



## Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government Solid Waste Management District

600 Meriwether Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40217

**Robert Schindler**

Board Chair

**Keith Hackett**

Executive Director

### Advisory Committee to the 109 Board

## Meeting Minutes - November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Location: 600 Meriwether Avenue, Louisville Kentucky 40217**

**Welcome and call to order by Chairman Bruce Burrow at 4:35 p.m.**

**Approval of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Minutes:** Reviewed by attending members for any changes, but due to no quorum, could not be approved.

**Attendance:** Sarah Lynn Cunningham, Sandra Leonard, Darrell Shelton, Matt Smith, Ked Stanfield and Greg Zahradnik. **Staff:** Keith Hackett, Pete Flood, Rob Lush, Karen Maynard and Amy Axsom.

### Old Business

1. **Continued discussion on state of recycling industry due to the National Sword instituted by China:** Pete Flood got a subscription to the "RecyclingMarket.Net" so he can see current pricing on recycling. He included a report in the member's packet on current and historical recovered material pricing from The Southeast region. This report shows the regional high, regional low and national average. Midwest numbers can also be accessed. Chairman Burrow suggested he include the numbers from both the Midwest and Southeast for his reports. The pricing difference in the two regions could be contributed to demand due to more pulp mills in the southeast.

Bob Lee added that the cost across all haulers for recycling ranges for commercial single stream and residential. In 2017, residential was \$15.47, and in 2018, it is \$30.87. For commercial in 2017, it was \$71.63 and \$1.45 in 2018.

Colin Sandknop – the committee intern, gave a verbal report. His printed report not available due to computer crashing so the data will be available at the next meeting. His research shows that new plants are opening in Kentucky and South Carolina. In South Carolina, those are set to open in the 4th quarter of this year. The one in Kentucky was a new plant, the ones in South Carolina are former plants. In Owensboro, there is an old tissue plant that is being used.

2. **Discussion on Rumpke and WestRock Facility tours:** Tours took place on October 23rd to Rumpke-Cincinnati where seven board/committee members attended and on November 30th to WestRock where ten board/committee members attended. Chairman Burrow noted that anyone who could not participate in the tour, get with him, and they can see about arranging another tour. He noted how impressed he was with WestRock seeing how much they processed

in such a small space. Darrell Shelton feels the public would benefit by seeing how the plants process. The visual of the process shows the need to be reinforcing the education of it. There were machines doing the processing, but the workforce was being used to pull out the contaminants. Greg Zahradnik suggested a virtual tour be set up next time in case a member couldn't go on the actual tour. Chairman Burrow responded Rumpke does have a short video online that he can look into, of the material recovery facility. Karen Maynard will be working more actively on the education part of it. Chairman Burrow suggested getting with the state legislature to get with Economic Development to draw in more plants. Rumpke is doing that very thing in Indiana. A lot has to do with how state laws are written.

**New Business**

**1. 109 Board Request to Committee to research the following:**

- a. How should the 109 Board approach the 10 Year Solid Waste Management Study and recommendations: Mr. Flood included this in the packet handed to members to see what is requested. Looking to identify strategies to move toward diversion.
- b. Possible operation of satellite bulky item disposal/recycling drop off events: to be discussed at next meeting due to lack of time tonight.

**Announcements**

Next Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

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Chairman

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Date