

Solid Waste Management Committee

JOHNSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

OLATHE, KANSAS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

5:30 P.M.

Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Ruth Hopkins. Introductions followed.

Committee members present: Don Seifert, Megan England, Ruth Hopkins, Anne Melia, Kent Seyfried, Ray Manley, Dan Jones, Scott Martin, and Dave Drovetta. Welcome new members: Kate Collum and Paul Chaffee.

Staff present: Commissioner Becky Fast; Lougene Marsh, Mary Beverly, Todd Rogers, Julie Davis, Brandon Hearn, Craig Wood, Brian Alferman and Kalenna Coleman of the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE).

Guests present: Joab Ortiz, Scott Pasternak, and Laura Drescher with Burns and McDonnell. Tom Coffman with WCA.

Meeting Summary Approval

Megan England motioned and Kent Seyfried seconded to approve the November 15, 2018 Solid Waste Management Committee meeting minutes; the motion passed.

Solid Waste Management Plan Development Update

Staff from Burns and McDonnell gave an update on the development of the 5 year Solid Waste Management Plan for 2019. Their presentation included the following:

- Solid waste management industry trends
- Johnson County trends in population and economic projections
- Residential diversion statistics
- Current system review of single family, multi-family, construction & demolition, organics, household hazardous waste and county operations
- Upcoming stakeholder community engagement meetings
 - The committee discussed the importance to include online submittal of input as well as in-person meetings
 - It was suggested to encourage elected officials to attend and bring constituents

After the presentation, Burns and McDonnell staff led a guided discussion about the direction of the Plan Update. Below is a summary of the discussion.

Topic #1: How important is it for the County to increase diversion of C&D, food and commercial waste?

- Continue to focus on contamination of recyclables from single family residential and commercial
- Focus on commercial and multi-family recycling as a high priority and there is already infrastructure to support more diversion (several committee members echoed this sentiment)
 - Find a way to prioritize focus on commercial i.e. by sector, employment, etc.
 - What is the capacity for area material recovery facilities (MRFs)?
- C&D lacks infrastructure to support diversion.
- Consider a regulatory approach
- Find out where the low hanging fruit is for diversion
- Focus on food waste diversion:
 - Develop infrastructure to address organics
 - There is already community support and education; the public is primed

Topic #2: What is the County's current and desired role in waste management within the County and region?

- Prioritize big impact efforts
- Consider regulations
- Ensure plan is data driven, uses best management practices from around the country and is fiscally responsible
- Be aggressive
- Focus on reduction as well as diversion

Other Business and Announcements

None.

Public Comment

None.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the SWMC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30pm. The meeting was adjourned.

c: Ed Eilert, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners
Solid Waste Management Committee
Tom Winn, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, NEO
Penny Postoak-Ferguson, County Manager
Donald D. Jarrett, Chief Counsel, BOCC
Larry McAulay, Legal Services Director
Gayla Speer, Johnson County Conservation District
Darryl Basham, Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc.
Doug Wesselschmidt, P.E., City of Shawnee
Nolan Sunderman, City of Shawnee