

**POLICY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 24, 2014  
9:30 AM  
Don Hill County Administration Bldg  
20 S. Second St., Newark**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Curtis Lee, Chair.

**ROLL**

Attending: Robin Bennett, Patty Bratton, Chad Brown, Scott Bryant, Tim Bubb, Joe Bulzan, Angela DeRolph, Terry Dunlap, Seth Ellington (not present for roll call; see **note:** for arrival), Gary Fischer, Mark Frank, Tony Furgiuele, Jim Hart, Lynn Hatfield, Glenn Hill, Mike Kiger, Dave Lang, Curtis Lee, Steve Lonsinger, Paul Martin, Jim O'Brien, Matt Reed, Tony Vogel, Jeff Wherley and Lucinda Yinger.

Not attending: Scott Bryant, Jeff Hall, Larry Hanna, and Chad Wilkins.

**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 Fairfield County's turn to Chair the committee. Gary Fischer made a motion nominating Mike Kiger as chairman. Tim Bubb seconded the motion. Tim Bubb then made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Kiger. Gary Fischer seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Tim Bubb made a motion nominating Jim O'Brien as vice-chair. Mark Frank seconded the motion. Tim Bubb then made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jim O'Brien. Mike Kiger seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Curtis Lee turned the meeting over to Mike Kiger at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mark Frank to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2013 meeting as presented. Jeff Wherley seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition and with one abstention.

**STATEWIDE REVIEW OF HB592**

Carol advised committee members that OEPA Director Scott Nally had resigned. Craig Butler who is the governor's advisor on environmental, energy, public utility and agricultural issues has been named the interim director. Additionally, Carol told the committee members that at the present time EPA is working on the various proposed changes to HB592 for which there is consensus. Representatives from OEPA (Andrew Booker & Angel Arroyo-Rodriquez) were present. They also reiterated that they are presently only working on issues for which there is consensus.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

A document was distributed listing the commitments of the solid waste plan and where the district stands on meeting those commitments. Carol advised the committee that at the present time Fairfield County is presently only at 87% of the recycling access goal (requirement is 90%). Fairfield County needs one urban site to be in compliance, they are aware of the situation, and are working on finding an additional site. Discussion ensued regarding recycling surveys and analysis of results.

Regarding the annual review of recycling surveys used to gather feedback regarding the recycling programs, Carol recommended that the information collected in 2013 be used by the recycling subcommittee for analysis and recommendations for the plan update.

The consensus of the committee was that there is no recommendation for the Board of Directors.

### **2015 PLAN UPDATE**

Carol advised the committee that they are required to begin the plan update 15 months before the plan is due to the OEPA, and to do so the committee should formally declare they are beginning the process. A motion was made by Paul Martin to begin the plan update process. Jim Hart seconded the motion. A roll vote was taken. Those voting yes were: Robin Bennett, Patty Bratton, Chad Brown, Tim Bubb, Joe Bulzan, Angela DeRolph, Terry Dunlap, Gary Fischer, Mark Frank, Tony Furgiuele, Jim Hart, Lynn Hatfield, Glenn Hill, Dave Lang, Curtis Lee, Steve Lonsinger, Paul Martin, Jim O'Brien, Matt Reed, Tony Vogel, Jeff Wherley, and Lucinda Yinger. The motion passed unanimously 22-0.

**(note: 9:45 Seth Ellington arrived)**

### **TIMELINE**

Carol reviewed the timeline for updating the plan with the committee. She advised them that this is an accelerated timeline (historically the update process has taken 2 yrs). The reason for the acceleration is due to a budget that eliminates funding for optional programs in 2015 (if the counties have carryover at the end of 2014, they can use that to fund those optional programs if they so choose; but not all counties will have sufficient carryover to do so). The goal is to get the new plan and budget in place before people are working on their 2016 budgets. Subcommittees will meet more frequently than in past years; the goal is to have their work finished in April. Tony Furgiuele asked if it was a good idea to update the plan now, when OEPA is working on changes that may affect the update. Carol stated that we have been advised to proceed as normal. Andrew Booker (OEPA) stated that there would be time "built in" to allow for new requirements that may be developed.

Carol advised the committee that Coshocton Landfill will be closing in February. That will decrease the district's revenue by approximately \$90,000 per year. Additionally she stated that there is a handout in everyone's packets that show the waste being collected at the landfills and that the tonnages are decreasing (which means district revenue is decreasing).

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

A sign-up sheet was passed around for committee members (and other interested parties) to sign up for the different subcommittees for updating the plan. Carol reviewed the responsibilities of each subcommittee.

## **OEPA PRESENTATION**

Andrew Booker and Angel Arroyo-Rodriguez addressed the committee. They advised the committee that the recycling "access" goal will probably be addressed in the changes that are being made and will probably become a "diversion" goal; that the "outreach" program will want to focus on changing behaviors of the public; that the measuring of greenhouse gas emissions is optional under the state plan; and that OEPA will be looking at the need to change solid waste fee structures.

10:20 Robin Bennett left

10:45 Tony Furgiuele left

## **SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

All subcommittees will meet on Friday, February 7, 2014 at the Licking County Annex Bldg, 675 Price Rd, in Newark (3rd floor conference room). Times are as follows: Disposal Facilities 9:00, Residential Recycling 10:00, Business Recycling 11:00, Outreach & Marketing 1:00, Special Wastes 2:00, and Finance 3:00.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next full committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at the Donald Hill County Administration Bldg., 20 S. Second St., in Newark (Room A - Basement).

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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Secretary, Kim Masters

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Approval Date