

MINNESOTA

SOLID WASTE

Administrator's Association Membership Meeting Minutes

SWAA Fall Conference

Sugar Lake Lodge

Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744

September 14th, 2007

8:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Jon Steiner, Gene Kramer, Laine Sletta, Ron Gregg, John Helmers, Bruce Benson, Doug Morris, Hank Schreifels, Mike Hanan, Jerry Johnson, Vern Massie, Terry Neff, William Patnaude, Mark Gamm, Tim Nelson, Dan Hecht, Al Christensen, Mark Bauman, Kevin Ruud, Mark Koster, Kyle Krizr, Jennifer Breberg, Ted Troolin, Terry Soderberg, Paul Smith, Dave Kronlokken, Randy Tuchtenhagen, Steve Skoog, Bruce Hasbargen, Randy Kiser, Dave Lucas, Heidi Kroening, Roger Rolf, Paul Kimman, Art Nash, Mike Cook, Wayne Gjerde, Mark Rust, Jill Johnson, Rick Patraw, Arlene Vee, Colleen Hetzel

- I. **Introduction** The meeting was called to order by President Jon Steiner at 8:30 a.m. followed by introductions of the attendees.
- II. **Review/Approve Minutes of September 15th, 2006, New Ulm Membership Meeting** Motion by Vern Massie, seconded by Bill Patnaude to approve the minutes, minutes, with one correction in spelling, minutes approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** Jill Johnson read the Treasurer's Report for Paul Henriksen. Motion by Bill Patnaude, seconded Tim Nelson to approve the treasurer's report, motion unanimously approved.
- IV. **Waste Pesticides**
 - **Update on Minnesota Department of Ag Task Force** Jon Steiner reported that he had met with the task force. The legislative report is due by January 15th, 2008. A survey was distributed to Solid Waste Administrators to complete, prior to leaving the meeting. This will give valuable information for the task force committee. There was considerable discussion regarding the satisfaction with the Department of Ag program. Many counties feel that the program is not functioning as outlined in Statutes in areas where the Department of Ag is providing the service.
 - **Survey** Members are requested to complete the survey and remit to Jon.
- V. **AMC Website Instructions** A handout was provided on the AMC Website SWAA link for membership use.

VI. SWAA Policy Platform Discussion was held on platform issues with burn barrels receiving much attention. Those interested in policy issues should let Mark Gamm know so you can be placed on a legislative committee concerning the issue. Motion by Bill Patnaude, seconded by Gene Kramer to accept the SWAA Platform, motion carried.

VII. Election Results

- **President Elect** Randy Kiser, Hennepin County
- **Secretary** Jill Johnson, Winona County
- **Treasurer** Paul Henriksen, Lyon County

VIII. Lifecycle Analysis of Waste A presentation on the lifecycle analysis of waste was presented by Jim Chiles and John Helmers.

XI. Waste Designation Update Kevin Johnson gave an update on the Oneida Herkimer Decision and waste designation issues.

X. MPCA Updates Paul Smith, Heidi Kroening and other MPCA staff provided updates on the following:

- Resource Management Contracting
- Burn Barrel Reduction Campaign
- Reinvigorate Recycling Campaign
- Solid Waste Policy Report
- Draft Solid Waste Management Planning Rule and Sonar
- Pre-Demolition Construction Inspection Rule Making
- Leachate Recirculation Guidance Document
- Waste-To-Energy Road Map
- Lifecycle Analysis LCA Project
- Study of Residential Waste and Recyclable Material Collection Costs and Impacts related to Municipal Collections
- Model Solid Waste Ordinance Update
- Fiscal Year 2008 Environmental Assistance Grants
- AMC Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- An Update on Implementation of Minnesota Electronics Law

XI. Conference Update

1. SWANA Conference Donation – Motion by Ted Troolin, seconded by Vernon Massie to donate \$500.00 to SWANA for their Annual Conference, motion carried.
2. SWAA Meeting @ AMC Conference – The next meeting will be at the AMC Conference on December 3rd, 2007, in Minneapolis; All are invited to attend.

3. SWAA Annual Fall Conference 2008 – Paul Henriksen had previously stated that his region would look into potentially hosting next year's conference.

XII. Other Items Raised by Membership

- Mark Gamm presented Jon Steiner with a plaque for his outstanding service and leadership as president of the SWAA Association.
- Jon informed the group that he had a plaque for Gene Mossing for his many years of service and would mail the plaque to Gene.
- Mark Gamm thanked the Northeast Section for hosting this year's meeting and Jon Steiner thanked Mark for heading up the committee for the conference.

XIII. Adjournment Motion by Bill Patnaude, seconded by Tim Nelson to adjourn, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Johnson, SWAA Secretary

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