

MINNESOTA

SOLID WASTE

Administrator's Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes

July 30th, 2007

10:00 a.m.

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Attendees:

Tim Cadwallader, Jill Johnson, Vern Massie, William Patnaude, Mike Hanan, Jon Steiner, Darwin Schulz, Doug Morris, Amy Kowalzek, Jack Ezell, Ted Troolin, Paul Henriksen, David Richfield, Paul Smith, Kathy Maher, Gary Pulford, Richard Andre, Tina Patton, Norm Schifert

I. Introduction

Jon Steiner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions followed.

II. Review of February 27th, 2007, Association Meeting Minutes (Bloomington)

Motion by Doug Morris; seconded by Mike Hanan to approve; motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report – Paul Henriksen

Paul gave the Treasurer's Report; the Association has paid the Attorney's fees; we have a balance of \$19,928.15. Motion by Doug Morris; seconded by William Patnaude to accept the Treasurer's report; motion carried.

IV. Action Items

- Nominating Committee Report– Jon Steiner Jon Steiner reported that the nominating committee has secured nominations for President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

President Elect nominations: Randy Kiser and Dave Lucas. Motion by Ted Troolin; seconded by William Patnaude to accept the Committee's recommendations; motion carried.

Secretary: Nominating Committee's recommendation for Secretary is Jill Johnson. Motion by Ted Troolin; seconded by William Patnaude to accept the Committee's recommendation; motion carried.

Treasurer: Nominating Committee's recommendation is Paul Henriksen; motion by William Patnaude; seconded by Ted Troolin; motion to accept the nominating committee recommendation; motion carried.

- Conference Issues Gene Mossing has been invited to speak at the Fall SWAA Conference. A discussion was held regarding when individuals retiring should receive plaques from SWAA. It was determined that individuals who have been actively involved with the organization and founding organizers should be given plaques. Paul Henriksen has done the plaques in the past and will purchase a plaque for Gene. Motion by Vern Massie; seconded by William Patnaude to approve the plaque expense; motion carried.
- Sub-committee Appointments Discussion was held in developing groups on diverse issues that are available to testify on those issues at the legislature on short notice. Proposed topics SCORE Department of Revenue, MPCA. Presently

Mark Rust has a Reinvigorate Recycling Group. Additionally a group will be formed to look at SCORE and come up with uniform platforms. Anyone interested in being a member of this group should contact Jon Steiner.

There is also a new AMC committee, comprised of Commissioners and Solid Waste staff, which Jon Steiner and Ted Troolin have been asked to serve on.

V. Legislative Updates

- **Waste Pesticide Program** Jon Steiner has been invited on the Ag Task Force Committee to work out the Waste Pesticide Program issues. AMC and Metro counties will also have representation on this task force.
- **SCORE** has been increased from 12.5 to 14 million. The minimum payments will be back at the amount they were prior to the budget cuts.
- **E-Waste Collection** MPCA has registration forms on-line. Asset recovery is attempting to get contracts with manufacturers. Doug Morris reported that Panasonic and Asset Recovery have been requested to speak at the annual conference. At this time manufacturers are beginning to call and contact county programs. Hennepin County is putting out an RFP for their collection. Discussion followed on many different issues surrounding the proposed and potential electronics collections.

VI. MPCA Topics

- **Model Solid Waste Ordinance – Paul Smith** Paul reported that 47 counties attended the Ordinance Workshop. Jeff Schneider will be putting together a work plan on different group approaches. One will be to educate in a general way; two, achieving specific objectives such as processing and recycling.

Ninety-five thousand (\$95,000) has been allocated to do a waste collection analysis state-wide to determine base-line data and collection costs.

Many different opinions were expressed regarding potential designation; some feeling that the counties may not need oversight and other opinions that the state may want to be designating waste. Questions were discussed regarding the state's role in legal challenges and payment for capital costs of facilities.

- **Solid Waste Policy Report – Gary Pulford & Tina Patton** The policy report was presented. Individuals may email Dave Richfield or Jim Chiles with comments. Comments were taken on a number of issues and questions in the report.
- **WTE/SW Roadmap – Richard Andre** Richard Andre presented the Waste-To-Energy/Solid Waste road map. The road map projects infrastructure costs of six to eight hundred million. Questions were taken regarding the Rock Tenn waste-to-energy facility. Jon Steiner asked about solid waste rule changes and Gary Pulford reported that the agency plans to tweak the rules.

VII. CD & I – Doug Morris and Norm Schifert presented the Minnesota Construction, Demolition and Industrial Waste Study Report. The rules for pre-demo need updating. MPCA reported that the pre-demolition inspections will be strengthened. The committee thanked Doug and Norm for their work on the report that is very extensive and informational.

VIII. Other Items as raised by Executive Board Members

- The next meeting will be held at the conference.
- Doug Morris informed the group that the household hazardous waste contracts are coming due and that EPA will be starting a Minnesota Pilot Program for paint initiative over the next two years.
- Additionally, the SWANA/RAM Conference will be October 22nd – 24th, 2007.

IX. Adjournment – Motion by Paul Henriksen; seconded by Ted Troolin; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Johnson, Secretary
Winona County Environmental Services Director

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