

HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Introduction

2. Minutes

- a. Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2023 – Attachment A

3. Public Comment (3 minutes)

4. ReSource Revenue Updates/Analysis – Attachment B

5. Policy Items for Discussion

- a. 2024 Meeting Dates
- b. Ohio EPA Market Development Grant
- c. Ohio EPA Community Development Grant

6. Informational Items

- a. 2022 Diversion Rate
- b. Hefty ReNew Program
- c. Environmental Enforcement- 2023 Highlights
- d. Hamilton County Solid Waste Plan Update

7. Upcoming Meeting

The next scheduled Policy Committee meeting will be a meeting on **Wednesday, February 21, at 3:00 p.m. at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft, 1st Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.** Zoom will also be available for persons, other than the Policy Committee, who would like to attend virtually.

8. Adjournment (Target Time – 4:30 p.m.)

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

DATE: November 9, 2023
TO: Hamilton County Solid Waste Policy Committee Members
FROM: Michelle Balz, Solid Waste Manager

1. Introduction

NOTICE: This memo is for the meeting to be held Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in person and available to the public virtually using Zoom.

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

2. Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the September 20, 2023 Policy Committee meeting are included as Attachment A.

3. Public Comment (3 minutes)

4. ReSource Revenue Updates/Analysis

Updates will be provided on current revenue receipts and comparisons with the prior year, as included as Attachment B.

5. Policy Items for Discussion

A. 2024 Tentative Meeting Dates

- February 21, 3:00 pm
- May 15, 3:00 pm
- August 14, 3:00 pm (note- second Wednesday)
- November 20, 3:00 pm

Staff recommendation: Approve 2024 meeting dates with the intention of offsite meetings in May and November.

B. Ohio EPA Market Development Grant Application

Driveway Dumpsters (DBA GreenCity Recycling) has requested that Hamilton County ReSource act as a pass-through agency to apply for an Ohio EPA Market Development Grant to improve shingle recycling infrastructure in Hamilton County. Symmes Township (where the facility will be located) has no opposition. This grant would not use any Hamilton County funds.

Staff recommendation: Approve ReSource applying on behalf of GreenCity Recycling for a Market Development Grant.

C. Ohio EPA Community Development Grant Application

Hamilton County ReSource is working with the City of North College Hill as a target community in 2023 and 2024. ReSource would like to apply for a Community Development Grant to conduct an intensive outreach campaign in North College Hill.

Staff recommendation: Approve ReSource applying for an up to \$20,000 Community Development Grant to supplement budgeted target community funds with a \$5,000 match.

6. Informational Items

A. 2022 Hamilton County Diversion Rate

Hamilton County achieved an overall 54.86% diversion rate (34.48% residential/commercial and 82.96% industrial) in 2022. This is the highest rate of the four largest urban counties in Ohio.

B. Hefty ReNew Program

A representative from Rumpke will give a presentation about the new program.

C. Environmental Enforcement- 2023 Highlights

Corporal Peak will provide an overview of 2023 successes and challenges with the Environmental Enforcement program.

D. Hamilton County Solid Waste Plan Update

Ohio EPA is still reviewing the submitted Plan Update. Their 90-day review deadline is December 21, 2023.

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8. Adjournment (Target Time: 4:30 p.m.)

Attachment A

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

DATE: September 20, 2023

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hamilton County Environmental Services
250 William Howard Taft Road, 1st Floor
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

[Virtual meeting recording can be viewed here.](#)

PRESENT: **Policy Committee Members**

Tony DiPuccio, Generator Representative
Denise Driehaus, County Commissioner, Chair
Greg Kesterman, Hamilton County Public Health Commissioner
Sue Magness, Largest Municipality Representative
Colleen McSwiggin, Public Member
Matt Wahlert, Township Representative

Staff

Michelle Balz, Solid Waste Manager
Mary Copenbaker, Hamilton County Environmental Services
Ashley Dove, Hamilton County Environmental Services
Brad Johnson, Hamilton County Environmental Services
Ali Khodadad, Hamilton County Environmental Services
Cher Mohring, Hamilton County R3Source
Nee Fong Chin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Others in Attendance

Kevin Tighe, Hamilton County BOCC
Claire Wagner, Hamilton County BOCC
Marie Kocoshis, LWVCA

Virtual

Chuck DeJonckheere, Hamilton County Public Health
Joe Jay, Secretary to the Public
Craig Davidson, Hamilton County Public Health Assistant Health Commissioner
Elise Roalef, Hamilton County R3Source
Molly Yeager, Rumpke
Dean Ferrier, Rumpke
Ernie Stall, Ohio EPA
James
Tony Staubach, Hamilton County R3Source
M. Ackenhausen
"iPhone (210)"

Policy Committee Member Absent:

Domonique Peebles, General Interest Member

1. INTRODUCTION

Ms. Driehaus called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. MINUTES – Attachment A

Approval of the minutes from July 19, 2023. Commissioner Kesterman requested a correction to the July 19, 2023 minutes to replace his name with Craig Davidson who was at the meeting on his behalf. Ms. Driehaus entertained a motion to approve the July 19, 2023 minutes as corrected. On motion of Ms. Magness, seconded by Ms. McSwiggen, the corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One public comment was made by Ms. Kocoshis regarding Rumpke’s proposed “Hefty Renew” recycling program. Residents purchase the bag and fill it with plastics that are not normally accepted by Rumpke. Ms. Kocoshis would like more information about the type and result of the recycling. What is the process of recycling and where is it being renewed or repurposed? She is against this new Rumpke initiative and Rumpke plans to roll this out in Hamilton County in the near future.

