

**SPECIAL HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

**1:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**1. Introduction/Opening Comments**

**2. Clerk's Report**

- a. Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2022 – Attachment A

**3. General Public Comment (3 minutes)**

**4. Policy Items**

- a. Hamilton County Solid Waste Plan Update
  - i. Appendix I: Conclusions, Actions, and Priorities
  - ii. Financial Analysis
  - iii. Other Solid Waste Plan Update Discussion
- b. General Interest Member Position

**5. Upcoming Policy Committee Meetings**

The next regularly scheduled Policy Committee meeting will be **Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.**

**6. Adjournment (Target Time - 3:00 p.m.)**

**HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE POLICY COMMITTEE  
MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 8, 2022  
**TO:** Hamilton County Solid Waste Policy Committee Members  
**FROM:** Michelle Balz, Solid Waste Manager

**1. Introduction/Opening Comments**

**NOTICE:** This memo is for the meeting to be held **Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.** This meeting will be held in person and available to the public in person or virtually using Zoom.

*Policy Committee information (Agendas, Manager's Memos, Minutes, etc.) is available on R3Source's website at <https://hamiltoncountyr3source.org/357/Policy-Committee>.*

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Policy Committee discusses the programs listed in Appendix I and any adjustments they would like to see made as well as the Financial Analysis and how to best plan for long-term financial stability.

- b. **General Interest Member Position**

Ms. Hurley's term as General Interest Member expires in July 2022. The Policy Committee will form an interview subcommittee to bring a recommendation to the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
POLICY COMMITTEE  
In person & Zoom**

**DATE:** May 18, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Hamilton County Environmental Services  
250 William Howard Taft Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

**PRESENT:** **Policy Committee Members**

Tony DiPuccio, Generator Representative  
Denise Driehaus, County Commissioner, Chair  
Bob Gedert, Public Member, Vice-Chair  
Karen Hurley, General Interest Member  
Greg Kesterman, Hamilton County Public Health Representative  
Sue Magness, Largest Municipality Representative  
Matt Wahlert, Township Representative

**Staff**

Michelle Balz, Solid Waste Manager  
Gage Bradford, Community Specialist  
Mary Copenbaker, Business Outreach Coordinator  
Elise Erhart, Outreach Specialist  
Brad Johnson, Director  
Susan Schumacher, Assistant Solid Waste Specialist, Clerk  
Tony Staubach, Food Waste Diversion Coordinator

**Others in Attendance**

Michelle Ackenhausen, Ohio EPA  
Robert Bell, Hamilton County  
Chet Chaney, Ohio EPA  
Nee Fong Chin, Prosecutor's Office  
D. Crawford  
Sally Dannemiller, Sierra Club Miami Group  
Craig Davidson, Hamilton County Public Health  
Carrie Davis, Child Advocacy for Jobs & Equity  
Chuck DeJonckheere, Hamilton County Public Health  
Tracy Enlow  
Dean Ferrier, Rumpke  
Tamala Hodge  
Marie Kocoshis  
Tim Mara, Oxbow  
Amanda Pratt, Rumpke  
Nadine Rumpke, Rumpke  
William J. Rumpke, Rumpke  
Matt Tietsort  
Kevin Tighe, Hamilton County  
Lisa Wyann  
Molly Yeager, Rumpke

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**ABSENT:**        **Policy Committee Members**  
Pierce Bruner, Student Representative

**1. INTRODUCTION/OPENING COMMENTS**

Ms. Driehaus called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**2. CLERK'S REPORT**

Ms. Driehaus entertained a motion to approve the March 16, 2022 minutes. Ms. Hurley moved; Mr. Gedert seconded. Ms. Magness voted no and Mr. Gedert abstained. Everyone else in favor and the minutes were approved.

There was discussion about the length of the March meeting minutes; the Committee asked if they could be longer.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two public comments were given.

**4. R3SOURCE REVENUE UPDATED/ANALYSIS from 2020**

Revenue through March, 2022 and March, 2021 was compared which showed a five percent increase in tonnage for out-of-district waste. Mr. Gedert asked if there was information relating to which counties the out-of-district waste was coming from. Ms. Balz stated that she would send him the requested information.

**5. PRESENTATION**

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report**

Rico Rice from Rice Education Consulting gave a presentation on their work with R3Source over the past eight months as well as their final report.

A brief question and answer session ensued.

The Committee thanked Mr. Rico.

