

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee of the County of Calhoun was held on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Calhoun County Road Commission, 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan 49068.

Committee Members Present:           Arnold Arquette           Lewis Cooper  
  Mike Myszka               Gene Klisiak  
  Ken Kohs                 John Bomba  
  Walt Obrinske           Marilyn Hennon

Also Present:                    Bob Overley, Calhoun County Health Department  
  Tiffany Seymour, Calhoun County Solid Waste Director  
  Mary Jo Crumpton, Calhoun County Road Commission

Chairman John Bomba called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Chairman Bomba led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ADDITION TO AGENDA**

Add the Challenge Grant application from the City of Albion under item 7. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND, Challenge Grant Applications, C.

**Motion made by Arnold Arquette to accept the meeting agenda with the above noted addition. Supported by Mike Myszka. Voice vote: motion carried.**

**Motion made by Arnold Arquette to accept the regular meeting minutes of February 13, 2006 as presented. Supported by Ken Kohs. Voice vote: motion carried.**

#### **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND**

**Calhoun County Environmental Health Department:**           Included in the packet was the flyer noting the 2006 Calhoun County Hazardous Waste Collections. Bob Overley informed the committee that the collection held on April 29<sup>th</sup> in the City of Albion brought in approximately 46 vehicles with items for drop-off and approximately 130 vehicles dropped off at the collection held in Battle Creek on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Bob noted that at the Albion collection, a resident brought in a huge load of tires and threatened to drop them at CCRC's Albion facility. Tiffany stated that she was not aware of any tires that were dropped off there.

Two more collections are scheduled for 2006 as follows: City of Marshall on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am – 12 noon at the Calhoun County Building and at the Toeller Building in Battle Creek on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am – 12 noon.

**Community Com post Center Report:**   Included in the agenda packet was email correspondence from Derek Perry of the City of Marshall. At the last meeting, committee members directed Tiffany to contact him with questions regarding the Compost Center Report that was provided at that meeting. The questions and answers were included in the email correspondence. Discussion continued.

**Budget Review:**   Tiffany referred to the Comparison of Annual Budgets 1999-2006 that was included in the agenda packet. She noted that this is a corrected comparison, as the 2005 Household Hazardous

Waste Collection costs were not included in the budget comparison that was reviewed at the last meeting. Tiffany noted that the 2007 budget review would be on the agenda for the July Solid Waste Committee meeting.

**Challenge Grant Application** : Chairman Bomba noted that three applications have been received for the 2006 Challenge Grant Program. Tiffany summarized the applications as follows:

- **S.C.R.A.P.:** Funding being requested is \$5,000 to create Save Our Space (SOS), a project for artistic and environmental programming for preschools. The funding being requested is to assist with the cost of rent, office expenses, advertising, equipment, and tools to support the project.

Discussion took place on the history of S.C.R.A.P.'s programs and their numerous Challenge Grant applications. Arnold Arquette stated that the application should be denied. S.C.R.A.P. does not have a product to sell and was only a babysitting outfit for the City of Marshall that never made a profit. Marilyn Hennon noted that she has been disappointed in the program because there has not been any growth or success. Mike Myszka is concerned that the Challenge Grant requested is 1/2 of their funding and sustainability seems to be an issue. He asked Tiffany to check on the carryover from 2005.

Committee members directed Tiffany to contact the applicant to clarify the following:

1. The scope of the program is unclear – what is the intention?
  2. Who is the target population for the program?
  3. Why are they moving? Due to financial issues with rent? Need? Nicer facility?
  4. What are the product sales?
  5. How many children go through the program per year?
- **Village of Union City:** In cooperation with the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Union City, the Village of Union City is requesting \$3,000 for a proposed community-recycling monthly drop off station to better serve the residents of Union City, Burlington, Athens, Sherwood, etc.
  - Discussion took place on the close proximity of recycling centers within 8 miles of each other and if another site is necessary. An alternative might be to add this area to the monthly township rotation schedule for recycling. Discussion took place on the Athens site, recycling volume and success of their program. Committee members asked Tiffany to check with Athens on the volume of recyclables they receive.

Discussion took place on the Homer Recycling Center. It was noted that the Challenge Grant they received was used to improve the existing site to become self-sustaining. The application from the Village of Union City is to provide a service – that is not consistent with past funded projects.

- **City of Albion:** Funding being requested is \$4,500 to help purchase a 6'X12' cargo trailer to house hand tools and recycling containers to aid in the promotion and maintenance of their recycling drop off center as well as being stationed during civic events for the collection of recyclable material. The trailer would also serve as a marketing tool as it would be visibly labeled with signage to promote waste reduction. They are proposing to partner with the

youth of Starr Commonwealth to conduct routine maintenance and collection at the recycle drop off site.

Discussion took place on the purpose of the trailer. Tiffany clarified that their intent is to have a mobile trailer that can be moved from site to site.

Committee members directed Tiffany to contact the applicant to clarify the following:

1. How firm is the "proposed" commitment from Starr Commonwealth for maintenance and collection?
2. Is a 6'X12' trailer large enough?
3. What happens to the trailer if the program doesn't work?

Tiffany was directed to gather information on the above noted questions to bring back to the July meeting. Challenge Grant applicants will also be invited to attend.

#### **CALHOUN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

**Tire & Appliance Collection:** Tiffany informed committee members that the Spring Tire & Appliance Collection was held at the Marshall CCRC facility last week. We are no longer accepting items at the Albion and Battle Creek facilities since there are no CCRC employees at these sites. It was noted that the number of items collected is down from previous collections. Discussion took place on the cost paid for tire pick up. It was suggested that Tiffany contact Huffman's to get a cost estimate to compare with the current tire contractor. Tiffany noted that she had spoken with Huffman's in the past and their cost was higher, but she would contact them again. It was also suggested that Tiffany check into the cost for a tire machine to avoid the cost of pick up. Walt Obrinske thanked the committee on behalf of Clarence and Sheridan Township for the committee's help in providing an on-site bin for roadside clean up. Committee members agreed that local collections are a good idea. Tiffany noted that the committee provides a \$50 credit incentive to townships for roadside clean up. Discussion continued.

#### **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Vacancy: Environmental Interest Representative** – Tiffany informed the committee that she sent out letters again to solicit nominations to fill the Environmental Interest Representative vacancy (Tom Funke). She received a call from Cheryl Vosberg with the City of Marshall who expressed interest in the position and stated that she would send in a letter of interest.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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Chairman John Bomba

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Mary Jo Crumpton