

**POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 25, 2013
10:00 AM
Don Hill County Administration Bldg
20 S. Second St., Newark**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Tim Bubb, Chair.

ROLL

Attending: Patty Bratton, Joe Bulzan, Steve Davis, Joe Ebel, Mark Frank, Tony Furgiuele, Glenn Hill, Lynn Hatfield, Ed Keister, Dave Lang, Curtis Lee, Steve Lonsinger, Tony Vogel, Jeff Wherley and Tim Bubb.

Not attending: Robin Bennett, Scott Bryant, Angela DeRolph, Terry Dunlap, Seth Ellington, Jeff Hall, Larry Hanna, Jim Hart, Paul Martin 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 Coshocton County's turn to Chair the committee. Jeff Wherley made a motion nominating Curtis Lee as chairman. Ed Keister seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Ed Keister made a motion nominating Steve Davis as vice-chair. Mark Frank seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Tim Bubb turned the meeting over to Curtis Lee at this time.

INTRODUCTIONS

As there were several new members on the committee, Curtis asked everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jeff Wherley to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2012 meeting as presented. Ed Keister seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

COORDINATOR REPORT

Carol advised the Board that the cash balance in the solid waste account at the end of December was \$4,683,992.32. She reviewed a handout that indicates if 2013 revenue projection are met, the district may exceed the projected solid waste plan balance by \$2,010,576.47 which would allow for the continuation of funding for optional programs (at current levels) for four years. Tim Bubb asked about the possibility of reinstating the HHW collection events. Carol advised that the HHW events were not discontinued due to budget constraints but rather due to lack of participation and the lack of cost effectiveness of that event. Alternate methods of handling that waste stream have been in place for the last year.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

A document was distributed listing the goals of the solid waste plan and where the district stands on meeting those goals. Carol advised the committee that the district is meeting the 90% recycling access goal. Discussion ensued regarding recycling surveys and analysis of results. The program managers have historically been responsible for the surveys, in the handout that was distributed Carol had recommended that the district office take over that responsibility. However, after email correspondence with program managers (prior to this meeting), Carol advised the committee that she recommends that the responsibility for the surveys remain with the program managers with the understanding that the analysis/results will be completed in time to be factored into the funding applications for 2014.

Patty Bratton advised the committee that she did not believe having the recycling drop-off sites open to businesses was the best way to address commercial recycling (which is the method in the approved solid waste plan). Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the solid waste plan states that financial assistance for commercial recycling may be provided "if services are not reasonably available from private recyclers" which led to further discussion of government dollars being used to compete with private business. Tony Furgiuele stated that UST Environmental Contractors has a "waste exchange" on their website. He thanked Fairfield & Licking counties for hosting a workshop where this exchange was publicized.

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

NOTE: Ed Keister left at this time 10:32 (a quorum was still present)

STATEWIDE REVIEW OF HB592

Carol advised the Board that meetings regarding HB592 are taking place. The topics include: flow control, rule making authority and consolidation of districts. Neither flow control or rule making authority effect our district directly as we have not implemented flow control and there are no district rules under the current solid waste plan. It appears that OEPA is the driving force behind the consolidation of districts. There is some speculation that this might be addressed as part of the June budget bill. Board members asked if there was a "target number", Carol & Rene Rimelspach (legal counsel) cited the original 592 language that called for 8 districts, but stated that no number has been given at this point. Further discussion included the fact that no discussions have taken place regarding funding of the consolidated districts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING

There is not another meeting scheduled at this time.

Steve Lonsinger made a motion to adjourn. Tim Bubb seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Secretary, Kim Masters

Approval Date