

**POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 19, 2007
9:00 AM
Licking County Administration Bldg.
20 S. Second St., Newark**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Patty Bratton, Chair.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Patty advised the committee that there were two new members. She introduced Scott Bryant (Municipal Rep – Perry County) and Gary Fischer (Coshocton County Commissioner).

ROLL

Attending: Robin Bennett, Scott Bryant, Thad Cooperrider, Larry Coyle, Joe Ebel, Dick Erman, Gary Fischer, Mark Frank, Jim Hart, Marti Kolb, Roy Krasky, Larry Lloyd, Paul Martin, Jeff Roberts, Judy Shupe, Jeff Wherley, Dan Wing, and Patty Bratton.

Not attending: Harry Ballinger, Bob Brems, Tim Bubb, Tony Furgiuele, Frank Hirsch, Steve Holekamp, Laura Holton, and Dave Lang.

Three vacancies exist at the present time: Coshocton County Industrial Representative, Perry County At-Large Representative, and Perry County Township Representative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Paul Martin to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2006 meeting as submitted. Marti Kolb seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Discussion ensued about chairmanship rotation. Although the bylaws do not specify a rotation of counties, the Policy Committee has historically rotated the chairmanship to provide equal opportunity to each county to lead the committee. If the same rotation schedule was to be followed, this would be Perry County's turn to Chair the committee. Jeff Roberts made a motion to nominate Dan Wing as Chair. Jeff Wherley seconded the motion. Jeff Wherley moved to close nominations. Paul Martin seconded the motion. The motions carried without opposition.

Discussion ensued regarding which County would have the chairmanship in 2008 according to the present rotation. It was noted that 2008 would be Licking County's turn. Jim Hart made a motion to nominate Marti Kolb as vice-chair. Jeff Wherley seconded the motion. No other nominations were received. Marti Kolb was appointed vice-chair by acclamation.

At this time Patty turned the meeting over to Dan Wing.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Carol advised the committee that all commitments in the plan are being met – including the 90% recycling access in all counties, with the exception the Industrial Work Groups. She advised the committee that two workshops were scheduled. The first one was cancelled as no registrations were received. The second one was cancelled as the business hosting the workshop was unsure if they would be open.

Carol met with the committee's industrial representatives in December and they decided to work with the local Chambers of Commerce. Carol will be contacting those offices to discuss that possibility.

Jeff Wherley asked Carol if the individual counties were achieving their goals as far as meeting contractual commitments and she stated that they are.

Marti Kolb made a motion that no recommendations would be sent forth to the Board of Directors. Jim Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

TIMELINE FOR NEXT PLAN UPDATE

Carol presented the committee with a revenue ending balance projection for the district beginning in 2007 and running through 2024 (the dates covered by the next plan update). She advised the committee that in the current plan there is a fee increase scheduled to take effect January 1, 2009. The increase will raise in-district fees from \$1/ton to \$2/ton. The projection indicates that the fee increase may not be needed. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the District has no choice in implementing the fee increase as it is written in the current plan. If the committee does not want the fee increase there are two options. The first option is to begin the update of the plan now and accelerate the schedule so it is complete prior to January 1, 2009. The last plan research phase alone took 18 months to complete. The second option would be to amend the current plan. That process takes 6 months. That would allow the plan update to follow the timeline previously approved. Additional discussion included the variables that could affect the projected revenue (Tunnell Hill opening, the status of Pine Grove), and the likelihood of haulers passing a "decrease" on to their customers if the fees are raised and then lowered. Thad Cooperrider made a motion to have the committee look at the finances again in January 2008 and make a decision at that time as to what they wanted to do

with the fee structure. Paul Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Fello from Waste Management addressed the committee. He advised the committee that Suburban RDF is expanding the “footprint” of their facility by 30 acres that are contiguous to the existing site.

NEXT MEETING

No meeting was scheduled, as there is no further business for this committee at the present time. Carol Philipps will advise Dan Wing when the District Office receives any request/information that requires the attention of this committee.

Jeff Wherley made a motion to adjourn. Patty Bratton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Secretary, Kim Masters

Approval Date