



Solid Waste Management Committee

JOHNSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

OLATHE, KANSAS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 2018

6:30 P.M.

Call to Order and Introductions

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

Committee members present: Debbie Kring, Mike Hey, Dan Jones, Lisa McDaniel, Kent Seyfried, Dave Drovetta, Elaine Giessel, Raymond Manley, Ruth Hopkins and Don Seifert. Others present included Commissioner Ron Shaffer, Maury Thompson, Lougene Marsh, Todd Rogers, Julie Davis, Brandon Hearn, and Craig Wood of the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE).

Guests present: Laura Drecsher with Burns and McDonnell and Tom Coffman.

Meeting Summary Approval

Debbie Kring moved and Kent Seyfried seconded to approve the January 10, 2018, Solid Waste Management Committee meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Solid Waste Management Plan Update Scope and Timeline

Craig Wood informed the committee that staff are beginning the process to update our Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). Per KDHE requirements, counties need to give a comprehensive SWMP review every five years. Johnson County Department of Health and Environment plans to retain a consultant to assist with a robust and thorough update to our SWMP. The update will include stakeholder input, a review of changes to the waste system, consideration for population growth's effects on waste, and recommendations for future waste diversion. The RFP will be live in April and staff anticipate having a vendor selected and under contract by June. The final SWMP is due to KDHE by September 2019.

Committee members commented on the importance of including the following in the SWMP update: multi-family access to recycling, continue to promote recycling to residential, the need for end markets and the areas of high priority from the MARC survey (see below).

Presentation on MARC Regional Recycling Survey

Lisa McDaniel presented the methodology and results of a citizen survey on recycling behaviors. The survey is conducted every five years and spans the entire metro region, including Johnson County. Highlights from the report include the following:

- Methodology: 1064 total survey respondents, 183 from Johnson County.
- Results were weighted to represent each county's population, a balanced gender mix, and households representing all ages.
- 82% of the respondents said they recycled most of the time and another 10% some of the time.
- Respondents believe that recycling is important, they are satisfied with curbside, they recycle all they can.
- Respondents are supportive of policies to support recycling and believe local government has an important role.
- High priority areas identified are as follows: glass recycling, HHW, ewaste, bulky waste, and material at curbside.

Updates

Education and Outreach

Brandon Hearn reported the following effort underway:

- KDHE awarded Johnson County a grant for a universal county recycling campaign and staff will be coordinating with several partnering cities on this effort.
- Staff are gearing up for "Earth month" in April and have several events and presentations scheduled.
- Johnson County has partnered with the Cities of Shawnee and Merriam to host a latex paint recycling event.
- Shawnee Mission School District is launching their final cafeteria recycling/composting program to bring all schools into the program.
- Staff will be helping to promote the "Save the Food" campaign.

Commercial Outreach

Julie Davis reported that the annual recognition reception for the business recycling, R5 Certification partners will be April 26th at 8:30am. There are tentatively 16 SMSD schools and 9 additional partners who will be certified and recognized.

MARC Solid Waste Management District

Lisa McDaniel shared with the committee on updates from the MARC Solid Waste Management District:

- A regional committee is addressing the need for more community recycling drop off locations, particularly in eastern Jackson County.
- MARC will be putting out a grant call specifically for market development applicants.
- MARC has a partnership with the Mavericks and Eco Elvis will be throwing out the puck at Sunday's game. The Mavericks are also promoting recycling through a recycled art competition.

Other Business and Announcements

Dan Jones recently attended the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) conference and reported that the recycling industry is facing challenges from the Chinese National Sword. In order to make curbside recycling economically viable, service costs will rise. There is also trouble for facilities to find outlets for lower end plastics such as #5-7.

No public comment was received.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SWMC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. 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
Julie Coleman, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, NEO
Penny Postoak-Ferguson, Deputy 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