

Summary Minutes as Approved on 10/16/2019
Ohio Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC)
September 18, 2019
Lazarus Government Center
50 West Town Street, Suite 700
Columbus, OH 43215

The following members were present:

Chuck DeJonckheere, Health Departments
Michael Dinneen, Private Sector
Jennifer Fenderbosch, Municipalities
Jenna Hicks, Solid Waste Management Districts
Kimberly McConville, Private Sector
Paul Wise, Townships
Kathy Trent, Private Sector
Kelly Bensman, General Public
John Bayliss, Counties

Absent: Alex Boehnke (Private Sector), Beth Mowery (Private Sector), Frank Szollosi (Environmental Advocacy Organizations), Brian Winter (Private Sector)

Also in attendance were Chet Chaney (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Matthew Hittle (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Jeff Montavon (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Kevin Zacharyasz (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Ernie Stall (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Marie Barnett (Ohio EPA-DEFA), Dave Foulkes (Ohio EPA-DEFA), Taylor Greely (Rumpke), Beth Biggins-Ramer (Medina County SWMD) and Michael Guastella (Ohio EPA-DO). Elissa Yoder Mann (Sierra Club) participated via conference call.

Approval of June 19, 2019 Minutes

Jennifer Fenderbosch moved to approve the minutes for the April 17, 2019 meeting. Kimberly McConville seconded the motion. Motion was passed on voice vote.

Ohio EPA Updates

An update regarding the Board member's whose terms expired this year was provided. Boards and Commissions are processing the applications and it is likely the appointments will be made soon.

2020 State Solid Waste Management Plan

Ernie indicated that the State Plan is currently in the public comment period, public notices were sent to the largest newspapers in Ohio, and the public hearings are scheduled at the five Ohio EPA district offices. Ernie will send the MMAC members the schedule for the public hearings. It was recommended to add a legend to the map on page 17 of the document.

Kathy Trent moved to approve the draft State Solid Waste Management Plan as presented. Jennifer Fenderbosch seconded the motion. The motion passed on voice vote.

Ohio EPA Legislative Update

Michael Guastella, Ohio EPA's Deputy Director of Government and Business Relations, provided an update regarding legislative initiatives Ohio EPA is tracking. The legislature is currently on break but will be re-convening soon. He mentioned he will be in contact with the Governor's office to help expedite the re-appoints of MMAC members.

There was discussion about language relating to regulatory reform (from Senate Bill 1) that made it into the budget bill. The provision requires two rules to be removed for every new one introduced. This relates to anything with a "shall" or a "must".

He also related to Governor DeWine's H2Ohio Initiative. Over \$8 million has been allocated to help residents (through the Department of Agriculture, ODNR, and EPA) for things like lining leaded pipes and replacing septic systems. It was clarified that the program does not address replacing combined sewer systems.

Ernie mentioned that DMWM's fee rules are currently up for review and the State Plan rules will be coming soon.

Medina County SWMD's transition from operating a dirty MRF to its "Sum of all parts" recycling strategy

Beth Biggins-Ramer provided MMAC with a presentation relating to the Medina County Solid Waste Management District's (District) transition away from a mixed solid waste materials recovery facility. A timeline was provided dating back to 1991 when the Central Processing Facility (CPF) was built. All waste in Medina County was directed to the CPF to pull recyclables from the waste stream prior to disposal. After a series of meetings, studies, and proposals, the CPF stopped processing waste in January 2015. At that time the District began using the facility to transfer waste and implemented single stream recycling drop-offs. The gate rate for waste at the facility was reduced as a result of these changes - from \$61/ton to \$42/ton by January 2016.

Beth related to the "Sum of All Parts (SOAP)" programming that was include in their 2016-2030 Solid Waste Management Plan. The Plan included establishing a workgroup as well as two budgets (with and without mixed waste processing). The workgroup was responsible for developing the road map for solid waste management in Medina County. This was particularly challenging as the County that did not have to think about recycling since the CPF "did it for them." Since then, the number of drop-off recycling sites has increased, and curbside recycling programs have been implemented. The process of updating the Plan began this year.

2019 saw several major improvements to the infrastructure within the District. Brunswick became the largest city in the county to implement curbside recycling. The transfer station was upgraded, and Rumpke installed mixed waste processing equipment to be used for select commercial loads. 2020 will see additional curbside programs and new outreach/education efforts by the District.

Beth provided some clarifying information based on further discussion. Beth mentioned that there is a surcharge if a drop-off is over 50 percent contamination and must be handled as trash. This has only applied to about one percent of the pick-ups. With all the changes, the District is now showing a residential/commercial recycling rate of 22 percent.

2020 Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants

Dave Foulkes provided a quick presentation on the 2020 Recycling Litter Prevention Grant Program. Dave provided the important dates for the upcoming grant round. The grant application period will open on November 4, 2019 and close on February 7, 2020. Dave also related to the addition of an Academic Institution Grant to go along with Governor DeWine's education agenda. Ohio's academic institutions, both public and private, are eligible. This include K-12 schools as well as colleges and universities.

Next Steps and Wrap Up

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Presentation will include Pratt Recycling as well as Montgomery County recap of the disaster debris from the tornados.

John Bayliss moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Trent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

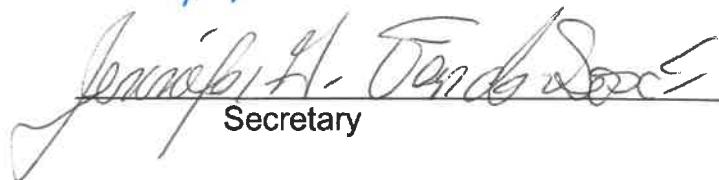
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