

MINNESOTA

SOLID WASTE

Administrators Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 27th, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Bloomington, Minnesota

Attendees:

Jill Johnson, Jon Steiner, Jeff Rosenberg, Doug Morris, Randy Tuchtenhagen, Mark Gamm, Randy Kiser, Dave Kronlokken, Mike Cook, Paul Henriksen, Aaron Patrick, Jon Bloemendaal, Ben Crowell, Gene Mossing, Gary Noren, Mark Rust, Arlene Vee, Troy Freihammer, Mike Hanan, Jack Ezell, Paul Smith, Courtney Moger, Lyle Mueller, Terry J. Soderberg, Mark Bauman, Danny Hanselman, Steve Skoog, Sigurd Scheurle

I. **Introduction**

Jon Steiner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Introductions followed.

II. **Review/Approval of February 5th, 2007, St. Cloud, Association's Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed; motion to approve by Randy Tuchtenhagen; seconded by Doug Morris; motion carried.

III. **Treasurer's Report – Paul Henriksen** Paul gave the Treasurer's Report; motion by Doug Morris; seconded by Randy Kiser; Treasurer's Report approved.

IV. **Nominating Committee – Jon Steiner**

Jon reported that the nominating committee would meet tomorrow, February 28th, 2007.

V. **HHW Program Manger's Agreement – Doug Morris**

Doug briefed the committee on the Memorandum of Agreement; motion by Mark Gamm; seconded by Paul Henrikson to approve the Memorandum Agreement between the Solid Waste Administrators and HHW Regional Program Managers; motion carried; one opposed.

VI. **SWAA Website and Message Board Overview – Annalee Garletz**

Annalee reported that the password is *trashcan* and demonstrated the message board. Doug Morris thanked Jon Steiner for all of his work this. The Website can be used to post job openings, retirements, people moving or new employees, minutes from the Solid Waste Administrator's meeting and announcements. Paul Smith and Doug Morris agreed to work on the Website.

VII. **MPCA Program Updates - Paul Smith**

- Paul Smith introduced Lyle Mueller in MPCA budgeting and MPCA funding who gave an update on the budgeting process. Additionally, issues regarding the Solid Waste Management tax paying for all other programs were brought up by members of the committee.
- SCORE Program issues were discussed by Kathy Moger.
- Discussion were held on long-range funding options, as two (2) years is not enough of a funding cycle.
- Kathy Moger reported on the Green Energy and Climate Change Grant Programs.
- Mercury Spill - \$300,000 to replace all of the mercury containing equipment in schools.

- Mark Rust reported on the Reinvigorate Recycling Campaign. Mike Hanan made a motion; Doug Morris seconded that the following individuals be placed on the Reinvigorate Recycling Campaign committee: Terry Soderberg, Sharon Vrieze, Betsy Bjerklie and Jean Lundquist. Motion carried.
- The stakeholder group will start with the residential and work into schools, public entities and commercial. Also, recycling away from home issues.
- A discussion was held on SCORE and the need for a major overhaul in the reporting formats and areas. After discussion, many individuals felt a solid waste report instead of SCORE would be more appropriate. Arlene Vee reported on some of the issues of inconsistency and piece meal in the SCORE reporting. Jon Steiner suggested the agency come back to the Solid Waste Administrator's Association with a proposal on how to proceed with changing the SCORE reports.
- Sigurd Scheurle reported on the Waste-to-Energy Mapping with a 35% processing goal. The agency will be contracting with the Minnesota Resource Recovery Association to help work on the analysis and mapping.
- Comments were made about the lack of flow control and that counties are hesitant to get involved in capital projects of this nature.

VIII. **Legislative Issues - Annalee Garletz and Jon Steiner**

- Annalee and Jon briefed the Association on the Minnesota Department of Ag, Waste Pesticide, and potential proposed new legislation to get participation at the counties that are not serviced at this time. It was mentioned that this was the last year of the three-year agreement with the Department of Ag. Also, there are twenty-nine (29) counties who do not have agreements with MDA. Ten (10) collections were held with little advertising and were held for two (2) hours. This is not serving the counties as needed.
- SCORE Funding – Talking with legislatures about SCORE Funding and how the money is used. There were many ideas on how to increase. An Intern with AMC (Jeff Rosenberg) is helping get information on what counties are spending. There is hope that a bill will be introduced to increase SCORE Funding.
- E-Waste – There was a 100% participation in the E-waste Survey. The legislation is moving through two (2) committees and quickly into the Senate. The legislation is the same as last year with a few clarifications. Mark Gamm pointed out that Jon Steiner and Annalee Garletz have been working very hard on this legislation.

VIII. **Next Meeting Date** – The next meeting date was left open.

IX. **Adjournment** – Motion by Randy Tuchtenhagen; seconded by Mark Gamm; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Johnson, Secretary
Winona County Environmental Services Director

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