

Solid Waste Management Committee

JOHNSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
OLATHE, KANSAS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Dave Drovetta. Meeting was presented via Zoom due to Covid social distancing restrictions. Introductions followed.

Committee members present: Dave Drovetta, Paul Chaffee, Lindsey James, Don Seifert, Kent Seyfried, Megan England, Anne Melia, Kate Collum, Raymond Manley, Dan Jones.

JCDHE Staff Present: Mary Beverley, Brandon Hearn, Craig Wood, Trent Thompson, Brian Alferman, Charles Marx, and Commissioner Becky Fast.

Presenters: Stan Slaughter, M.A. and Kevin Anderson – Missouri Organics

Guests Present: Kathy Richardson and Meredith McAllister

Meeting Summary Approval

September meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

JCDHE Program Updates

The following environmental updates were provided:

- Education and Outreach: Brandon Hearn- Gave an update for ongoing efforts to expand outreach via different methods including Zoom and similar outlets. Recently presented at several middle schools. Discussed efforts to redevelop JoCo website. Lots of updates to the Green Business webpage and sustainability webpage. Asked committee to look at the retooled webpages and provide feedback over the next few weeks. Working on an HHW campaign to better get the word out about the how, why, and the importance of properly disposing of HHW. Also discussed bridging the gaps between JoCo Environmental and individual Cities environmental programs.
 - Reported on the E-Waste and paper shredding event held in conjunction with the City of Overland Park, Secure E-Cycle, and Pro-Shred on November 12th. Over

200 residents participated, and we collected over 11,000 pounds of paper and over 7500 pounds of e-waste.

- Landfills: Craig Wood- Updated current inspection schedule. All solid waste facilities in compliance. New airspace out at Hamm with a nice new big cell. Waste Management out at the JoCo landfill putting in a fluff layer (soft trash). Phase 6 will help to minimize odors since it is nice and deep, and estimates are a two (2)-year fill timeframe. Next phase has started and will take 6-7 months for completion. SWMPU for Johnson County got approved by KDHE.
 - Introduced Kathy Richardson's (Lawrence, KS Solid Waste Manager). Craig and the rest of the SW team are assisting Lawrence on their SWM plan for Douglas and Jefferson counties.
- Sustainability: Brian Alferman- Updated the progress on the Climate Action Plan. Hopefully will be completed by January. It has been an 18th month process. Noted he will send a link to the current plan summary and video guide posted on the MARC website. Updated the county's progress on hiring a new e-waste vendor. Also noted JoCo has submitted a grant for CMAQ funding which has preliminarily been approved for the purchase of up to 8 more electric vehicles added to the JoCo fleet and 4 solar charging stations by 2024.
- Green Business/Haulers: Charles Marx- Updated hauler inspections and hauler compliance. Noted we now have a 10th residential hauler in Johnson County, Constable, operating in a few HOA's. Updated the residential hauler application to better reflect code requirements. Green business: Nine resources updated on the webpage. Minimum qualifications and links to a guide for green business updated. Had to check on ADA compliance, uploading application and syncing with the web site still being addressed.
- HHW and Programs: Trent Thompson- Keeping up with compliance despite challenges of Covid. HHW running well. We are now fully staffed. We are close to being able to schedule up to 12 appointments per hour getting us back to normal waste acceptance compacity. Fully booked appointments into January. Also, noted we are always working on building the new HHW facility since we must be out of the current location by 2023.

Presentation: Stan Slaughter and Kevin Anderson Missouri Organics

Mr. Slaughter and Mr. Anderson gave a very informative presentation on their organization. Mo organics is a family owned organization that is very tied to the community. They have operated in the Kansas City area for over 30 years with over 80 employees. They have developed great working relationships with several organizations including the city of KCMO, several farmers

markets, large industrial food companies/supermarkets, and various schools just to name a few. They have six (6) public drop-off sites in the KC area including retail (compost selling) operations within those same sites. They have their own bagging operation for their mulch and compost as well. Mr. Anderson highlighted “The Tiger”. This is a unique de-packaging machine that can separate Styrofoam and plastic packaging from the food waste and is one of the only machines of this kind operating in the nation. Therefore, demand is very high. Mr. Slaughter highlighted their partnership with Harvesters and the very large amount of viable fruits and vegetables that can be gleaned and reused. Missouri Organics is doing very good work with sustainable diversion of millions of pounds of donated food and composting

- Several breakout discussions were had about food waste composting.
- a compostable bag discussion was had. Mo Organics does not advise on composting this material.

Non-Traditional Hauler Discussion

Feedback was asked of the Committee on their thoughts on the regulation of non-traditional haulers. Some examples of these would be residential curbside food waste collection and yard waste haulers. Junk haulers were also discussed. Trying for the low hanging fruit of more regulation of commercial haulers suggested.

Other Business, Announcements, and Conversations:

- Mr. Seyfried noted that Olathe is taking its trash to Hamm as the new contractor. Recycling still going to Waste Management.

Public Comment

None.

Mr. Drovetta asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Seifert made the motion and Mr. Seyfried seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the SWMC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th, 2021.

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- 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, Waste Management
 - Nolan Sunderman, City of Shawnee