Ms. Driehaus noted to Ms. Balz and the Policy Committee that an update would be helpful at a future meeting on what Rumpke’s plan is for this new recycling initiative.

4. R3SOURCE REVENUE UPDATES/ANALYSIS – Attachment B

Ms. Balz provided an overview of Attachment B and provided updates on current revenue receipts and comparisons with the prior year. Mr. Khodadad from Environmental Services found that there was a mistake in attachment B. Ms. Balz explained that on the receipts for 2023 there was one number that was doubled. The result was the 2023 in-district tonnage decreased about 4%. The out-of-district tonnage remained the same and the out-of-state tonnage decreased about 4% for the adjustment. Ms. Balz answered all questions from the committee and finished her report by stating that the update is through July of 2023.

5. POLICY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Hamilton County Solid Waste Plan Update Ratification -Attachment C

Ms. Balz reported that 47 of the 48 municipalities, representing 99% of the district population, approved the Solid Waste Management Plan. Only 60% is required to pass. The entity who did not approve abstained, it was not a No vote. After the Policy Committee ratifies the plan, it will be sent over to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for final approval.

Approval of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management Plan. Ms. Driehaus entertained a motion to ratify Resolution #02 - 2023 Hamilton County Solid Waste Management Plan. On motion of Ms. McSwiggin, seconded by Ms. Magness, Resolution #02 - 2023 was ratified unanimously.

b. 2024 Waste Reduction Impact Grant- Attachment D

Ms. Balz gave an overview of the Impact Grant. In her report, she detailed the Impact Grant, Innovation Grant, the Residential Recycling Incentive (RRI), and different Ohio EPA Grants.

Ms. Balz explained that the Impact Grant has a \$500,000 budget, \$100,000 max request, and a minimum 25%

match required. The Impact Grant is for communities, non-profits, for-profits, and it is competitive. The Innovation Grant is for communities, non-profits, for-profits, has a \$100,00 budget, \$15,000 max request, and is not competitive. The Residential Recycling Incentive (RRI) budget is \$800,000 for communities only and funding is based on diversion rate and tons recycled. The Ohio EPA Grants are comprised of community and litter programs, market development, academic institution, and a scrap tire grant.

Ms. Balz introduced Ms. Mohring who continued the presentation. Ms. Mohring explained that the 2024 Impact Grant must reduce landfill waste in Hamilton County, Ohio. The changes from 2022 to 2024 is a longer timeline to apply to increase applications. And the 2024 Impact Grant now will release up to \$50,000 up front and then release the remainder once the proof of spending for all grant and match spending is submitted. For these different grants, they require that organizations have the promised match available and to be shovel ready. This grant cannot be leveraged to obtain other grants.

As far as promotion is concerned, Ms. Mohring stated that there is a current grassroots promotion campaign underway to make underserved communities aware of these new grant programs. Ms. Balz and Ms. Mohring answered all questions from the committee regarding specifics of grant criteria.

The Policy Committee recommend no changes to offering Capital Grants and Operational Grants for new projects.

The Policy Committee did not recommend accepting research or planning-based proposals.

The Policy Committee discussed the replacement of existing equipment proposals. The committee was agreeable on replacing existing equipment proposals if it were a substantial upgrade and would achieve certain organizational goals. Discretion given to the grant reviewers.

The Policy Committee discussed changes to the evaluation criteria for grant review. New applicants get all points, but points are knocked down if they have a bad track record. Reduce from 10% to 5% "If applicant has received funds from Hamilton County ReSource in the past..." and move the 5% for a total of 15% to "Applicant demonstrates an ability to complete..." Equipment is a lower priority.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. 2021 Waste Reduction Innovation Grant Wrap Up- Attachment E

Ms. Balz reported that this two-year grant is concluded. The meeting packet details the projects funded and Ms. Balz shared results from their final wrap-up report. COVID had a negative impact; however, most of the recipients were successful in exceeding tons diverted or people reached projections.

b. Waste Reduction Innovation Grant Update Attachment F

Ms. Balz presented the Innovation Grant proposals update. She answered all questions from the Policy Committee.

7. UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS

The next scheduled Policy Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15, at 3:00 p.m. at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1st Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

Ms. Balz stated they are looking at potential off-site locations for next Spring and that the 2024 meeting dates would be available soon. If meeting locations change, they would have to be given public notice.

