

**Summary Minutes as Approved on 8/18/2021
Ohio Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC)
October 20, 2021
County Commissioners Association of Ohio
209 E. State St, Columbus OH 43215**

The following members were present:

Michael Dinneen, Private Sector
Steve Sargent, Private Sector
Kimberly McConville, Private Sector
John Daly, Private Sector
Paul Wise, Townships
Marcie Kress, Environmental Advocacy Organizations
Kelly Bensman, General Public
Beth Biggins-Ramer, Solid Waste Management Districts
Jennifer Fenderbosch, Municipalities
Alex Boehnke, Private Sector

Absent: Chuck DeJonckheere (Health Districts), Brian Winter (Private Sector) and Matthew Old (Counties).

Also in attendance were Ken King (Erie County for Commissioner Old), Chet Chaney (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Jeff Montavon (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Matthew Hittle (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Ernie Stall (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Joe Goicochea (Ohio EPA – DMWM), Marie Barnett (Ohio EPA-DEFA), Dave Foulkes (Ohio EPA-DEFA), Travis Limbert (Ohio EPA-DEFA), Michelle Balz (Hamilton County SWMD), Cher Mohring (Hamilton County SWMD), Jamie Shepherd (Montgomery County SWMD), Julie Riley (Lucas County SWMD), Kathy Trent (Waste Management), Jason Ziss (Kurtz Brothers), Megan (guest) and Eric Cotterman (Cornerstone Building Brands).

Approval of August 18, 2021 Minutes

Paul Wise moved to approve the minutes for the August 18, 2021. Kimberly McConville seconded the motion. Motion was passed on voice vote.

Ohio EPA Updates

Joe Goicochea was introduced. Joe is the new Assistant Chief for the Division of Materials and Waste Management. He provided his background and offered his support to MMAC however needed.

Relating to MMAC's 2021 Legislative Report, Paul Wise motioned to approve the version of the report that was emailed to MMAC members. Jennifer Fenderbosch seconded the motion. Motion passed on voice vote. The next step will be Ohio EPA director's approval/signature. Following that, Ohio EPA will forward the report to the General Assembly.

Relating to the Grant Subcommittee, a meeting is scheduled with committee members, the Director of Ohio EPA and the Assistant Chief of the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance.

MMAC members were reminded of the requirement to complete the Ohio Ethics Training by the end of the year.

Ohio EPA Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants

April Stevens, Supervisor for the R&LP Grant program, provided updates on the program. The contamination intervention project conducted with The Recycling Partnership has concluded. The resulting Recycling Contamination Reduction Kit and video have been made available. The kit goes through the steps to replicate the project across Ohio. A webinar outlining the project will also be held on November 9. The upcoming grant cycle opens on November 1 with a deadline for grant applications on February 4. This year's grants feature a new grant category for curbside recycling contamination. The category allows up to \$50,000 for residential engagement materials using the toolkit referenced.

Ohio Organics Council

Jason Ziss gave a presentation on the Ohio Organics Council. The organization promotes growth of the organics industry in Ohio. The non-profit was created in 1993 as the Ohio Compost Association, later changed to the Organics Recycling Association of Ohio and officially became the Ohio Chapter of the US Compost Council in 2019. He provided an overview of their Board of Directors and membership base. The group provides an annual conference, an annual compost tour, a training course, and scholarships. The presentation showed inadequacies in Ohio composting infrastructure. To divert 50 percent of the cited 1.2 million tons of landfilled food waste in Ohio, 60 more Class 2 composting facilities are needed. He reviewed some of the barriers that make it hard to develop further infrastructure and focused also on what the state can do to help, including expanding the grant program to include a focus on organics.

Managing Household Hazardous Waste in Ohio

Ernie Stall, with Ohio EPA, provided a presentation on Ohio's infrastructure for household hazardous waste (HHW). If there are options available, they are often not convenient, so the result is that a significant amount of HHW is disposed in landfills. The burden is usually on solid waste management districts (SWMDs) to provide collections for the materials. The collections can be very expensive and most SWMDs have limited budgets. He provided several case examples for different SWMDs and comparative summaries as well. Other private options are available for some materials, such as batteries, CFL bulbs and used oil. Potential opportunities to address the lack of infrastructure could be regional collaborations, a dedicated grant program or support for producer responsibility laws.

Marcie Kress, with the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority (aka ReWorks), followed with a presentation on ReWorks' HHW Program history. She started by

providing the background on the demographics for the county as well as the various programs and services her agency provides. The first HHW events were held in October of 1994, and the demand was enormous. The board of trustees decided to open a permanent site for HHW and end the weekend events. The permanent site opened in April of 1996 and was the first in Ohio. The site offered collection days twice a week initially and switched to one day per week in 2013. The presentation reviewed the participation levels throughout the years as well details of the contractor service agreement.

Discussion included questions about how Ohio could utilize its purchasing power by potentially getting a statewide contract through DAS. Other conversation revolved around the idea of consortiums and getting the industries involved.

Vinyl Recycling

Eric Cotterman, with the Northeast Vinyl Siding Coalition, provided an overview of the Vinyl Siding Institute and its efforts to further the recycling of vinyl siding. Recycling became a top priority for the organization recently, and the Institute formed a pilot project in the last eight months. He presented the work plan for the project, which used locations of members of the coalition as drop-off sites and had a targeted communications plan. Metrics are still be determined, but almost 60 members have joined the initiative.

Public Comment

None

Next Steps and Wrap-up

The December meeting for MMAC is cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16,2022.

The group indicated that more presentations from SMWDs would be welcomed as well as other trade organizations. Conversations for HHW, organics and the grant subcommittee could be continued as well.

Paul Wise moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Fenderbosch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:


Chair

Minutes approved on:

02/16/2022

Certified by:


Secretary