

MINNESOTA

SOLID WASTE

Administrator's Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 5th, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Rochester, Minnesota

Attendees:

Counties: Jon Steiner (Polk), Mark Gamm (Dodge), Kevin Ruud (Norman), Paul Henriksen (Lyon), Ben Crowell (Jackson), Mike Hanan (Otter Tail), Dave Kronlokken (Blue Earth), Doug Morris (Crow Wing), Gene Mossing (Olmsted), Jill Johnson (Winona), Randy Kiser (Hennepin), William Patnaude (Beltrami), Vern Massie (Hubbard), Ted Troolin (St. Louis), Amy Kowalzek (Morrison County)

MPCA: Paul Smith

AMC: Annalee Garletz

- I. **Introduction** Attendees introduced themselves to other committee members.
- II. **Review/Approval of December, 2006, Association's Executive Board Meeting Minutes AMC Rochester.** Motion by Doug Morris, seconded by Paul Henriksen to approve the minutes, motion carried.
- III. **Treasurer's Report – Paul Hendriksen** Paul presented the Treasurer's Report. The Association has a balance of \$32,097.93. To date, 75% of counties have paid membership fees. Motion by Doug Morris, seconded by Kevin Ruud to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion carried.
- IV. **Approvals –**
 - Deposit for Rutgers – 2007 Fall Conference. Motion by Doug Morris, seconded by Kevin Ruud to approve the deposit. Motion carried.
 - Payment of refreshments for Solid Waste Ordinance Workshop. Motion by Dave Kronlokken, seconded by Gene Mossing to approve payment of refreshments. Motion carried.
 - Jill Johnson as Interim Secretary – Jill has agreed to fill the position of Interim Secretary until Elections. Motion by Gene Mossing, seconded by Kevin Ruud to approve Jill Johnson as Interim Secretary. Motion carried.
 - Nominating Committee – Jon Steiner, Mike Hanan and Mark Gamm agreed to accept positions for the nominating committee to bring a list of nominations forward to the full Association meeting.
- V. **MPCA – Gov/Agency Budgets** - Since Paul Smith was not yet in attendance, this item was skipped.
- VI. **Legislative Items – Annalee Garletz –**
 - Doug Morris asked the procedures for testifying. At this time, Annalee, Jon Steiner and Ted Troolin cover much of the testifying, along with the Legislative Committee, which is made up of Mike Hanan, Jerry Johnson, Randy Kiser and Ted Troolin. Annalee will begin to send out updates of Legislative issues to the Legislative Committee on Fridays.

Ted Troolin asked about the MPCA Budget and testifying about SCORE. At this time we have not given testimony, but are in the process of educating legislatures. Hearings will begin and Annalee will keep the Solid Waste Administrators informed.

VII. **Paul Smith** arrived at the meeting and discussion on Item V. – MPCA – Gov/Agency Budgets began.

- The Governor's budget requested SCORE increases of 1.5 million for each of two years, for a total of 3 million. This would be incorporated into the SCORE formula. Ted Troolin asked if the minimum payment would increase back to \$55,000. Paul responded that it must be determined in appropriations and it would be, most likely, the existing formula would be used. There was a motion by Ted Troolin, seconded by Gene Mossing to recommend that the minimum payment for SCORE go back up to \$55,000. Discussion followed.

Much discussion followed regarding the Solid Waste tax and where the 66 million, which is generated, goes. The money goes into an environmental fund and is then distributed out to other programs. Many of the Solid Waste Administrators felt that the Solid Waste Fund monies are being used to front too many other environmental programs and not enough is funneled into Solid Waste Programs at County and City levels.

The decisions on the budget are made by the top ranking executives at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Suggestions were made to go to the Legislature and ask for a percentage of the growth, which is going into the fund each year. Many felt that we need to get back up to the 15.5 million from which we started with SCORE funding. Jon Steiner handed out a SCORE fact sheet. If we were to ask for a percent of the growth that is dedicated in the Solid Waste tax that goes into the environmental fund, with a requirement that a certain percent goes to SCORE annually. After the discussion, the motion by Ted Troolin, seconded by Gene Mossing was rescinded.

Annalee will find out what would need to be done to ask for an amendment to the bill of how the environmental fund is distributed. Ted Troolin suggested that we need a simple spread sheet to show how much counties rely on SCORE funds. We will need to find enough counties whose budgets depend on SCORE to propose the legislation. The discussion can revolve around the E-waste issues, no increase in SCORE since 1989 and aging infrastructure, which many counties are facing. Annalee reminded the group that we need to be cognizant of the AMC Policy for SCORE funding and to not set our percentage of Solid Waste Management tax requests any lower than the AMC Policy. By consensus, the group asked Annalee to go back to the AMC Policy Committee and ask for a change in the Policy platform that would allow for SCORE funding to increase back to the 15.5 million and then capture 25% of the growth in the Solid Waste Management tax each year.

VIII. **E-waste** – Annalee Garletz reported that 100% of counties and agencies responded to the E-waste survey. The summary is being completed. Annalee believes that the chances of getting a Bill this session is good. Manufacturers are saying yes to manufacturer's responsibility, but asking, how do you pay for it. Market share or return share – now versus later. Some don't want to pay for the peripherals. Several states have introduced similar E-waste language. Annalee anticipates some amendments from industry.

- IX. **MDA Waste Pesticide Program** – Asking for the restoration of funds to \$600,000 and none for MDA Administration. A hand-out has been produced and was distributed.
- Jon Steiner asked that any counties who have signed the Agreement and are not satisfied, please contact him to present at the Fall Conference.
- X. **Other items discussed** – included Transfer Station siting, Green House gas related to energy.
- XI. **HHW Program Managers Constitution** – After much discussion regarding the proposed Constitution, it was decided that Doug Morris will discuss changing the Constitution to a Sub-Committee and will work with the Regional Program Managers to produce a new document that incorporates short reports given to the Executive Board from Regional Program Management.
- XII. **Other items raised by Executive Board Members** –
- Next meeting date is scheduled for February 27th, 2007, in Atrium #2 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel prior to the Minnesota Air Water and Waste Environmental Conference.
 - Doug Morris asked about the construction demolition and industrial waste study. It was decided that District Chairs would call their counties to fill out the study.
 - Reminder that the Mankato Solid Waste Ordinance Workshop was being held. There were some conflicts with other training on that date.
- XIII. **Adjournment** – Motion by Bill Patnaude to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Ruud, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Johnson, Secretary
Winona County Environmental Services Director

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