



STARK-TUSCARAWAS-WAYNE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Friday, January 15, 2016 @ 9:30 A.M.

1. Roll Call

Chairperson Everett called the meeting to order at 9:30am with the following present:

➤ Policy Committee Members

Matt Bender, Tuscarawas County Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Representative
David Bennett, Tuscarawas County Public Representative
Nicholas Cascarelli, Wayne County Health Department Representative
Mark Cozy, Stark County Public Representative
Bill Cletzer, Wayne County Township Representative
Belle Everett, Vice-Chairperson, Tuscarawas County Commissioner
Lee Finley, Tuscarawas County Public Representative – No Conflict
Brian Gentry, Wayne County Public Representative
Bob Holland, Wayne County Public Representative – No Conflict
Kirk Norris, Stark County Health Department Representative
Mark Nussbaum, City of Wooster Representative
Matt Ritterbeck, Tuscarawas County Township Representative
Carl Rose, Stark County Public Representative – No Conflict

➤ Staff Members

Executive Director David Held
Finance Director Erica Wright
Board Secretary Rachel Rothacher

➤ Absent

Bill Bartos, City of Canton Representative
Doug Baum, Stark County Township Representative
Michael Chek, Tuscarawas County Health Department Representative
Janet Weir Creighton, Stark County Commissioner
Joel Day, City of New Philadelphia Representative
Scott Wiggam, Wayne County Commissioner
Stark County Industrial Vacant
Wayne County Industrial Vacant

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2. Approve January 15, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting Agenda

- ❖ **Resolution PCM-2016-01:** *Member Cozy moved and Member Rose seconded a motion to approve the January 15, 2016 Policy Committee meeting agenda. The motion passed unanimously.*

3. Approve August 21, 2015 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

- ❖ **Resolution PCM-2016-02:** *Member Cozy moved and Member Rose seconded a motion to approve the August 21, 2015 Policy Committee meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.*

4. Election of 2016 Officers

- ❖ **Resolution PCM-2016-03:** *Member Ritterbeck moved and Member Rose seconded a motion to approve Janet Weir Creighton as the Chairperson, Belle Everett as the Vice Chairperson, and Rachel Rothacher as Secretary for 2016. The motion approved unanimously.*

5. Appoint 2016 Audit Committee Members

- ❖ **Resolution PCM-2016-04:** *Member Cozy moved and Member Cascarelli seconded a motion to approve Member Creighton, Member Everett, Member Wiggam, Member Holland, and Member Gentry to the Audit Committee for 2016. The motion approved unanimously.*

6. Set 2016 Policy Committee Meeting Dates

- ❖ **Resolution PCM-2016-05:** *Member Gentry moved and Member Ritterbeck seconded a motion to approve the September 16, 2016, Policy Committee meeting dates. The motion passed unanimously.*

7. Review Committee Vacancies

- David Held stated that the Ohio revised code mandates to update a 10-year plan every 3 years and to update a 15 year plan every 5 years. The District prefers to go with a 10-year plan due to a changing environment and because it brings greater accountability and compliance to the plan. The challenge is the next planning period begins after only a year and a half.
- David Held shared the purpose of the Plan.
 - Provides ten-year projections:
 - a. Solid waste generation to ensure sufficient landfill capacity, which isn't an issue as our District has three of the largest landfills in the state.
 - b. Residential/commercial/industrial Recycling Rates. Residential/Commercial is typically 25% and Industrial is typically 66%. The District doesn't have to do much to make sure industries recycle because a lot of the waste is metal and has value. The commercial businesses recycle their cardboard because there is some value, but the residential rate is less than 5%, and that is why most of the District Programs are geared toward residential.

- c. Landfill disposal rates (tipping fees). The District can't charge out-of-state waste haulers more than in-District communities because of interstate commerce laws, but it is less than 1% of total waste anyway.
 - Identifies recycling strategies for managing the District's programs.
 - Provides an assessment on achieving state-wide recycling and waste reduction goals.
- David Held introduces Matt Bender as the Tuscarawas County Industry Member from Speedie Recycling. Also, shared that the District may have someone from Timken to serve for Stark County and encouraged the Wayne County Members to find a person willing to serve for the Wayne County vacancy.

