

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee of the County of Calhoun was held on Monday, September 8, 2008 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  
  John LaForge                 Ken Kohs  
  Cheryl Vosburg             Brandy Cherney  
  Terris Todd (entered at 4:38 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent:   Steve Essling                 John Bomba  
   Gene Klisiak                 Mike Myszka  
   Marilyn Hennon             Walt Obrinske

Also Present:                     Bob Overley, Calhoun County Health Department  
   Tim Eggleston, City of Marshall  
   Tiffany Eichorst, Solid Waste Director  
   Mary Jo Crumpton, Calhoun County Road Commission  
   General Public

Vice Chairman Lewis Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion made by Ken Kohs and supported by Cheryl Vosburg to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of a Compost Center report by Tim Eggleston, City of Marshall. Voice vote: motion carried. (Due to lack of quorum, it was the consensus of the committee to add this agenda item.)**

**Motion made by Ken Kohs and supported by Cheryl Vosburg to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 19, 2008 as presented. Voice vote: motion carried. (Due to lack of quorum, it was the consensus of the committee to approve the minutes.)**

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND**

***Calhoun County Environmental Health Department:*** Bob Overley reported that three Household Hazardous Waste Collections have been held so far this year at a cost of \$19,623. The final collection for 2008 is being held on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in Battle Creek. He reminded committee members that the Albion location was eliminated due to lack of participation and an additional collection has been held in Marshall. He added that previously, collections were held in the outlying areas, but participation was very low. The demand is very high in both Battle Creek and Marshall; therefore, these locations were chosen as the most efficient use of funds available. Mr. Overley added that they continue to advertise countywide.

Arnold Arquette stated that donations are needed from municipalities and villages. Ken Kohs stated that if the committee was in favor of soliciting donations, they should be solicited from all municipalities and villages, not just the City of Battle Creek. Committee members agreed. Tiffany was directed to send communications to all municipalities regarding donations to help fund the Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

Discussion took place on the City of Battle Creek's contributions to the landfill. Tiffany Eichorst added that the landfill also receives waste from Kalamazoo County. Terris Todd asked if there were concerns with receiving waste from other counties, since this could decrease the landfill capacity. Tiffany replied that the Solid Waste Management Plan states that we can receive waste from different counties and there is the potential for landfill expansion.

***Battle Creek Recycling Location:*** Tiffany informed the committee that she published an article/letter in the Battle Creek Enquirer regarding the contamination problem at the Battle Creek recycling center that could jeopardize the center remaining open. Just today, a large amount of construction material was dropped off at the Battle Creek site. She called Emmett Township to inquire if they would be willing to house the recycling bins, but was told they had no room. Tiffany stated that she would continue to look for alternate sites, in the event that we were to close the Raymond Road site. Discussion took place on installing video surveillance signs and/or putting up a fence and gate to eliminate dumping. It was the consensus of the committee to have a fence and gate installed at the Raymond Road recycling center. Committee members agreed that they would like to avoid closing the site if possible, but realize we cannot continue to have non-acceptable items dropped off and bins contaminated. Tiffany noted that Cereal City Recycling is only a few miles from our current recycling site, so if it were closed, residents would still have recycling opportunities.

***Community Compost Center Report:*** Tim Eggleston, City of Marshall, was present to report on the Community Compost Center that is located on Road Commission property and operated by the City of Marshall with funding contributions from the Solid Waste Management Fund. Mr. Eggleston provided current information on resident use by location and type of material dropped off and picked up. He informed the committee that the DEQ had visited the site and were impressed with what they saw. He will be submitting quarterly reports to the DEQ, as required. Discussion occurred on implementing a fee schedule for county residents next year and buying vs. leasing equipment. Arnold Arquette stated that he would like the Compost Center to be self sustaining. Lewis Cooper added that the location is not convenient for residents in outlying areas of the county. Tiffany reminded committee members that the original Solid Waste Plan and the recently approved Solid Waste Strategic Plan support composting activities/opportunities.

**Motion made by Arnold Arquette that the Community Compost Center immediately implement a fee to drop off material, to remove the financial burden from the Solid Waste Management Fund by the fall of 2009. Motion failed due to lack of support.**

***Recycling Bid:*** The recycling bid was provided in the agenda packet. Tiffany informed the committee that the bid opening was held earlier today. She provided the draft bid tabulation sheet that included bids received from Waste Management, Allied Waste, Republic, and Northwest. Tiffany highlighted the estimated costs based on current pick ups and fuel/environmental surcharges included in the bids. Discussion followed.

**Motion made by Ken Kohs and supported by Lewis Cooper that the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee support the Solid Waste Director's recommendation for awarding the recycling services bid. Roll call vote: Cooper-Yes; LaForge-Yes; Arquette-Yes; Kohs-Yes; Todd-Yes; Vosburg-Yes; Cherney-Yes. Motion carried.**

***Certificates of Deposit (CDs):*** Information on the Solid Waste CDs was provided in the agenda packet. The budget subcommittee had recommended that the CDs be split up so that they mature at different times.

**Motion made by Cheryl Vosburg and supported by John LaForge that the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee support the Solid Waste Director's recommendation, under the advisement of the Finance Director, for reorganization of the Certificates of Deposit. Roll call vote: Cooper-Yes; LaForge-Yes; Arquette-No; Kohs-Yes; Todd-Yes; Vosburg-Yes; Cherney-Yes. Motion carried.**

**Reappointments:** Tiffany stated that applications for reappointment to the SWMPC are due to the County by November 10, 2008 and she will send the website link to Ken Kohs, Walt Obrinske, and Cheryl Vosburg, whose terms will expire on 12-31-08.

**Follow up from the May 19, 2008 Meeting:** Tiffany reminded everyone that this information was mailed or emailed to all committee members.

**2009 Meeting Schedule:** The proposed meeting schedule for SWMPC meetings in 2009 was included in the agenda packet. Tiffany noted that she is proposing four meetings vs. six per year, as each year we usually cancel at least two meetings. It was also noted that the committee has the ability to call a special meeting at any time. The 2009 schedule proposes meetings in January, March, May and October.

**Motion made by Ken Kohs and supported by Terris Todd to approve the 2009 SWMPC Meeting Schedule as presented. Voice vote: motion carried.**

**Upcoming Events:** The Fall Tire & Appliance Collection is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2008 through Friday, October 10, 2008 from 6:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Marshall Road Commission garage. The final 2008 Household Hazardous Waste Collection is on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Battle Creek Health Department. Cheryl Vosburg informed the committee that the River Clean Up Conservation Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2008 from 9 a.m. until noon. Registration is being held at the Public Services Building in Marshall and at Bailey Park in Battle Creek.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

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Vice Chairman Lewis Cooper

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Mary Jo Crumpton