained that the state is looking for the haulers to make efforts towards compliance. As long as they are actively working towards this goal, they should not be fined.

Mr. Jim Phelps expressed that he does not think that it is fair that noncompliant haulers get to continue doing business for the next three years, while compliant companies have spent money on upgrading their vehicles.

Ms. Debbie Hicks asked if Haulers are considered compliant with the recycling laws if they offer a recycling convenience center.

Mr. Jack Keyes asked if they would be considered compliant if they only picked up recycling every other week.

Mr. Will Sagar's response to both of these questions was that they had not gone into that level of detail yet.

Ms. Alexis Baker pulled up the law defining compliant vehicles on the projector.

15A NCAC 13B .0105 COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID WASTE

- (a) The solid waste collector shall be responsible for the satisfactory collection and transportation of all solid waste to a permitted disposal site or facility.
- (b) The solid waste collector shall transport to a site or facility only those solid wastes which the site or facility is permitted to receive.
- (c) Vehicles or containers used for the collection and transportation by whatever means, including but not limited to, highway, rail, and navigable waterway, of garbage, or refuse containing garbage, shall be covered, leakproof, durable, and of easily cleanable construction. These shall be cleaned as often as necessary to prevent a nuisance or insect breeding and shall be maintained in good repair.
- (d) Vehicles or containers used for the collection and transportation of any solid waste shall be loaded and moved in such a manner that the contents will not fall, leak, or spill and shall be covered when necessary to keep contents dry and to prevent blowing of material. If spillage should occur, the material shall be picked up immediately by the solid waste collector and returned to the vehicle or container and the area shall be properly cleaned.

Ms. Katie Breckheimer announced that it seemed as if there was still a lot of confusion regarding what qualified as compliant and asked when the next Haulers Meeting was.

Mr. Will Sagar responded that there was no Haulers Meeting scheduled yet. Mr. Sagar added that by the end of January 2010, all haulers would know if their equipment is compliant, and what they need to do to become compliant.

New Business:

- A) Board of Commissioners appoints McGill and Associates as the project engineer for the redesign of the new convenience center. Mr. Marcus Jones announced that preliminary sketches for the convenience center were presented and the budget was approved for the new design and the Continued Capital Program by the Board of Commissioners. The engineering contract is on the Board of Commissioners agenda for November 18, 2009.
- B) Mr. Chuck McGrady was unable to attend this SWAC meeting and therefore could not present the report from the County Commissioners Association.
- C) Ms. Katie Breckheimer announced that ECO and The League of Woman Voters will jointly host a recycling forum. The forum will be held in the library, early in the New Year. Ms. Breckheimer expressed that she would like to work with the Solid Waste Division to create a knowledgeable

panel to answer questions posed by the forum attendees. She believed that the forum may be held in early February, 2010.

Ms. Breckheimer also expressed her discontent with the misinformation about solid waste and recycling that has been released by the press recently. She asked if it was possible to ask for a retraction. Mr. Marcus Jones stated that it was against Henderson County policy to do so. Ms. Katie Breckheimer proposed that perhaps the members of ECO could write a letter to the editor.

- D) Mr. Stan Kumar announced that Mr. David Behun has resigned from SWAC due to his transfer to Florida. The Board of Commissioners will take nominations for new SWAC members on December 7, 2009.
- E) Mr. Will Sagar presented Materials Analysis charts for the Solid Waste Division. The graphs reveal that recycling numbers are up from last year. Mr. Will Sagar also listed various events and projects that were completed by the Solid Waste division:

October

Met with parks and recreation to discuss recycling

November

Press Releases: America Recycles Day (2x)

Middle School Graphics Contest

Article in Times News: "Myths, Misconceptions on Materials Ban "

Events: Church Woman United

America Recycles Day

Other

Letter of Intent for EECBG

Grant Research

Land of Sky Grant Class

Chamber of Commerce (Will)

Ordered bins for Public Works (3) and Parks and Recreation (30)

Other

Ms. Katie Breckheimer noted that the more detailed "Pros and Cons" chart from the September meeting minutes were supposed to be attached to the new minutes but were not.

Mr. Charles Breckheimer expressed that, though Henderson County is behind other counties in recycling, as a community, we have come a long way in the past three years.

The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2009.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Ms. Katie Aultman.

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