

MINUTES

Solid Waste Policy Committee and
Technical Advisory Council Joint meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Clark County Combined Health District
529 E. Home Road, Springfield, Ohio

SWPC members present

Charles Patterson
Tim McDaniel
Len Hartoog

TAC members present:

Sandy Henry
Anne Kaup-Fett
Connie Strobbe

Solid Waste District staff present:

Chuck Bauer
Steve Schlather
Bonnie Martens

Guests

Jim Skora
Andy Dill
Bobbie Sin

I. Welcome and Introductions.

II. Call to order: Mr. Patterson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

III. Approval of minutes:

A quorum was not present. A vote will be taken at the next meeting. Ms. Martens asked members to update their contact information and passed around a sheet along with attendance.

IV. Solid Waste District Projects

A. Property at 1620 W. Main St.

Mr. Bauer passed around photographs of the demolition. The combined cost for demolition and asbestos removal came to \$55-57,000. All but the high bay building was removed. Kapp Construction is in the process of enclosing the building and reinstalling the doors that were removed to protect them during demolition. The total cost has come to less than \$150,000. The back part had a basement that was left at or near dock grade for future use. Mr. Patterson asked if the Building Dept. was called to make sure the dock was safe. Mr. Bauer noted that guard rails would be put in place. Mr. Hartoog asked about traffic flow and stormwater plan. Mr. Bauer mentioned that the drop-off bins will likely be moved to the new location along with possibly the Specialty Recycling and John Haughey has thought about traffic flow. The high bay building is 6,000 sq. ft. and would cost \$225,000-250,000 if we were to build it new today. The City has not mentioned anything about stormwater, but there is gravel in place currently which helps with run off. Metal was reclaimed from demolition.

B. Roll-off Truck Grant/Economics

The District is looking into purchasing a new roll-off truck (costing close to \$90,000). We have applied for a Recycle Ohio grant through the Ohio EPA which could cover up to \$60,000 of the cost. Mr. Patterson asked if it was a DEFA grant (Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance). This purchase would not replace the IH truck, but be in addition to the current truck to provide new services. Mr. Bauer also reported on the budget for cardboard. For Rumpke to pick up current cardboard bins it would cost \$14,000. Revenue from the baled cardboard is \$27,000. It would cost the District \$41,000 annually if we switched to a contractor. We use PRIDE workers to bale the cardboard which also factors into not having Rumpke collect from the bins.

A possible new drop-off location is being looked at for Old Columbus Rd. and Rt. 54 off I-70 near South Vienna. County Engineer John Burr agrees it could work. The district doesn't currently have a drop-off for this area and the hardest part can be finding a location. We will still be under the \$50,000 budget for payments to Rumpke. Mr. Patterson isn't sure there will be enough people to make it worthwhile. If it doesn't work out, it would be removed. Ms. Sin mentioned that there are two schools and the park and ride near that location. Ms. Kaup-Fett thought we should watch for blowing litter.

C. Econopia / Go Zero compost program

The District will be the pass-through entity for a \$250,000 grant from Ohio EPA for a food composting business, Econopia/Go Zero. They are planning a community event to show the film "Wasted! The Story of Food Waste" on February 15 at 6 p.m. at City Forum downtown. After the film a panel will lead a discussion about the topic and Econopia's plans.

D. Educational Programs

Mr. Schlather let the board know that the District is co-sponsoring a workshop through the Ohio Environmental Education Fund on April 4 at the Health Dept. conference room from 9:30-3:30. Any questions about that program email Mr. Schlather.

E. Great American Cleanup 2018

Mr. Schlather said sponsors and materials are being lined up. Rumpke will again be a sponsor. Materials will be given to the program through Ohio EPA and Keep Ohio Beautiful. We can begin to receive registrations beginning Feb. 20. The GAC runs from March 1 through May 31. Last year we had 1,400 volunteers. Mr. Patterson brought to the board's attention the Comprehensive Plan draft (a replacement of the 1999 Crossroads plan). This plan explains what could happen in Springfield and Clark County over the next 10-20 years. Keep Clark County Beautiful and the Beautification committee are mentioned in this plan.

F. GT Environmental Plan Update Proposal

An updated GT Environmental schedule of dates was included with the agenda. The PowerPoint presentation will be emailed to members with the minutes from the meeting.

Based on the results of the survey to members of the SWPC and TAC, the top three uses voted on for the 1620 W. Main St. were: Recycling Transfer Station (non-regulated activity), an exempt Solid Waste Transfer Station (only 50 cu. yd. containers and they cannot go underground), and purchase additional properties near the current Solid Waste District. Section V wording of the plan will allow for flexibility to use the property in one of the ways mentioned in the survey, since the purchase came so close to the end of the plan update.

The data for Section VII shows that the SWD exceeds the 25% goal for residential recycling and also exceeds the 66% goal for the industrial sector.

A phone conference call was held earlier in the week to go over the budget for the plan. The SWD receives most of its revenue through Generation Fees (\$8.50/ton) when trash from Clark County is taken to landfills. The graph presented started with 2015 (the reference year) and goes forward for 15 years. The projection for future budget years was kept conservative. He reviewed additional income the District receives and then went through estimated expenses for 2018 and projections for the upcoming years.

While the language for the recycling grants for townships/villages of Clark County will remain in the plan, the money will not be shown in the budget to ensure that the budget does not look short in upcoming years.

Mr. Bauer said the direction that the SWD goes is laid out in the plan and that is what we work off of to move forward with projects. The District will likely do a feasibility study to see what direction we will proceed with based on the votes from board members to use the building at 1620 W. Main St. Mr. Patterson commented that he was happy with what the Solid Waste District has been doing.

There was a short discussion about the money the SWD has in the bank. Mr. Hartoog asked how available the money was to access if needed and how it was invested. Mr. Bauer could access the money if necessary and thinks the County Commission is the beneficiary. Mr. Patterson could not foresee a project that would require an increase of the generation fee. Mr. Skora let the board know that some districts have increased a generation fee for a specific period of time and the wording in that plan specified that the additional funds received were for a specific project only. Mr. Skora let the board know a meeting would need to be set prior to the scheduled meeting on April 18, 2018. The meeting date will be moved to March 21, 2018, subject to availability of Policy Committee members.*

V. Other

Mr. Patterson will confirm the room for March 21, 2018 after Ms. Martens emails the board to make sure a quorum will be available.

VI. Adjournment: 5:40 p.m.

* The next meeting will be on March 21, 2018

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Assistant

Charles Patterson, Chair