



Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government Solid Waste Management District

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Advisory Committee to the 109 Board Meeting Minutes Solid Waste Management Services

600 Meriwether Avenue, Louisville Kentucky 40217

June 20, 2018

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and call to order: 5:42 pm

Approval of Minutes: Held due to lack of quorum (approved once quorum achieved)

Attendance: Bruce Blue, Sarah Lynn Cunningham, Sandra Leonard, Bryan Slade, Matt Smith, Greg Zahradnik, Bruce Burrow, David Marchal. **Staff:** Pete Flood, Rob Lush, Keith Hackett, Frank Porter,

Old Business

1. Continued discussion on state of recycling industry due to the National Sword instituted by China.

Mr. Burrow began discussion by telling members we had a motion on the table but not able to vote on it without a quorum but by discussion with the 109 Board they said by all means the committee can investigate all aspects of the National Sword. They did not authorize the paid intern but we can get any research available to use to report to the board at their next meeting. A report was given to the board about the commodities which the board found very interesting. Mr. Flood suggested we needed to find a format for presenting issues to the board in a manner that would ensure all views are heard even while we strive for consensus on issues. Sarah Lynn suggested we find Chicago's Rate if it still existed. Bruce Blue and Bryan Slade both reported it did exist and there others such as the Kentucky Local Assistance report on commodities. It was suggested this would be a good way to report trends to the board. It was decided members would send reports they knew about to Mr. Flood to send to all committee members. Bryan Slade suggested the local recyclers may publish a rate that could also be used which was confirmed by Bruce Burrow at Rumpke.

Mr. Flood suggested the committee mention to the board that it should look at and possibly commit resources to develop local end use markets for our recycled materials and that the more we create local markets the better for local jobs and ensuring we have a steady outlet in times like this. He suggested this could include all commodity types to include construction & demolition materials and organics. Members agreed and Sarah Lynn suggested pushing that further and suggest to the board to ask the local economic development office to help research that stuff. Mr. Hackett suggested we should look at other cities as well. Mr. Flood said the next step is to develop education to get people to utilize the local end markets. Mr. Burrow said he serves on a committee in Indiana that helps promote and evens issues grant funds to improve end markets in the state. Mr. Blue asked if Metro had grant writers that could help find funds to do this work to which Mr. Flood said he did. Mr. Flood then introduced David Marchal Deputy Director at Develop Louisville. Mr. Marchal described Develop Louisville to the committee. Mr. Burrow then summarized the conversation by saying we could get a

12 month trend from the AMM, secondary commodity pricing, PPI Index.

Matt Smith followed up by saying in his market it is not traded but they struggle getting state engineers to spec their products in bids. He said contractor will not look at items such as filters socks instead of silt fencing for erosion control or compost blends to help improve soil along medians instead of using fertilizers unless an engineer at the state puts it in the bid specifications. It has been proven to work all across the United States. Others agreed and pondered who we knew at high levels in KYTC District 5 to get someone 30 minutes of face time to make this happen. Mr. Burrow suggested Matt Smith come to the Indiana committee he was on to discuss the issue. Mr. Blue suggested incentives in the bid packages to companies using these products.

Mr. Burrow then wanted to get back to the motion by Kedrick Stanfield at the last meeting. He then wanted to let Sarah Lynn know as she was the second on Kedrick Stanfield's motion, the board did not give permission to hire a paid intern but if the committee felt it was necessary to reach out for assistance it could do whatever it needed if it was no cost. Sarah Lynn suggested she could get a volunteer student to do this work but it would be around August. Bruce Burrow then called the motion to a vote. However, noting the committee then had a quorum, he requested everyone review the minutes. Some corrections were made and a motion to approve was made and seconded. Additional discussion was ensuring if any intern was used that they would focus on solutions and not the problems as everyone now agrees there is a problem. Members of the committee agreed. The motion to approve the minutes carried. Note: David Marchal abstained as he was not at the last meeting.

Discussion then continued about the original motion when Matt Smith wanting to ensure there was guidance to any intern or student to ensure they are going in the right direction. Sarah Lynn agreed said her expectation was that the intern would produce copy and do phone interviews and to create transcripts for the committee. She further asked if she was able to get student interns if committee members could suggest trade organizations that do not necessarily look at the issue but ones that looks at creating end use of recycled materials. This would be particularly important to the specific commodities affected the most by the National Sword. Bruce Burrow then posed the question if a subcommittee should be formed to guide the student interns? Sarah Lynn suggested we not set on up at this time but waiting until the person(s) were secured. Mr. Keith Hackett went further and said we would need some sort of job description. Sarah Lynn called the "essential question" and suggested she could draft it and send it to the committee for approval and then when searching for candidates be it from University of Louisville or GLI she could give it to them.

Based on the straying of the discussion from the original motion Mr. Burrow suggested we table the original motion and start a new one. Sarah Lynn then made the motion to write a one page job description for potential interns to answer some of these questions and send it to the committee members. Once consensus is reach on the Job Description it could then be used to search for candidates. Motion seconded by Mr. Bryan Slade. Motion carried.

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1. Bruce Burrow then gave a summary and recommended more members attend the board meetings.

New Business

1. No new business was discussed

Public Input

1. No public comments.

Announcements

1. Next 109 Board Meeting July 10, 2018

Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn by Matt Smith, second by Greg Zahradnik. Motion carried.

Chair

Date