

MINUTES

Solid Waste Policy Committee and
Technical Advisory Council Joint meeting
Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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

SWPC members present

Charles Patterson
Tim McDaniel
Len Hartoog
Bobbie Sin
David Farrell
Melanie Wilt

TAC members present:

Sandy Henry
Anne Kaup-Fett
Connie Strobbe
Bill Cook
Merritt Wichner

Solid Waste District staff present:

Chuck Bauer
Steve Schlather
Bonnie Martens

Guests:

Jim Skora
Brent Ball
Andy Dill

I. Welcome and Introductions.

II. Call to order: Mr. Patterson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

III. Approval of minutes:

SWPC 18-1 Approval of Oct. 18, 2017 minutes

Mr. Farrell moved, and Mr. Hartoog seconded, to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2017 meeting.
Motion carried.

SWPC 18-2 Approval of January 17, 2018 minutes

Mr. Farrell moved, and Mr. Hartoog seconded, to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting.
Motion carried.

New Member Vote, Bobbie Sin

Ms. Sin introduced herself. Mr. Skora reminded the Board that the General Interest position is voted on only by the four Primary Representatives (County Commissioner, Largest City, Health District, and Township).

SWPC 18-3 Accept new member Bobbie Sin to SWPC

Mr. Farrell moved to accept Bobbie Sin as a new member of the Solid Waste Policy Committee. Ms. Wilt seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

IV. Solid Waste District Projects

A. GT Environmental Draft Plan Submittal Approval

The regular April 18 meeting was moved to March 21 to vote on the Draft Plan update to be presented to Ohio EPA by April 19. Mr. Skora presented the updated Plan draft, with a final review of Section VIII and a brief overview of Section II, the Executive Summary. He brought a copy of the Certification Statement, the first resolution, to be signed by the Policy Committee members allowing the plan to be sent to the OEPA.

The schedule for next steps was briefly reviewed. Once the plan is sent to OEPA, they have 45 days to give a non-binding advisory opinion. The next step will be to address OEPA's comments.

Section VIII –This section primarily concerns finances – how revenues are generated and spent. The main revenue source is the Generation Fee (\$8.50/ ton). The Generation fee will not be changed with this plan update. The use of the new property at 1620 W. Main St. will wait for the next plan update, but this update leaves room for changes if the District desires. The plan will not specifically budget for recycling grants, but will allow for curbside recycling grants through unencumbered funds if a proposed project is applied for and accepted. Ms. Wilt asked about the higher expenses projection for the Recycling Center in 2018. Mr. Skora/Mr. Bauer said it is an expense for the purchase of a new roll-off truck. A grant has been applied for through the Ohio EPA for half the cost of a new roll-off truck, but on the chance it doesn't come through, the whole amount has to be included in the budget. Mr. Patterson asked if there was an industry standard to indicate the amount of reserves the District should have. Mr. Skora said it is recommended that a District have reserves equal to 6-12 months of expenses. The Clark County Solid Waste District has close to 12 months in reserves.

Section II (Executive Summary) Mr. Skora reviewed the changes. He then explained what the Certification Statement for the Draft Plan was to the SWPC and passed the statement around for signatures.

SWPC 18-4 Approve Draft of the Plan Update proposed by GT Environmental

Mr. Farrell moved to approve the Draft Plan Update. Ms. Wilt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Solid Waste District Annual Report

Mr. Bauer presented the 2017 Annual Report. He reported on the numbers for cleanups completed in 2017 for Illegal Dumping and inspections completed by the Combined Health District. He let the members know they could view quarterly and annual reports provided by the deputies for Environmental Enforcement and also quarterly and annual reports provided by the Combined Health District. In 2016, a 20% increase occurred in Specialty Recycling when the District made the change to be open all day each Thursday and not close for lunch. The increase in Specialty Recycling customers continued in 2017. The SWPC went away from free events when weekly Specialty Recycling services were offered and the program continues to grow. Mr. Patterson asked about the difference in cost of what we charge for Specialty Recycling compared to what we are charged for disposal. Mr. Bauer said the Specialty Recycling fees generally cover our costs. In April 2017, two new recycling drop-off locations were added in the County increasing cardboard we have brought in to our facility to bail.

Mr. Schlather reported that ClearStreams were borrowed for several events in 2017. The Community Cleanup Trailer was used slightly less last year. The educational skit has reached over 12,500 children since it started in 2009. The Great American Cleanup is one of the largest community programs allowing groups to help clean up around the County. The Downtown Cleanup date for this year is April 21.

Mr. Bauer noted that the 39.5 percent commercial/residential recycling rate is made up of 79 percent yard waste diversion from the landfills. Ms. Kaup-Fett was asked about the compost facilities in the County. She listed most of the Class II, III, & IIII yard waste disposal sites from memory, but board members could view the quarterly reports for specific facilities.

Due to difficulty in getting accurate weights collected from the paper recycling vendor, recycling numbers have been low the last two years. The volume collected in 2017 is closer to expected tons collected from our drop-off sites. The recycling weights for paper from the last two years were probably similar to what was collected this year if they had been reported correctly. Mr. Patterson asked if the 100 additional tons of comingled was mainly from the 2 new sites. Mr. Bauer replied that it was.

V. Other

The District has begun a marketing campaign. Instead of renting billboard space, we have permits in place allowing a sign on our building at 1602 W. Main St., in Park Layne across from Raynor Park, and at the new drop-off location at Rt. 54 and Old Columbus. Mr. Bauer showed samples of the signs. He worked with the Recycling Partnership for billboard art to promote recycling.

The new drop-off location at Rt. 54 and Old Columbus has had gravel put in, fencing and wind breaks will be put up soon, and Rumpke will put in bins once that has been completed. Mr. Bauer is hoping the site will be up and running by the end of March. Cardboard and commingled (glass, cans, paper, and plastic) can be recycled at the new location.

1620 W. Main St update: Fencing is up to secure the site. The building has electric and gas. Guard rails need to go in around the perimeter. Two used bailers have been purchased from Greene County to be installed at the new building, as a second roll-off truck will be purchased to help with the upswing of cardboard being collected. As part of the OEPA grant applied for, the SWD will reach out to local businesses to start a pilot cardboard recycling program, allowing us to set cardboard bins at businesses and the District will service the bins.

Brent Ball commented that the recycling bins at our drop-off stations have had a low contamination rate compared with other communities.

VI. Adjournment: 5:15 p.m.

* The next meeting will be on July 18, 2018

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Assistant

Charles Patterson, Chair