

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
POLICY COMMITTEE
November 10, 2004**

DATE: November 10, 2004

TIME: 2:00 pm

PLACE: Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services
250 William Howard Taft Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

PRESENT: Policy Committee Members

Tony DiPuccio, Generator Representative
Dr. Carl Evert, General Interest Member
Bernie Fiedeldej, Township Representative
Karl Graham, Representative of Largest Municipality
Todd Portune, County Commissioner, Chair
Larry Riddle, Ex-Officio Member

DOES Staff

Jeffrey W. Aluotto, Solid Waste Manager
Cory Chadwick, Director
Holly Christmann, Community Outreach Coordinator
Sarah Dowers, Public Affairs Coordinator
Ken Edgell, Environmental Administrative Coordinator
Ali Khodadad, Operations Coordinator
Kim Linkhart, Solid Waste Intern
Susan Schumacher, Administrative Secretary, Clerk

Others In Attendance

Paula Christy, CSI Waste Services
Janae Csavina, HB Fuller
Cliff Fullman, Clifford Consulting & RCC
Phil Geis, Procter & Gamble
Martha Gentry, City of Cincinnati
Tiffany Hardy, City of Cincinnati
Alice Kennedy, Resident
Bob Orr, CSI Waste
Ed Shoemaker, HB Fuller

ABSENT: Policy Committee Members

Tim Ingram, Hamilton County General Health District Representative
Glenn Welling, Public Member

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Portune called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Mr. Portune stated that he was looking forward to another term as a Commissioner and hoped to continue as Chair of the Committee.

II. CLERK'S REPORT

A. Approval of Minutes - September 9, 2004

Mr. Graham motioned to approve the September 9, 2004 minutes; Mr. Fiedeldej seconded; all were in favor and the minutes were approved.

B. Additions/Changes to the Agenda

-Under Policy Items; Fernald Living History Incorporated request

-Under Informational Items; Michigan import law

III. DISTRICT REVENUE UPDATE

Mr. Aluotto stated that Attachment B reflected revenue through the end of September and revenue is very comparable to 2003. In 2003, revenue was \$2.1 million; 2004's revenue is \$2.122.

IV. PRESENTATION

A. Solid Waste District Industrial Internship

Mr. Aluotto discussed the background behind the industrial internship and stated that Janae Csavina was going to present her findings to the Policy Committee.

Ms. Csavina presented a powerpoint presentation and discussed her internship at HB Fuller. Ms. Csavina summarized her findings regarding waste reduction & cost savings found during the internship.

Mr. Shoemaker commended Ms. Csavina for her work and stated that HB Fuller will save money and produce less waste through her recommendations.

Mr. Portune congratulated Mr. Shoemaker and Ms. Csavina for their outstanding work.

Mr. Aluotto reminded the Policy Committee that this was the first year for the industrial internship and that the District will be soliciting applications for next year's program.

A brief question and answer session ensued.

V. POLICY ITEMS

A. District White Papers

Mr. Aluotto stated that Ms. Luken had an emergency and could not be here to answer questions.

Mr. DiPuccio stated that he would send Ms. Luken his questions via e-mail.

B. Host Community Fees

Mr. Aluotto stated that at the last meeting, the Committee asked Staff to assemble an analysis paper for the support of the Host Community Fee increase. In order for the analysis to be complete, Staff is waiting for additional information from other host communities.

Mr. Aluotto stated that Staff should have something in the next few weeks that can be forwarded to the Committee. Mr. Portune stated that this item would be tabled until the next meeting.

C. Fernald Living History Incorporated Request

Mr. Aluotto stated that Steve DePoe, who is the President of the Fernald Living History, contacted the District to request that the Policy Committee endorse the building of a public educational center at Fernald by sending letters to USEPA, US DOE, and the OEPA. Mr. Aluotto discussed specific components of the center.

Mr. Portune concurred with Mr. Aluotto's discussion regarding the statutory mission of the District because of the waste stream.

