

Mahoning County SWMD

Board of Directors: Commissioners John McNally, Anthony Traficanti, and Carol Righetti

Policy Committee:

Chair: Commissioner John McNally

Mayor Jay Williams – Youngstown

Trustee Robert Orr – Township Association

Matthew Stefanak – Health Commissioner

Dr. Edwards – Public Member

Dr. Shoemaker – Citizen Member

Tom Yanko, CEO Associated Paper Stock Inc., Industrial Member



Quick Facts about District:

- Single county SWMD with population of 236,735
- 14 Townships, 4 Cities with Youngstown the largest, and 7 Villages
- A mixture of urban, suburban, and rural population
- Provide free curbside recycling to over approximately 75,000 households through a 1994 Agreement with Allied/Republic Waste Services
- Provide 37 community recycling drop-off sites for residents and commercial entities
- Provide collection for 450 institutions and businesses and technical assistance for industries to reduce their waste
- Provide annual recycling assistance grants to all drop-off site communities so they can hire local recycling coordinators
- Provide HHW drives, and mini-grants for communities to host electronics – tire – appliance drives
- Provide litter law enforcement
- Have a mandatory reporting requirement for all scrap metal processing facilities in Yo. thru ordinance passed in 2005
- Have a staff of 10 FTE and 2 PT.
- Currently updating Plan – due March 2012.
- 2009 R/C recycling rate – 23%, in 2008 – 27%
- Have 3 private landfills – generate about 2.8 million/yr. in revenues
- Have 2 private MRF's in full operation.

Policy Committee

- Meet 10 to 12 times per year with press and citizens welcome – always first Tuesday in the morning for about 90 min.
- PC has structured agenda – Chair opens and closes meeting and permits me to review agenda
- Agenda always includes updates from 3 landfill operators and Seneca, PA. operator with our Contract Fee Agreement.
- Includes updates from private MRF operators
- In February – PC reviews progress/concerns of past year and plans for current year. PC provides me input on direction of the District – their concern over stagnant landfill revenues – their desire to invigorate programs in order to raise recycling awareness
- PC listens to community recycling coordinator updates during meetings



Generating Annual District Budget

- In May, the PC invites stakeholders to attend and present their financial assistance need for the next year and justify it.
- The PC questions the stakeholders about their programs, services they perform, and quantifiable measurements they impose to make sure funds are well spent.
- I also have to justify my staff size and office overhead for the budget.
- The PC refers to Plan – Section VIII as they review potential expenditures.
- In June, I provide a draft budget that the PC analyzes and discusses in length with audience input permitted *within reason*.
- In August, PC votes on a compromise budget.
- In Sept. I submit PC budget to Commissioners, attend meetings or hearings to defend it. In Dec., Commissioners approve or modify budget.



PC continued...

- A challenge – terms up for the citizen, public, and industrial members
- Open process for selection with an ad in the newspaper and postings through townships, cities, and villages
- Public hearing for the 4 permanent members to interview candidates
- Meetings always include a final comment segment with PC members
- A Public Comment segment
- PC wants informed so I e-mail them regularly between meetings



Advantages of an active PC

- Provides constant input about the programs and operations of the District.
- Provides a monthly forum for the public to comment.
- Provides reinforcement on policies, decisions, budgetary matters, etc. with regards to the Board of Directors.
- Provides a mechanism to reach various agencies and entities by utilizing the PC members to intercede.
- Provides power to proposals.
- Keeps me focused.
- Assists Commissioners in personnel matters such as selection of director and assistant director.

Comments/Questions?



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- Next meeting – March 1, 2011 @ 8:30 AM – Oakhill Renaissance Center - Youngstown