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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING **& PUBLIC HEARING**

June 15, 2010

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Wood County Solid Waste District Policy Committee was held on the 15th day of June 2010, in the Wood County Commissioners' Session Room, 5th Floor, 1 Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Commissioner Jim Carter called the meeting to order at 8:31 A.M. The following attended...

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Carter, Pres., WC Commissioners
John Quinn, Mayor, City of Bowling Green
Skip Baltz, North Baltimore Recycling
Jim Rossow, Plain Twp. Trustees
Jack Ritchie, Industrial Representative
Brad Espen, WC Health Department

ALSO PRESENT:

Ken Rieman, WC Solid Waste District
Lauren Schall, WC Solid Waste District
Patti Bowsher, WC Solid Waste District
Judy Hagen, City of Perrysburg
Melissa Krieger, Wood Co. Bd. DD
Kristin Tillison, WC Health Department
Dick Sargeant, Eastman & Smith

THOSE ABSENT:

Patricia Bacon, City of Northwood

Commissioner Carter began the meeting by asking for review of minutes from the May 4, 2010 meeting. With no corrections, Jack Ritchie made a motion to accept the minutes and Brad Espen seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, motion carried and minutes approved.

Commissioner Carter moved to the Solid Waste Plan Public Hearing. Lauren Schall read aloud the Resolution that was approved at the last Policy Committee Meeting to hold the Public Hearing. Attendees wishing to speak at the hearing were sworn in by Commissioner Carter.

Ken Rieman gave a brief summary of the Solid Waste Plan Update and provided a handout of the Plan Update Overview. It is basically the same Plan they have been operating under. One change he mentioned is that there is more language in the new Plan to make sure they have financial flexibility.

Mr. Rieman also mentioned that they have a couple of suggestions for the Plan that he received via e-mail from Kristin Tillison and Brad Espen. Mr. Rieman also discussed additional nonbinding advisory comments from the Ohio EPA. The EPA's nonbinding opinions were reduced from 22 pages to only two pages.

Mr. Rieman introduced Dick Sargeant from Eastman & Smith to clarify the EPA's comments. Mr. Rieman said Eastman & Smith has done several plans for other districts with the same issues. Mr. Sargeant

stated that after talking with Ken and looking at the Plan, one of the comments from the EPA was that the District needed to break spending projections down by program. It is not a huge task and it is a supplementation to what is already in place. They just need to add a couple more tables, breaking it down by program and his recommendation is to go ahead and do that. In addition, he would add some language regarding the importance of the Wood County Landfill to the Plan implementation to give the District discretion to become involved if necessary. It doesn't affect ownership or control but it does acknowledge the relationship between those two. Thirdly, he recommends adding language to explain that the tables in terms of revenue and spending are only estimates. Economic conditions change and the District needs to be clear and reserve the discretion to manage the District in accordance with the revenues that are available. He also recommended adding a subcategory to create a more general category of spending if money is available, at the discretion of the Board. He recommended that this language be written and presented to the Policy Committee for their consideration at the next meeting.

Commissioner Carter asked if the Plan will be re-written. Mr. Sargeant replied that there are only minor modifications and said two pages of nonbinding opinions from the EPA are good compared to what other districts receive. He also said there have even been some changes within the EPA that has created some problems with other districts and they need to give the Board the discretion to manage the District if necessary.

Commissioner Carter asked if the Policy Committee Members had any questions or comments. Mr. Rieman recommended scheduling another meeting for the end of August so the District can make the modifications previously discussed. The next Policy Committee Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 31, 2010 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room which will give the District time to make the adjustments to the Plan before being adopted.

With no comments or questions, Commissioner Carter asked for a motion to adjourn the Solid Waste Plan Public Hearing. Mayor Quinn made a motion to adjourn and Jack Ritchie seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, motion carried and Public Hearing was adjourned.

Commissioner Carter then called the Solid Waste District Policy Committee Meeting back to order and asked if there was any other business. Brad Espen thanked the Commissioners and Ken Rieman for their hard work and help with the Lake Township tornado cleanup and handling debris, solid waste, and brush. Mr. Espen said they made a big impact. Mr. Rieman said they had a great group of people working up there. They chipped as much brush with chippers as the Wood County Landfill chips all year round with the big grinder. The chipped brush was moved out to the Hirzel's compost site. He said there is great leadership in Lake Township and was impressed with how everyone worked together to get everything done. Commissioner Carter stated he could not believe the number of people that were helping out, even in the dark. Mr. Espen said he heard from a FEMA employee that came in from of Chicago that it was one of the best and quickest responses they have ever seen and that says a lot about the community.

Commissioner Carter asked if there was any other business. Melissa Krieger from C.E.S. said that at last month's meeting she reported Woodlane nominated the Bowling Green Recycling Center for the State APSE (Association for Persons in Supported Employment) Award. The Recycling Center won the State Award and Woodlane also nominated the Recycling Center for the National Award under the small business category. Employees representing the Recycling Center traveled to Atlanta, Georgia last week to attend the National Awards Ceremony. Ms. Krieger was happy to announce that the Bowling Green Recycling Center won the National Award. Only three other employers in the nation won. Mr. Rieman said that the Recycling Center Board Meeting was held last night and the Committee was thrilled to hear about the Award. Ms. Krieger stated that the partnership they have with the Recycling Center is tremendous and the Award was well deserved.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned around 8:49 A.M.