



# HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

## **SWAC minutes 2/16/09**

**Present:** Jim Phelps, Stan Kumor, Katie Breckheimer, Terry Maybin, Adrienne Outcalt, Will Sagar, Emily Anderson, Joe McGuth, Tom McCullough, Marcus Jones, Chuck McGrady

**Absent:** Dick Stewart, David Behun

**Guests:** Jack Keyes, Debbie Hicks (Etowah Lion's Club), Bill Sperry (McGill and Associates), Jeff Bishop (McGill and Associates), Angela Fernandini, Bruce Gosnell

## **Welcome/Call to Order**

Stan Kumor called the meeting to order at 4:01

## **Approval of Minutes**

Several changes were made to the previous meeting's minutes, and they were adopted by acclamation.

## **Stoney Mountain Facility Upgrade Recommendations**

Bill Sperry gave an overview of some proposed changes to the transfer operation and transfer station. Changes to the proposed new recycling center were then discussed. Slides of the modified convenience center were shown, and a cost estimate of \$1.4 million was given. Stan Kumor asked about a timeline for the project, and Jeff Bishop gave an estimate of approximately six months.

Proposed upgrades to the scale house and entrance were covered based on changes that had been discussed since the last meeting; slides illustrating those changes were shown and a preliminary cost of \$1.2 million was given.

Proposed changes to the overall site, including C&D reclamation (preliminary cost of \$167,100) composting (preliminary cost \$270,100) and relocation of the wood waste and white goods area (preliminary cost of \$869,700) were discussed.

Plans for the recycling transfer area were discussed and a preliminary cost of \$110,700 was given. Kumor asked if there was a handout with the numbers of the cost estimates on it, and Marcus Jones mentioned that since the numbers were very preliminary and did not factor in long term savings or tipping fees, nothing had been prepared yet.

Plans for a Materials Recovery Facility were discussed, and approximate dimensions of 36,000 square feet were given. Probable cost was estimated at \$3,934,000. Options for an offsite MRF were reviewed, and criterion for that project was discussed; the cost for that was estimated at \$1,050,000. Jones explained his reasoning for exploring the option of an offsite MRF, mentioning his desire to not be limited by the school bus garage and the flexibility of incremental development that it offered. Katie Breckheimer asked if any facilities like that were available to the County, and Jones said that though the County didn't own a facility that would appropriately meet needs, there were leasing options.

Overall site plans with improvements were shown. Kumor asked McGill and Associates and the committee to think about how commercial haulers could be accommodated in the interim of the master plan. Sperry went over some options, such as the existing recycling transfer facility. Sperry assured Kumor that the master plan would address this concern

Kumor passed out a chart with McGill and Associate's numbers along with vehicular traffic numbers to make the point that recycling is in demand, and to better illustrate some of the points of the master plan.

Tom McCullough asked if collection options had been priced yet. Bishop clarified that they had not assigned those numbers yet. McCullough asked why that had been put off, and Bishop and Jones clarified that they had not, but the work was being done incrementally and would be ready by the next meeting.

### **Revisions to Triennial Solid Waste Ten Year Plan**

Kumor mentioned that he had done some calculations related to the bag for bag program, and that his numbers had not shown that it was a major concern. Will Sagar asked Kumor where he had gotten his numbers, and he clarified that he got the numbers from the McGill report and previous triennial update. Sagar mentioned that the previous update had shown higher tonnage and more lost revenue than Kumor's numbers did. Kumor said that he would double check his calculations.

Kumor went over some of his ideas for improvements to the ten year plan. He mentioned that Henderson County's per capita waste disposal was consistent with the state average. Jim Phelps reiterated a way to accommodate haulers for recycling in the interim was necessary.

Breckheimer mentioned that she struggled with Gary Tweed's reasoning behind the difficulty of keeping a 5% waste reduction with County growth rates; her reasoning was that in years where Henderson County had a recycling coordinator and additional convenience centers, waste reduction rates were higher.

### **Staff Update**

Adrienne Outcalt went over statistics for the month of January. She noted that the recycling rates had come down from a spike in December and were down from the previous year. She also noted that solid waste numbers were down sharply from previous years, especially from FY07. She speculated that it

was due to the economy. Breckheimer mentioned that she really appreciated having monthly statistics available, and that it added a lot to each meeting.

Kumor mentioned that a forum held by ECO and featuring County solid waste staff would be held the next night and encouraged committee members to attend.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:22.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 16th 2009 in the Conference Room at 100 North King Street.

Respectfully submitted by Adrienne Outcalt.