After a brief discussion, the Committee concurred that Staff construct a draft letter and circulate it to members prior to sending it.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Household Hazardous Waste Update

Mr. Aluotto stated that the HHW Pilot ended on September 30, 2004. Over 2,700 residents participated out of the 4,800 vouchers issued which is approximately 60% redemption rate.

Mr. Aluotto stated that there were four positive elements he wanted to discuss regarding the pilot program: 1) The program's result from a cost perspective. The total cost was \$61,000 in which 2,800 residents benefitted. This is less than half the cost of a normal collection event. 2) User satisfaction. The District & EEI surveyed users of the site and out of 2,700 users, the District received 777 surveys. On a scale of 1-10, 93% rated the pilot program as an "8" or higher, 73% of the users rated their satisfaction as a "10". Only 2% of the users rated the program at a "5" or lower. Eighty-one percent of the users who also used the one-day collections, preferred the pilot over the one-day collections. 3) Community participation. Mr. Aluotto stated that Attachment C of the Policy Packet included a "usage map". Mr. Aluotto stated that participation was fairly even across communities. 4) Only 1/2% of callers refused the voucher because of travel distance.

Mr. Aluotto stated that this program will be discussed in an upcoming issue paper and that the Committee will be able to discuss the future of the program at the next work session.

The Committee discussed general aspects of the program and future aspects. Dr. Evert asked if the site could be open for 12 months instead of 5-6. Mr. Portune requested that Staff research this request prior to discussing it at the next meeting/work session.

B. CARE Awards

Mr. Aluotto discussed the history behind the CARE Awards and stated that Ms. Christmann will be discussing this item. Ms. Christmann stated that Forest Park and Wyoming won for "Best Recyclers" in their respective population categories and the Village of Indian Hill won for "Most Improved". Ms. Christmann discussed highlights from each winning application. Each winning community will receive \$1,000 worth of recycled-content products. The awards will be presented at their council meetings this month.

C. Michigan Import Law

Mr. Aluotto stated that Michigan has enacted a law that bans certain items from entering the landfill (beverage containers, tires, yardwaste, etc.) Michigan has also banned the import of solid waste to its landfills from states or nations that have not removed those items prior to being landfilled in Michigan.

Mr. Aluotto stated that this has gone through several court hearings and the National Solid Waste Management Association tried to get the court to file an injunction against Michigan to implement that law but Michigan was turned down.

Mr. Aluotto discussed different areas in Ohio that use Michigan landfills and what ramifications they are having to deal with regarding the new law.

A brief discussion ensued.

VII. TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Host Community Fees and Draft Policy Committee Manual. Mr. Aluotto passed out the draft Policy Committee Manual and stated that there has never been this sort of manual for the Committee but thought it would be helpful to existing members and new members. Mr. Aluotto asked for comments regarding the manual and he would incorporate the comments and have a final draft by early 2005.

VIII. POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

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Mr. Portune stated that Mr. Graham was retiring and that this was his last meeting. Mr. Portune spoke of the wonderful things he had accomplished in his career, his expertise on the Policy Committee, and what a pleasure it had been to work with him.

Members of the Policy Committee congratulated, complimented, and thanked Mr. Graham for all of his work.

Mr. Portune presented Mr. Graham with a plaque acknowledging his time and work on the Policy Committee since 1991.

Mr. Aluotto read letters from Joe Sykes and Judy Zimomra complimenting Mr. Graham and congratulating him on his retirement.

Mr. Graham stated that the City Manager will appoint Deborah Holston to represent the City on the Policy Committee. Mr. Graham introduced Tiffany Hardy, who is the assistant to the Public Services Director, and stated that she will be Ms. Holston's backup.

Mr. Graham thanked everyone for the great relationships that have been built over the years; the City and County being one of them thanks to the District and Policy Committee.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

X. UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS

Regular Policy Committee Meeting - Thursday, January 13, 2005 at the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 at 2:00 pm.

Work Session - Monday, November 22, 2004 at the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 from Noon - 4 pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 3:09 pm .