

**Greene County Solid Waste Management District
Policy Committee Meeting**

**January 21, 2015
9:00 am**

Policy Committee Members:

Mike Cornell, City of Beavercreek
Tom Koogler, Greene County Commissioner
Deborah Leopold, Combined Health - Absent
John Martin, Township Trustee
Daniel Graeter, Citizen Representative
John Banford, Industrial/Commercial/Institutional Representative
Matthew McNelly, Public Representative

Greene County Staff:

Brandon Huddleson, County Administrator
Ron Volkerding, Director, Sanitary Engineering
Dana Storts, Manager, Environmental Services

Also present:

Mr. Ed Amrhein, Beavercreek Township
Pete Bales, City of Fairborn
Brent Ball, Rumpke
Diane Caughell, Greene County Resident
Gary Waggoner, Greene County Resident

Agenda Items

I. Introductions

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Introductions were completed.

II. Minutes - November 19, 2014

Mr. Koogler motioned to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting. Mr. McNelly seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. None opposed.

III. Plan Update

A. Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Review Status

Ms. Storts congratulated the Policy Committee (Committee). The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has approved the Greene County Solid Waste Management District's Draft Amended Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan). An approved copy arrived at Environmental Services (ES).

B. Implementation Schedule

The Implementation Schedule was prepared by OEPA staff. It is used to report on activities in the Annual District Report. The new Implementation Schedule is meaningful yet not a burden to utilize.

Mr. Koogler requested a report be given to the Committee every 6 months utilizing a standardized format. Ms. Storts stated there are some activities that are annual activities.

C. 2015 Actions

1. Drop-off Recycling Evaluation

Apartment recycling will be evaluated the second half of 2015.

2. Education Evaluation

Recycling education taking place in local schools will be evaluated. Mr. Koogler stated it needs to be done in the next 4 months to be in place for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

3. Newspaper Advertisements

Newspaper advertisement will be focused on services provided at the ES facility.

4. Recycling Forums

This will be direct conversations with local City and Village staff to share information. Information will be tailored to fit each community's needs. Two communities are targeted for 2015. Mr. Cornell encouraged the information be shared at a Council work session.

Mr. Cornell stated the Plan Implementation Schedule seems to only involve ES staff. He asked if there was some way to involve the communities and the Committee. Discussion ensued. Topics covered included methods of advertising, involving the TAC, and utilizing volunteers.

Mr. Graeter stated Montgomery County is willing to share their Education Center. An ES staff member could be trained and become familiar with the Center and could then conduct tours for Greene County residents. Additional discussion included encouraging residents to utilize the available facilities and services.

Ms. Caughell, Greene County resident, stated this group is too narrowly focused on yard waste. People do not know other services are available at this facility. This Committee needs to focus on what the world is doing.

IV. OEPA Grants

In the 2013 – 2014 tire grant application submitted to OEPA legacy tire piles and agricultural tires were targeted. OEPA has changed their focus. A tire amnesty grant is acceptable, however, it cannot focus on agricultural tires or legacy piles.

For the 2015 – 2016 grant there are three levels available, all three have a 10% matching fund requirement.

- \$20,000 = 5,000 – 10,000 Passenger Tire Equivalent (PTE)
- \$30,000 = 10,001 – 20,000 PTE
- \$40,000 = >20,000 PTE

\$20,000 is the recommended amount to apply for on the grant application. Ms. Storts has spoken with the Greene County Soil and Water District (GCSWD) and they have agreed to partner with ES for this grant cycle.

Mr. Middleton, GCSWD, stated some staff is changing at GCSWD. He expects \$20,000 will continue to fill the need of Greene County Residents.

Mr. Koogler asked if the grant funds or match funds included staff time. Ms. Storts stated staff time is not included. Mr. Koogler asked if ES can limit the tires to ten tires per participant. Mr. Graeter stated Montgomery County has a ten tire limit per person, but each person can make as many 10 tire trips as they want during the collection event.

Mr. McNelly motioned to submit a \$20,000 grant to OEPA for Tire Amnesty Collections. Mr. Cornell seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion occurred regarding advertising the collection and limiting the number of tires brought per person. Limiting the number of tires may mean more collections and a smaller number of tires being recycled. Mr. Koogler directed ES should stay within the grant fund limits.