**6. POLICY COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**a. Generator Representative**

A decision could not be made after the interviews for the Generator Representative, so it was brought to the Committee for discussion and a decision. Mr. Kesterman reminded the Committee that only the statutory members could vote.

After discussion, Ms. Driehaus moved to reappoint Mr. DiPuccio for another term. Mr. Kesterman seconded. Ms. Magness voted no. The other statutory member was in favor and the motion was approved.

**b. Carryover Balance Spending**

Ms. Hurley stated that the carryover balance is two million dollars and having said that requested to send out a request of proposals which would be \$500,000 that would specify criteria of how it related to the county' goals and that there would be a time frame to have some closure on this by the end of the summer.

Ms. Hurley stated that she would propose that the Committee do this and make a decision today whether it is a good idea.

A question-and-answer session ensued and Ms. Hurley stated that it could be a grant program of up to \$100,000 per grant and would be a one-time grant. Staff would review and the Policy Committee would approve.

Ms. Hurley requested that a report from staff be given at the July meeting about the progress and a special meeting be scheduled to the Committee could approve it.

A discussion ensued regarding the specifics of this new program (minority owned, pay back schedule, etc.) and the Committee concurred that this would be up to staff.

Mr. DiPuccio requested staff provide a list of ideas previously thought of to be used for the carryover and a list of what new expenditures might be seen with the new plan and how this works with the carryover.

Mr. Gedert suggested having a special meeting in June and August to discuss the Plan Update and this could merge well with that discussion.

Ms. Driehaus compelled staff to bring back a report related to this issue and how it relates to the overage in this grant program and asked Ms. Hurley if she wanted to make that motion.

Mr. Kesterman asked what the urgency was. Ms. Hurley stated that there may be organizations that may have big ideas but are limited due to funding, Ms. Hurley moved; Ms. Magness seconded. All in favor and the motion was approved. A discussion ensued on how federal funding is available and the funding from R3Source could be a match for the federal dollars.

Ms. Driehaus stated that this really isn't part of the discussion but did not understand why the Committee did not meet every month because the timeline can be problematic.

**c. Universal Trash and Universal Recycling Rules**

Ms. Driehaus stated that Mr. Ferrier presented a comment card and had the floor for three minutes.

Mr. Gedert discussed universal trash and universal recycling rules that he would like to implement and stated that he has draft rules that he wanted comments from the Committee.

Mr. Gedert discussed the reasons for these rules, gave examples, and showed pictures of discarded trash and stated that he was looking at an arbitrary effective date of January 1, 2023. Mr. Gedert also stated that in the interim, a rules subcommittee would set up the rules, implementation, and enforcement strategies.

Mr. Gedert state that he was interested in having this adopted within the Plan Update and adopted as a rule of the Policy Committee.

Mr. DiPuccio asked if this could even be done and that the Plan Update must be approved by these same communities. Mr. DiPuccio stated he would like to see the benefits of universal trash collection versus what the cost is.

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After discussion, question and answer session, it was realized that the Committee does not have ordinance power and if the Committee wanted to pursue it, the Committee would recommend this to the Board of County Commissioners for them to adopt.

Mr. Kesterman stated that knowing that sixty percent of the communities must approve the Plan Update, recommended that the communities be surveyed prior to staff putting time into this.

The Committee asked Mr. Gedert for more information relating to the discussion.

**d. Hamilton County Solid Waste Plan Update**

Ms. Balz stated that in the interest of time, her recommendation would be to hold a special meeting in June.

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**a. Environmental Enforcement Program**

An update was given and there were no comments by the Committee.

**b. Compost Bin Sale and Seminars**

An update was given and there were no comments by the Committee.

**c. First Quarter Performance Measures**

An update was given and there were no comments by the Committee.

**8. TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

**9. POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Ms. Driehaus stated she thought our meetings drag long because the meetings are every other month and she would be fine meeting every month. Ms. Kesterman suggesting having two meetings over the summer and asked if the meeting could start earlier. Mr. Wahlert stated that the meetings could start earlier in the summer but the new school year started in August.

The Committee decided to have two additional meetings: June 15 at 1:30 p.m., the regular July meeting but starting at 1:30 p.m., and August 17 at 3 p.m.

**10. UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS**

The next Policy Committee meetings will be Wednesday, June 15 and July 20, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

The May 18 meeting minutes can be viewed via Hamilton County R3Source's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TiDgXLdVCCM>

**11. ADJOURNMENT (Target Time – 4:30 p.m.)**

Ms. Driehaus entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wahlert moved; Ms. Kesterman seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.