

## **BOARD AND POLICY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 10, 2019, 12:30 p.m.

Knox County Service Center, 117 E. High Street, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 43050

District Director Ms. Jenna Hicks called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. Board and Policy members present included Jane Hawes, Jeff Benton, Gary Merrell, Doug Sams, Paul Wise, Randy Canterbury, Thom Collier, Teresa Bemiller, William Pursel, Doug McLarnan, Tyler Pigman, Mary Donaldson, Jeff Clark, Gary Sims, Kerr Murray, Andy Appelfeller, Earl Linder. Also in attendance was Cheryl Corbin Fiscal Administrator. Visitors in attendance included: Lindsey Grimm and Angela Carbetta.

Ms. Hicks welcomed members present and requested introductions from everyone around the table.

Commissioner Murray moved, seconded by Mary Donaldson to approve the Joint Policy/Board meeting minutes from August 14, 2018.

### **SOLID WASTE PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. Hicks gave the update for the Solid Waste Plan stating it the District did receive verification from Ohio EPA on July 30<sup>th</sup> that it was approved and thanked everyone for their work in getting it passed. The District is now implementing the Plan as written.

### **2018 YEAR-END REVIEW**

#### **Financial Report**

Ms. Corbin stated that there was an increase in the 2018 year ending fund balance from 2017 in the amount of \$290,000. The Income was up from 2017 by 3.30% or \$56,300, and the expenditures were also up \$17,170 or by 1.21% from 2017 year-end. Funding highlights include the re-instatement of the Recycling Assistance Program meant specifically to set aside \$100,00 a year to fund projects relating to new or improved curbside recycling programs, as well as to fund new or existing material recovery facilities (MRF's). The goal of this program is to set aside \$100,000 total per year for a period of 5 years. It will be a competitive grant program, and an application process would be required to request the funds. In 2019, Ms. Hicks has also tasked the Litter and Prevention Program Managers with reviewing each drop-off site and providing a list of critical sites in need of repair. At the end of 2018, the Caledonia site was moved from the town square to Anselman Park and was experiencing issues with ruts caused by the heavy trucks emptying the bins. Although the village put money into stoning the lot where the new bins were placed, it continued to experience issues. Ms. Hicks received permission from the board to install a concrete slab as a long-term fix in the amount of nearly \$16,000. Ms. Hicks also placed new stone at the Mt. Gilead compost facility and is currently seeking bids to improve the site in Danville, Ohio.

#### **Program Updates**

Ms. Hicks discussed the program stats for 2018, passed around the Annual Report that she creates every year for Ohio EPA and how she obtains the numbers listed for recyclables.

Ms. Hicks referred to the Annual Director's report that was included in the packet and pointed out the Educator's programming that increased from the previous year.

Ms. Hicks discussed the special collection events, how the HHW numbers are increasing, as well as how that will impact future planning of events. While HHW numbers are increasing, Ms. Hicks notated the decrease experienced in both tires and electronics. Ms. Hicks feels like increasing the cost of tires has helped with small businesses not coming to drop off their large load of tires at a cheaper rate than they can dispose of the tires themselves (Staff do question if the tires are from a business since we don't accept them, but all we can do is believe them when they say no). Ms. Hicks stated that so far it doesn't seem like there has been an increase in the number of tires dumped around the district.

Ms. Hicks discussed the transition of the drop-off services from a dual stream collection from Sims Brothers to a single stream collection through Rumpke. It was a very smooth transition.

Ms. Hicks described the Commissioner's Challenge issued for recycling, stated that Knox County was the winner of the challenge, and that Ms. Grimm was going to discuss it further in her presentation as to how she took that challenge a bit further.

Ms. Hicks stated that contamination has been a real issue, and so for the past year the focus has been on reducing contamination, and the CRLPO managers have made an effort to deal with the issue.

The last update is the programs started at the Knox and Morrow hospitals and the increase in recycling at both facilities. In Knox County, they worked with Randy Canterbury to find a way to recycle more of the plastic generated from the hospital that are not generally recyclable. In Morrow County, the hospital formed a Green Team and have increased the amount of recycling done at their hospital. The Morrow County efforts won a Keep America Beautiful Award.

Ms. Hicks advised the group that we unfortunately had to re-bid for our electronics collection program, and the cost of tv's doubled to \$40 per tv. The District only charges residents \$20 and covers the remaining \$20 to help reduce the amount of dumping in our District. The Tire contract also increased, and we unfortunately had to increase the cost of the tires to be more in line with our actual costs.

Ms. Hicks stated that she requested presentations from the Health Departments and CRLPO programs that showed new Initiatives being implemented to address concerns they were experiencing and turned the discussion over to them.

#### New Initiatives – Health Departments

Tyler Pigman from the Marion County Health Department gave a presentation on the Marion County Housing Coalition that he's part of and was formed to help address issues of concern in the community. The Housing Coalition identified four action steps for cleanups. The first one was to help empower residents to clean up their own yards, secondly are areas in need of micro cleanups, third they are working with the obtain reduced fee waivers at the Transfer Station and their fourth action item was as painting houses. The United Way has donated \$10,000 for this initiative.

#### New Initiatives – County Program Managers

Randy Canterbury gave a presentation on how he is focusing on eliminating contamination at the compost facility site, and the funding that he received from the Ohio EPA and the District (providing match funds) which will help to install security camera equipment.

Angie Carbetta stated that her focus this past year was a zero-waste initiative. She has been educating her community on practicing zero waste by making small changes in lifestyles. Such changes could include dinnerware and cloth napkins over using throw-away items like plastic ware and paper products. Angie distributed items for viewing such as a cloth utensil wraps created to hold silverware to take on picnics and providing reusable lunch bags for each of the members to keep and mason jars with lids that accept reusable straws.

Lindsey Grimm stated that she used the information obtained from the Commissioners Challenge to go out into the community and challenge businesses to start recycling or increase their current recycling efforts. Lindsey also had to educate the businesses on the importance of the business annual survey. Lindsey is hopeful that this challenge will help to increase the currently low participation in the annual business surveys. Lindsey stated that it has already increased the returns from 11 business completed to 27 surveys returned. Lindsey was also able to increase her industry surveys returned. Moving forward Lindsey plans on building on the program to include family recycling challenges and putting in onto an online format.

#### **WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON**

Ms. Hicks advised the group that the grant funding was announced in June and applications are due October 18th to fund new or improved curbside programs or new or improved recycling facilities in our district.

The District will be moving forward with what is outlined in our Plan. This includes a on how best to handle the disposal of HHW.

The District will continue to address contamination at our drop-off sites and curbside locations.

The District will beginning an awards program for businesses and industry. If they conduct a waste audit with CRLPO's and implement recommendations they will receive an aware.

DKMM is looking to host a farm tire event in 2020 in Marion County and maybe one other county.

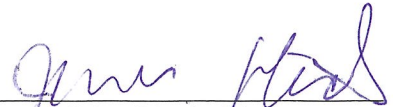
Also continuing to look at site improvements, with the Danville site being the next project.

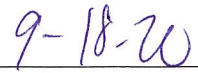
**MEMBER UPDATES**

No updates were given.

Commissioner Murray moved to adjourn; Earl Linder seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried**, Meeting Adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

  
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Jenna Hicks, District Director

  
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