The grant application will be sent to OEPA the week of January 26, 2015.

V. Activities Status

A. Interagency Recycling

The Committee was provided the bid packet sent to waste haulers for recycling services. Three methods were quoted.

- Single stream
- Old Corrugated Cardboard with single stream
- Old Corrugated Cardboard only

The Committee packet included the locations of the Interagency Recycling Program participants, the custodial service, and with what community or agency they are associated.

Ms. Storts met with Mr. Huddleson and Mr. Volkerding to discuss the transition plan. Beginning March 1, transition to the private contractor will start at the Greene County downtown and Ledbetter Road campuses. The remaining Greene County locations will transition beginning May 1, 2015.

Additional discussions included when non-County agencies transition and who will pay the private hauler providing the recycling service. Mr. Koogler suggested the cost should be the responsibility of the other political jurisdictions. Mr. McNelly agreed.

Mr. Graeter asked how secure documentation was managed. Ms. Storts explained other agencies contract with Greene, Inc., to provide the service.

Mr. Cornell asked for a timeline of the transitions taking place. Mr. Huddleson stated transitions will begin March 1 if Rumpke is agreeable. Mr. Cornell stated he is not supportive of this transition, and will need time to review what it means for Beaver Creek. Mr. Huddleson stated the transition for non-Greene County offices will begin May 1. Discussion ensued.

B. Household Hazardous Waste – Paint

Due to the discussion at the last meeting the history of paint collection and the cost for the disposal of the paint was provided to the Committee.

Discussion included incidental paint has been accepted at the monthly collection, only about 25% of the paint has been reusable, most has been frozen. Paint that was not reusable was treated and thrown away. Mr. Graeter indicated Montgomery County is finding the same thing and is looking for additional options other than landfilling. Mr. Koogler suggested to “shelve paint” for three to four months as there are too many other changes happening and budget issues to deal with due to a 10% reduction in revenue.

C. Environmental Services Operation and Beaver Creek Yard Waste Site

The tradition has been to keep the community yard waste sites open until the week after Thanksgiving and the Xenia operation moves to winter hours in mid-December. Due to safety concerns Ms. Storts proposes changing the Xenia operation to “winter” hours and close on November 1, when the time changes. Mr. Cornell clarified the hours and asked if the Beaver Creek site will close on November 1.

Mr. Huddleson asked Mr. Cornell if there was much citizen response from the early closure. Mr. Cornell indicated there was not, however, he has not really discussed the issue with Council. Mr. Koogler asked if darkness is an issue when closing the Xenia facility at 6:00 pm. Ms. Storts stated that is why the November 1 date has been suggested as that is when the time changes. Mr. Cornell is “okay” with the early closure of Beaver Creek due to safety concerns, but will need to consider any additional changes. Mr. Cornell expects the use of the Beaver Creek yard waste site will diminish over time. Mr. Koogler suggested promoting the Xenia facility in advertising for ease of use.

Mr Martin made a motion to change the winter hours of operation to close at 6:00 pm beginning the day of the time change, this year it is November 1, 2015. Mr. Koogler seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. Beaver Creek Yard Waste Site

See Item C, above

E. Recycling Data

Ms. Storts will be meeting with waste haulers to obtain per community recycling data. Will be meeting with the two scrap yards located in Greene County for determining data regarding construction and demolition metal recycling versus other scrap metal recycling.

Mr. Koogler reminded the Committee they should start thinking about activating the TAC. Ms. Storts indicated the TAC will be placed on the February agenda.

VI. Next Regular Business Meeting is February 18, 2015

Ms. Storts stated Rumpke has finished the modifications in their MRF. The Committee should tour their facility and have a meeting there. The tour would start at 9:00 on February 18 and the business meeting would follow. The meeting on May 20, 2015 will be a tour at the Montgomery County Education Center with a meeting to follow. Mr. Aughe suggested the Tour of the Rumpke facility should be in May and the tour of the Education Center in February due to weather concerns as the Rumpke facility is not climate controlled. Mr. Graeter will check on available dates to tour the Montgomery County Education Center. Location of the February 18 meeting will be announced via e-mail.

Ms. Caughell asked when the Committee will be discussing the recycling grants to communities. Mr. Koogler replied the Committee will need to review the budget due to loss of revenue and changes in the interagency program.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.