



# Solid Waste Management Committee

JOHNSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

OLATHE, KANSAS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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.

Committee members present: Mike Hey, Debbie Kring, Scott Martin, Don Seifert, Maggie Roby, Ruth Hopkins, and Anne Melia. Others present included Commissioner Ron Shaffer, Mary Beverly, Julie Davis, Todd Rogers, Brandon Hearn, and Brian Alferman of the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE).

Guests present: Cynthia Dunham with the Johnson County legal department, Joab Ortiz with Burns and McDonnell and Sadie Gardner with WCA.

## Meeting Summary Approval

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No quorum was present to approve the July 11, 2018, Solid Waste Management Committee meeting minutes.

## Annual Update to the Solid Waste Management Plan

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Julie Davis gave an update on the annual update to the Solid Waste Management Plan, which needs to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) before being sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Due to the lack of quorum the annual update couldn't be approved by the committee.

## Solid Waste Management Plan 5-Year Update

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Joab Ortiz with Burns and McDonnell gave an overview of the 5 year Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) development process. Mr. Ortiz also covered the SWMP timeline, as well as the project schedule, and the team from Burns and McDonnell that will be developing the SWMP. The Burns and McDonnell team is currently in the process of collecting data. Stakeholder engagement meetings will occur in early 2019. Final drafts will be completed in spring of 2019. The final SWMP is due to KDHE by September 2019. The November Solid Waste Management Committee meeting will include a presentation of the data and findings and a committee input session.

# Kansas Open Meeting Act/Ethics Training

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Cynthia Dunham Deputy Director with the legal department provided training to the committee on the Kansas Open Meetings Act as well as Ethics Training. This training is required for all BOCC appointed committees.

## Updates

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### SWMC Roadshow

Ms. Davis provided an update about committee member Megan England's efforts to present to cities of the 2<sup>nd</sup> class on the work being done by the SWMC. Ms. England has already presented to the City of Roeland Park and has others scheduled. She encourages other committee members to present to the communities they represent.

### Education and Outreach

Brandon Hearn gave an update on current education and outreach efforts the solid waste division are undertaking. The main focus is on the *Ditch the Bag* campaign that is educating residents not to bag their recyclables and keep plastic bags and product wrap out of their curbside bin.

### Commercial Outreach

Brian Alferman gave an update on current commercial outreach efforts. Johnson County helped facilitate a Summit for Johnson County schools, where representatives from all the districts in Johnson County came together to discuss waste reduction and sustainability efforts. A recent article in the Best Times magazine highlighted the efforts of Village Co-op of Shawnee and their work in improving their recycling program. Mr. Alferman also shared information about the recently attended MORA Conference.

### Other Business and Announcements

Mr. Alferman shared news about a recent development in Kirkwood, Missouri about their curbside recycling program. Kirkwood announced they would be stopping their recycling service due to issues with contamination, among other things. However, due to push back from the community, Kirkwood reversed their plans and will continue to collect recycling.

### Public Comment

Sadie Gardner with WCA shared that she is now the marketing and sales manager at the WCA material recovery facility.

## Next Meeting

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The next meeting of the SWMC is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 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

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