

**POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 26, 2016
10:00 AM
Don Hill County Administration Bldg
20 S. Second St., Newark**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jim O'Brien, Chair.

ROLL

Attending: Robin Bennett, Patty Bratton, Chad Brown, Tim Bubb, Joe Bulzan, Seth Ellington, Zach Fanning, Tony Furgiuele, Joe Garrett, Glenn Hill, Dave Lang, Curtis Lee, Dave Levacy, Tony Vogel, Jeff Wherley, Lucinda Yinger, and Jim O'Brien.

Not attending: Scott Bryant, Angela DeRolph, Terry Dunlap, Dick, Fankhauser, Gary Fischer, Jeff Hall, Larry Hanna, Jim Hart, Paul Martin, Matt Reed, and Kevin Walters.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jim asked the committee for approval of the agenda. A roll vote was called. Those voting yes were: Robin Bennett, Patty Bratton, Chad Brown, Tim Bubb, Joe Bulzan, Seth Ellington, Zach Fanning, Tony Furgiuele, Joe Garrett, Glenn Hill, Dave Lang, Curtis Lee, Dave Levacy, Jeff Wherley, and Lucinda Yinger. Those voting no were: None. Those abstaining were: Tony Vogel. Agenda was approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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. Dave Levacy made a motion nominating Tim Bubb as chairman. Patty Bratton seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Tim Bubb made a motion nominating Curtis Lee as vice-chair. Chad Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jeff Wherley to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2015 meeting as presented. Tony Furgiuele seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

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 stated that 2015 was an "odd" year, as the District began the year under the old plan, then the new plan was approved by OEPA, and then the District operated under the new plan. Tony Furgiuele stated that in looking at the costs associated with the Recycling programs, he would like to recommend that all counties bid out the recycling contracts and consider privatization possibly even for just portions of the drop-off program. Tim Bubb stated that he echoed Tony's sentiments. Tim Bubb also stated that

when updating the plan he would like to ask the committee to re-look at the definition of institutional recycling facilities and open that up to include social agencies (i.e. the Food Pantry, Salvation Army, etc...) and not limit it to public schools and government buildings. Tony Furgiuele stated he would not support collecting recyclables from "for profit" businesses but could support collection from "non-profit and charitable" agencies (501-3Cs). He further stated that this would need to be a topic for the plan update committee meetings. Seth Ellington spoke on the financial constraints of private haulers offering recycling, which led to discussion of government tax dollars being used to compete with private business/haulers.

Jim O'Brien advised the Board that Perry County is still having odor issues with the Tunnell Hill landfill. Carol stated that there is language in the solid waste plan to allow for inspection of out-of-state waste at landfills. Rene Rimelspach (legal counsel) that the District would need to create district rules in order to implement the out-of-state inspections. Further discussion ensued regarding the fact that if rules were to be violated, fines could be levied, and the need for legal counsel involvement. Dave Levacy stated that he thought this issue should be addressed sooner than later. Jim stated that he would keep the committee apprised of the situation.

The committee had no recommendations for the Board of Directors regarding implementation of the current plan.

NEXT PLAN UPDATE

Carol advised the committee that the OEPA has a new structure for solid waste plans, the plans focus more on the future. The plans will have a new formula for determining recycling access. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the updates now happen every three years as opposed to every five years (as in the past). Additional discussion included the fact that the District saved \$50,000.00 by having the plan update conducted in-house and not using a consultant, and that the plan was approved in a much shorter time-frame than in the past. Chad Brown and Tim Bubb stated that Carol had worked hard and done a good job. Patty Bratton stated she thought an outside consultant would be more neutral. Tony Furgiuele stated that he sat on subcommittees and saw no advantage to having an outside consultant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING

No meeting scheduled at the present time.

Motion by Chad Brown to adjourn. Tony Furgiuele seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Secretary, Kim Masters

Approval Date