

**Summary Minutes as Approved on 6/17/2020**  
**Ohio Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC)**  
**February 19, 2020**  
**Lazarus Government Center**  
**50 West Town Street, Suite 700**  
**Columbus, OH 43215**

**The following members were present:**

Michael Dinneen, Private Sector  
Jennifer Fenderbosch, Municipalities  
Chuck DeJonckheere, Health Departments  
Paul Wise, Townships  
Kelly Bensman, General Public  
Alex Boehnke, Private Sector  
Brian Winter, Private Sector  
John Daly, Private Sector  
Robert Schmidt, Solid Waste Management Districts

Absent: John Bayliss (Counties), Frank Szollosi (Environmental Advocacy Organizations), Kathy Trent (Private Sector), and Kimberly McConville (Private Sector)

Also in attendance were Dee Smith (Pappas and Associates for Kathy Trent), Chet Chaney (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Jeff Montavon (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Matthew Hittle (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Kevin Zacharyasz (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Ernie Stall (Ohio EPA-DMWM), Marie Barnett (Ohio EPA-DEFA), Dave Foulkes (Ohio EPA-DEFA), April Stevens (Ohio EPA-DEFA), Rachel Massoud (CCAO), Steven Tharp (OSWDO), Joe Durham (Eastman and Smith), Michelle Balz (Hamilton County SWMD), Gretchen Craycraft (Ohio EPA-Director's Office), and Jim Skora (GT Environmental).

**Welcome and Introductions**

New MMAC appointees John Daly (Royal Document Destruction) and Robert Schmidt (Porter Wright) were introduced to the group.

**Ohio EPA Updates**

It was related that Director Stevenson has signed off on the new State Plan. The interested party comment period is open until March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Gretchen Craycraft, Legislative Liaison, provided a legislative update. House Bill 242, the "plastic bag ban", passed the House but has not moved forward yet. The H2Ohio initiative is providing money to support water related projects. Also, it was mentioned that an omnibus bill for statutory changes might be introduced in the future. For now, Ohio EPA's division chiefs have been solicited for priorities. There are not any definitive plans for an omnibus bill.

### **Marysville Contamination Reduction Campaign**

Jim Skora, of GT Environmental, Inc., provided a summary of a contamination reduction campaign performed in the city of Marysville which is located in Union County. He started by providing an overview of the North Central SWMD which is comprised of six counties: Allen, Champaign, Hardin, Madison, Shelby and Union. The main objective of the project was to evaluate a residential engagement processes o decrease contamination from single stream programs. This was done by:

- Spot checking participation and recyclable materials using interns.
- Providing information to residents on how to participate properly.
- Working with haulers and material recovery facilities.
- Working with communities on messaging.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of engagement through pre and post audits.

An overview of how the program was implemented was presented, along with details of the methodology that was used. One key difference noted, compared to the contamination intervention project Ohio EPA is doing with he The Recycling Partnership, is that Marysville did not reject any carts. The results were shown by tagging the carts that had contamination present in their carts. Over a series of tagging events, the number of tags was shown to be reduced by at least 70 percent. The key contaminants at the MRF were shown to be reduced by 38 percent.

The North Central SWMD intends to work with communities to include the engagement process into contracts.

### **Approval of October 16, 2019 Minutes**

Paul Wise moved to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2019 meeting. Alex Boehnke seconded the motion. Motion was passed on voice vote.

### **R&LP Grant Updates**

April Stevens indicated the grant period closed recently. She provided a summary of the different grant categories and the funding criteria. For the new academic category, half the projects proposed were for paving. The question of public records requests was brought up relating to the data and confidentiality issues.

### **Next Steps and Wrap Up**

MMAC has a retreat planned for April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Highbanks MetroPark. Potential focus topics were discussed. These included the challenges of weight-based measurement, proving recycling services to multi-family housing units, end-uses of recycling (better data about how recyclables are being used), education priorities, and an update on the Materials Marketplace. Other ideas included looking closely at the grant program for investing in material recovery facilities to recycle contaminants. Also discussed was the

use of more subcommittees to look at additional topics such as organics/food waste and fiber.

It was related that a tour of a materials recovery facility will be scheduled for a future MMAC meeting.

Robert Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Fenderbosch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:  \_\_\_\_\_, Chair

Minutes approved on: June 17, 2020

Certified by:  \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

