



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 Meeting MINUTES

Via WebEx

November 17, 2021

Attendance: Bruce Burrow, Bruce Blue, Adam Storey, Kim Martinez, Greg Zahradnik, Julie Donna, Pat Stallard, Bryan Slade, Marie Eff, Sandra Leonard, Sarah Lynn Cunningham
Not in attendance: Marie Burnett, Matt Smith, Ked Stanfield, Tim Darst

Chairman Bruce Burrow called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Approval of October 20, 2021 Minutes: Motion by Bruce Blue. Seconded by Greg. Motion passed.

109 Board Report

- Service Deviation Requests – Karen reported that waste haulers had asked for the Board to approve comingling yard waste and garbage due to staffing/Covid-related issues. Clarification that the Board was not authorized to approve that request per ordinance. Those requests would have to be approved by Council.
- Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan Preparations – Karen reported that the state has been training staff on the upcoming Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan for 2022.

Sub-Committee Reports

Residential/C&D – No quorum at November meeting. Sub-committee is waiting for a response from Metro and the state about the possible use of construction waste in road construction. Next month the sub-committee will review recommendations and determine next steps.

ICI/Self-Haul

- Sub-committee meeting included a continued review of the Signage and Adequate Infrastructure (ICI) recommendation. Document will need to be edited and then presented to full committee.
- Continued presentations of Recovering Self-Haul Waste questionnaire responses. Questionnaire directed at the recommendation from the study suggesting that self-haul facilities provide containers for any recoverable waste and self-haul customers {residents with pickup trucks, vans, etc.} would be required to use those.
 - Todd Preher from Republic Services presented a map of and information about the Poplar Level Transfer Station located at 4446 Poplar Level Rd and owned by Republic Services. Todd reported that despite importance of material diversion, safety is a major issue at this location due to lack of space and lack of supervision of patrons. This location is operated by Atomic Transfer and Todd stated that Republic Services cannot mandate Atomic to hire more staff for instructing citizens as they drop waste. Todd stated there is no room for more containers to collect separate materials.

Self-haul customers are a small portion of their vehicle traffic – Todd can email specific numbers. Material is placed on the ground inside the building and pushed off the dock into a truck. Todd does not know how much of the material disposed at this location would be recoverable. Adam reiterated the safety concern of residents and pickup trucks being at these locations. Discussion continued about the current safety concerns versus what would be different if material separation were to occur.

- Hillary Ladig from Rumpke presented a map of and information about their transfer station and recycling facility located at 1101 W Oak St. Atomic also operates this transfer station. Hillary was not aware of how much material is from self-haul customers, but she will find out. The facility’s Safety Manager, Josh McConnell, shared the safety concerns for self-haul customers using a staged area for separation. Ideally self-haul customers should be isolated and the only way to do that is by allowing MSW only. Some self-haul customers bring recyclables to their MRF area. Hillary stated that the increased safety and liability risks should be considered when making decisions regarding self-haul separation. Bill Chlebowy from Waste Management of KY echoed the safety concerns from the presentations. Karen stated that the recommendation for self-haul facilities to separate materials was not meant to drastically decrease safety because the customers are already utilizing the facilities; therefore, adequate space seems to be more of an issue.

A motion to adjourn was made by Adam. Seconded by Greg. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

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Bruce Burrow
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Chairman

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