

**POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 27, 2012
8:30 AM
Licking County Annex
771 E Main St., Newark**

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Jeff Roberts, Chair.

ROLL

Attending: Patty Bratton, Tim Bubb, Joe Bulzan, Larry Coyle (not present for roll call; see **note**: for arrival), Angela DeRolph, Mark Frank (not present for roll call; see **note**: for arrival), Jeff Hall, Jim Hart, Mike Kiger, Dave Lang, Larry Lloyd, Steve Lonsinger (not present for roll call; see **note**: for arrival), Paul Martin, Fred Shriner, Tony Vogel (not present for roll call; see **note**: for arrival), Jeff Wherley, Dan Wing, and Jeff Roberts.

Not attending: Robin Bennett, Scott Bryant, Joe Ebel, Dick Erman, Larry Hanna, Dane Shryock, and Chad Wilkins.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Jeff introduced and welcomed Jeff Hall to the committee. Jeff is the new mayor in Newark.

DISTRICT AT LARGE POSITION

The district-at-large position has a term of two years and is currently held by Jim Hart. The term expired in September of 2011. Jeff asked for nominations for this position. Dan Wing nominated Jim Hart. Tim Bubb seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition. Jim Hart was re-appointed to the position of district-at-large.

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 Licking County's turn to Chair the committee. Fred Shriner made a motion nominating Tim Bubb as chairman. Jim Hart seconded the motion. Mike Kiger moved to close nominations. Jeff Wherley seconded that motion. Motion to close nominations carried without opposition. Tim Bubb was appointed Chair by acclamation.

Jeff Wherley made a motion nominating Joe Bulzan as vice-chair. Jim Hart seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations, Jim Hart made a motion to close nominations. Dave Lang seconded the motion. Motion to close nominations carried without opposition. Joe was appointed Vice-Chair by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Paul Martin to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2011 meeting as presented. Jeff Wherley seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition and with one abstention.

COORDINATOR REPORT

Carol distributed a graph on district finances and one on revenue trends.

Note: 8:37 Tony Vogel arrived

Note: 8:39 Larry Coyle arrived

In reviewing both graphs with the committee she noted that generation fees were above projections for 2011. She further stated that revenue from Tunnell Hill was higher than projected. Additionally, a breakdown of where each county stands with respect to the 15 yr budget which is in the solid waste plan was distributed.

Jim Hart stated that he wanted to make committee members aware that there is an issue with Tunnell Hill at the present time. There is hydrogen sulfide gas escaping into the air, creating a very unpleasant odor for the surrounding neighbors. Both Ohio EPA and the Perry County Health Department are monitoring the situation.

Note: 8:53 Mark Frank & Steve Lonsinger arrived

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

(Tim Bubb took over running the meeting)

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. She stated that our plan says we would help industries and we were doing that by promoting Omex (an on-line waste exchange) but that has essentially gone defunct. Other than that all goals are being met. The consensus of the committee was that there is no recommendation for the Board of Directors.

STATEWIDE REVIEW OF HB592

Carol advised the committee that HB592 (which established solid waste districts) is being reviewed. The track record of results, efficiency, stewardship of funds and future needs are being questioned. The OEPA began meeting with parties in December and will continue holding meetings in February and March to find consensus on issues then pursue legislative changes yet in 2012. CCAO (County Commissioners Association of Ohio) has a legislative committee addressing solid waste issues. The private waste industry is taking this opportunity to discuss changes they would like to make. SWACO (Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio) is continuing to promote district consolidation (they would like to see the current 52 districts consolidated into 5 “mega” districts). No one has yet heard if the Ohio Health Association has taken a position. Carol further advised the committee that CCAO and OSWDO (Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio) have hired a consultant to facilitate meetings to create a CCAO position that OSWDO will support. Carol represents our district on the OSWDO Legislative Committee. Additionally, it appears OEPA is attempting to move the Division of Recycling and Litter Prevention from ODNR to their agency. A bill has been introduced in Indiana that allows counties to opt out of being a solid waste district (or part of a joint district). As they are structured like Ohio solid waste districts, this bill is being watched carefully.

Committee members asked what they could do to help and to have their voices heard. Carol strongly urged them to contact their statewide organizations and associations (i.e. Ohio Health Association, the Municipal League, the Township Associations, Ohio Association of Litter Prevention and Recycling Programs, and CCAO). Further discussion included the Boards of County Commissioners contacting their state representatives and senators. Jeff Wherley made a motion recommending that Policy Committee members stay in contact with their statewide organizations regarding this issue. Jeff Roberts seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING

There is not another meeting scheduled at this time.

Jim Hart made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Wherley seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Secretary, Kim Masters

Approval Date