8. Update on 2015 Grant and District Programs

- 11 out of 12 District Municipalities have a curbside recycling program.
 - The City of Louisville is the only remaining municipality without a curbside program and it doesn't have a contracted waste hauler. It is easier to contract recycling collection when waste collection is contracted because the same contractor can be used.
 - A contract with a single waste hauler would also decrease amount of trash trucks on the streets.
 - The recycling industry is moving toward more 65-gallon carts and less 18-gallon bins because it takes only one truck with an arm to lift the container and one driver.
 - The challenges for the bigger trucks is that the roads can't stand up to the extra weight of the truck and they have trouble navigating the smaller streets. Some residents worry about the size of the carts as well.
- 74 District recycling drop-off sites.
 - Kimble has the contract for the Tuscarawas County program.
 - In Stark and Wayne, the District has six trucks operated by District employees who collect seven days a week including holidays when the volume increases by 25%.
 - Private companies do an excellent job but they don't collect on Sundays and don't do double pickups.
- 15 District yard waste drop-off sites.
 - They are not required by the District Plan, but on a ton per dollar rate, it is the most cost effective program and residents love the program as well.
 - Dropoff sites are not needed in rural areas because they have compost piles or blow leaves into the woods, etc.
 - David Held said that in the past the District had to cut programs when economy dropped and programs that weren't required, namely the Household Hazardous Waste Collections and Yard Waste Collection Programs, were discontinued.
- 25 District pharmaceutical collection sites
 - Drugs don't metabolize in water treatment plant so flushing down the drain is not recommended.
 - Medway in Wayne County is subsidized in property taxes.

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- Litter deputy in Stark County empties the bins once or twice a week and drugs are taken to a steel plant to be incinerated.
- Buehler's collection events at New Philadelphia on October 10, 2015 saw 380 cars and in Orville on October 17, 2015 saw 282 cars. They collected television and computer monitors, computer towers and printers, engine oil, scrap metal, tires and batteries.
- 4 District tire collection sites. Residents are permitted to drop off 12 tires per year at no cost.
- District Tire Pass Program: political subdivisions can collect scrap tires and transport to Liberty Tire in Stark County and Black Bounce in Holmes County and the expense is paid for by the District.
- 20 Recycling Makes Sense Grants. Funds earned can be used on entrance way signs made of recycled content or any expense reasonably related to recycling.
- Recycling and Composting Infrastructure Enhancement Grants for 2015 included S. Slesnick Company, Bull Country Compost, and Earth N Wood Inc.
 - \$150,000 appropriated annually and it is a competitive and reimbursable grant.
 - The program addresses recycling gaps and is geared for new tonnage and materials.
 - S. Slesnick Company has such a high volume of paper that the new conveyer allows them to be much more efficient.
 - Yard waste containers can be damaged by the communities loading the material.
- Program Start- Up Grants for 2015 included 13 applicants with an appropriation of \$262,822.31. The amount changes because of buying a recycling truck every other year.
- 37 Host Community Cleanup Grants
- 3 Sheriff Department Grants fund one deputy for each county.
 - The District wants residents to know it is enforcing illegal dumping at the Dropoff sites
 - Litter Deputies also deal with overweight trucks, organize cleaning crews on roads (community service works), and handle open dumps.
- 4 Health Department Grants fund sanitarians who inspect the landfills, recycling centers, fill sites, solid waste facilities, hospitals, open dumps, doctors' offices and any other place with infectious waste.
- Recycling and Reuse Guides were distributed. There is a separate one for each county and they are sent to every household in the District.

9. Other Business

- Chairperson Everett introduced Riley Cook who a graduate student from Miami University who is interning with her.
- Member Ritterbeck thanked Rachel Rothacher for all of her help in 2015.

10. Adjournment

- ***Resolution PCM-2016-06:*** Member Rose moved and Member Everett seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:46 am. The motion passed unanimously.

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Rachel Rothacher, Board Secretary

Date