



# Solid Waste Management Committee

JOHNSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

OLATHE, KANSAS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

6:30 P.M.

## Call to Order and Introductions

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

Committee members present: Mike Hey, Scott Martin, Don Seifert, Ruth Hopkins, Anne Melia, Kent Seyfried, Lisa McDaniel, Ray Manley, Dan Jones, and Dave Drovetta. Others present included Commissioner Ron Shaffer, Lougene Marsh, Julie Davis, Todd Rogers, Brandon Hearn, Craig Wood, and Kalenna Coleman of the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE).

Guests present: Laura Drescher with Burns and McDonnell.

## Meeting Summary Approval

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A quorum was present to approve the July 11, 2018 and September 12, 2018 Solid Waste Management Committee meeting minutes.

## Solid Waste Management Plan Development Update

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Laura Drescher with Burns and McDonnell gave an update on the 5 year Solid Waste Management Plan for 2019. The schedule was laid out for the Committee as follows.

- Data Collections in 2018 and January of 2019.
- Solid Waste Management Committee workshops will be held: January, March, and May of 2019. They will also start at 5:30pm and go until approximately 8:30pm.
- Public meetings will be held on March 7, 2019. One will be geared toward the public, and the other industry.

Data collections from the Cities has been outstanding. 100% of the Cities have been cooperative. Eleven Cities have their own contracts. Nine Cities leave it to local home owners associations. One City has their own program.

The County has ten local haulers and they take waste to four different area landfills. Those are Johnson County Landfill, Courtney Ridge, Central Missouri, and Hamm.

The last 5 year plan focused on commercial recycling through green businesses, construction and demolition sites, as well as multi-family buildings. Food composting was promoted through DHE's work with schools. Laura also went over the "Table of Contents" for the 2019 plan.

## Ditch the Bag Campaign Update

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Brandon Hearn talked about DHE's "Ditch the Bag" campaign. DHE worked with 12 Johnson County Cities with help from KDHE and a \$7,500 grant. The group put together messaging through social media as well as sent out a direct mailer to 50,000 residents regarding keeping plastic bags out of the recycle bin.

## MRF Sort and Results

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Julie Davis talked about the sort that was done at the Waste Management Materials Recovery Facility. Staff and volunteers gathered to sort recycled material that was being brought in to the Facility. It was determined that approximately 26% of the material sorted was contaminated in some way and ultimately ended up in the landfill. Bagged recyclables was the largest amount of contamination found.

## Commercial Outreach Update

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Julie Davis was excited to announce the hiring of Kalenna Coleman as our new Green Business Program Coordinator. Julie also talked about working with the Prairie Village Shops and the Oak Park Mall. Both of these shopping districts have potential for increased recycling and composting.

### Other Business and Announcements

Lisa McDaniel with the MARC Solid Waste Management District gave an update regarding more of a regional approach when it comes to dealing with bio-solids.

### Public Comment

None.

**Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the SWMC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 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  
Dennis Degner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
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