The Policy Committee agreed to change the meeting frequency from every other month to quarterly meetings for the future.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Driehaus entertained a motion to adjourn. On motion of Commissioner Kesterman, seconded by Ms. McSwiggin, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Attachment B

2022 Tipping Fee Receipts

*Rumpke '22	In District	Out of District	Out of State		Total Tonnage	Total Dollars		Quarterly Tons	Quarterly \$\$
Jan	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00			
Feb	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00			
Mar	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00		0.00	\$0.00
Apr	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00			
May	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00			
Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00		0.00	\$0.00
Jul	0.46	0.00	0.00		0.46	\$0.46			
Aug	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00			
Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00		0.46	\$0.46
Oct					0.00	\$0.00			
Nov					0.00	\$0.00			
Dec					0.00	\$0.00		0.00	\$0.00
Total	0.46	0.00	0.00		0.46	0.46		0.46	0.46
*Bond Road Landfill									
Rumpke '22	In District	Out of District	Out of State		Total Tonnage	Total Dollars		Quarterly Tons	Quarterly \$\$
Jan	75,516.50	90,940.91	9,616.28		176,073.69	\$267,014.60			
Feb	70,758.58	84,147.41	10,016.66		164,922.65	\$249,070.06			
Mar	86,351.37	113,479.97	10,995.56		210,826.90	\$324,306.87		551,823.24	\$840,391.53
Apr	79,344.07	111,723.47	9,442.60		200,510.14	\$312,233.61			
May	90,639.79	120,045.36	10,409.13		221,094.28	\$341,139.64			
Jun	94,501.93	127,369.22	9,833.79		231,704.94	\$359,074.16		653,309.36	\$1,012,447.41
Jul	82,165.97	116,851.95	8,517.00		207,534.92	\$324,386.87			
Aug	85,359.53	117,057.61	12,103.19		214,520.33	\$331,577.94			
Sep	78,644.43	102,577.76	9,003.09		190,225.28	\$292,803.04		612,280.53	\$948,767.85
Oct					0.00	\$0.00			
Nov					0.00	\$0.00			
Dec					0.00	\$0.00		0.00	\$0.00
Total	743,282.17	984,193.66	89,937.30		1,817,413.13	\$2,801,606.79		1,817,413.13	\$2,801,606.79
Grand Ttl	743,282.63	984,193.66	89,937.30		1,817,413.59	\$2,801,607.25		1,817,413.59	\$2,801,607.25
<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Tier 1</i>	<i>Tier 2</i>	<i>Tier 3</i>						
<i>tonnage</i>	40.90%	54.15%	4.95%						
<i>dollars</i>	26.53%	70.26%	3.21%						

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Jan	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00			
Feb	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00			
Mar	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00		0.00	\$0.00
Apr	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00			
May	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00			
Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00		0.00	\$0.00
Jul	0.00	0.57	0.00		0.57	\$1.14			
Aug	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00			
Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$0.00		0.57	\$1.14
Oct					0.00	\$0.00			
Nov					0.00	\$0.00			
Dec					0.00	\$0.00		0.00	\$0.00
Total	0.00	0.57	0.00		0.57	1.14		0.57	1.14
*Bond Road Landfill									
Rumpke '23	In District	Out of District	Out of State		Total Tonnage	Total Dollars		Quarterly Tons	Quarterly \$\$
Jan	78,568.07	99,451.85	9,274.72		187,294.64	\$286,746.49			
Feb	74,984.46	94,574.65	7,971.38		177,530.49	\$272,105.14			
Mar	84,043.56	117,691.85	10,160.64		211,896.05	\$329,587.90		576,721.18	\$888,439.53
Apr	76,040.73	100,311.75	8,629.09		184,981.57	\$285,293.32			
May	86,314.24	117,531.35	10,629.02		214,474.61	\$332,005.96			
Jun	81,822.58	112,473.09	9,542.82		203,838.49	\$316,311.58		603,294.67	\$933,610.86
Jul	75,150.42	110,402.62	10,015.79		195,568.83	\$305,971.45			
Aug	85,413.11	118,401.06	9,062.79		212,876.96	\$331,278.02			
Sep	77,819.50	100,670.41	8,414.62		186,904.53	\$287,574.94		595,350.32	\$924,824.41
Oct					0.00	\$0.00			
Nov					0.00	\$0.00			
Dec					0.00	\$0.00		0.00	\$0.00
Total	720,156.67	971,508.63	83,700.87		1,775,366.17	\$2,746,874.80		1,775,366.17	\$2,746,874.80
Grand Ttl	720,156.67	971,509.20	83,700.87		1,775,366.74	\$2,746,875.94		1,775,366.74	\$2,746,875.94
% of Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3						
tonnage	40.56%	54.72%	4.71%						
dollars	26.22%	70.74%	3.05%						