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## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 4, 2010

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Wood County Solid Waste District Policy Committee was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010, in the Wood County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Due to the absence of Commissioner Jim Carter, Mayor John Quinn became the Acting Chairman. He called the meeting to order at 8:33 A.M. The following attended...

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Quinn, Mayor, City of Bowling Green

Patricia Bacon, City of Northwood

Skip Baltz, North Baltimore Recycling

Jim Rossow, Plain Twp. Trustees

Jack Ritchie, Phoenix Technologies

### THOSE ABSENT:

Jim Carter, Pres., WC Commissioners

Brad Espen, WC Health Department

### ALSO PRESENT:

Ken Rieman, WC Solid Waste District

Lauren Schall, WC Solid Waste District

Erica Bruielly, WC Solid Waste District

Patti Bowsher, WC Solid Waste District

Amanda Gamby, WC Solid Waste District

Judy Hagen, City of Perrysburg

Melissa Krieger, Wood Co. Bd. DD

Brent Goetz, Ohio EPA

Kristin Tillison, WC Health Department

Dan Raezer, Waste Management

Steve Lonneman, Waste Management

Andrew Kalmar, WC Commissioners' Office

Mick Torok, N.A.T. Transportation

Bob Warnimont, Perrysburg Township

Mayor Quinn began the meeting by asking for review of minutes from the January 12, 2010 meeting. Mr. Rieman had a change to a statement made by Dave Spengler at the meeting. With one correction to the minutes, Skip Baltz made a motion to accept the minutes and Jack Ritchie seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, motion carried and minutes approved as amended (corrected page included at end of the minutes).

Mayor Quinn moved to Item II. Amanda Gamby reported on Technical Assistance and Education & Awareness for the Solid Waste District Office. A detailed outline of education awareness activities and upcoming events is attached (see page7).

Mayor Quinn moved to Item III, Health Department Report. Kristin Tillison reported she has completed 49 inspections, including infectious waste, composting, and landfills. She said there have been nine total complaints. Four complaints are still open and five were finalized. She also reported that the Ohio EPA conducted a solid waste survey in February and they are waiting for the Director's approval.

Ms. Tillison also discussed demo material disposal and rules. She explained that disposal is defined as discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, emitting, or placing of any construction and demolition debris into or on any land or surface water, except if the disposition or placement constitutes storage, reuse, or recycling in a beneficial manner. Construction and demolition debris can only be disposed of in a licensed construction & demolition debris facility, licensed solid waste facility, by committed open burning that is conducted by the Ohio EPA's Air Pollution Control, other methods not prohibited by the construction and demolition debris rules, or any combination of those. Ms. Tillison also said there are three exclusions. The two that mainly effect what's going on in Wood County right now are clean hard fill can be used as legitimate fill so if it generated off of the site somewhere else, a notice of intent has to be filled out through the Health Department to fill in a different property. The other exclusion is any site where debris is not disposed (such as where the debris is reused or recycled in a beneficial manner or stored for a temporary period) remaining unchanged and retrievable. Those are the two exemption to where it does not have to be a licensed facility so somebody technically can take construction and demolition debris on their property and if it is being recycled, there is nothing in the rules that allows the Health Department to do anything about it.

Ken Rieman said the reason he asked Ms. Tillison to mention this at the meeting is because of the demolition of Rodgers Hall at Bowling Green State University. There were some concerns because that material was originally taken to a subdivision and there were concerns they were trying to fill in that area. The Health Department has spent time looking into it. It was discovered that particular site is zoned by the City as a residential area so trying to recover the material becomes an industrial type operation. The material was moved over to Bishop Road where they are being salvaged. Mr. Rieman just wanted to explain a clarification of the rules because there is going to be more demolition at the University and wants to be sure it is being done correctly.

Mayor Quinn moved to Item IV, Landfill Reports. Ken Rieman reported on activities at the Wood County Landfill. He said this spring has been one the best years for construction and cleaning up at the Landfill. They have done a good job covering and seeding areas on the south side. The intent is to try to get all the south area seeded so that it looks better from the road and to prevent erosion.

Mr. Rieman also reported on the force main project. The force main is being bored so there is no trench cutting and the project is going well. He anticipates the line will be completed by the end of May but they will not be pumping leachate until sometime in July. He also said they had a construction meeting with no complaints from the neighbors. Mayor Quinn asked how landfill costs will be affected once the force main is completed. Mr. Rieman replied that it depends on how much it rains. He said the breakeven point is around 1,200,000 to 1,300,000 gallons but it is hard to tell because they do not have all the construction costs. Last year they were at 2,300,000 gallons so it should reduce that cost. Right now 1,000,000 gallons is going to cost \$45,000.00. Right now, the benefit is only minor but when you look at the long-term cost, the closure cost of the landfill is a million and a half just for leachate treatment. That drops down to \$75,000.00 with the force main. While maybe you do not get a benefit each year based on the volume, the money paid goes to a total solution down the road because they will be responsible for the landfill when it closes.

Mr. Rieman also reported on the gas project. They are continuing to work on a lease and AMP Ohio and the City have looked at different generators. He said they were looking at sterling engines, micro turbines, or possibly an internal combustion engine. The problem is that the gas flow is so small it is tough to find an efficient engine. Mr. Rieman stated it is important to be very careful about how you pull that gas out. The Landfill would like to install some inexpensive monitors on the top of each well. Those monitors will tell you the percentage of air that might be in the well. The biggest concern is air sucked into the landfill, which creates combustion. The project is still moving forward and monitored very

closely. The big issue again is they have to set up a system so when there is a problem, they can catch it before anything happens.

Mr. Rieman also reported on brush grinding. He said that with the nice weather the landfill was able to grind the brush quickly. The mulch will be available for customers to purchase when the weather warms up. Lastly, he reported that Landfill volumes are static at this time.

Dan Raezer then reported on activities at the Evergreen Landfill. He said that unlike the Wood County Landfill, Evergreen's volumes are not static but continue to decline. They do not see any kind of projects on the horizon for more sales and expect that trend to continue throughout the year. They have traded out some equipment for smaller equipment and reduced the size of their work force to match those volumes. Mr. Raezer also mentioned this month they will be seeding some disturbed areas where repair work was done for leachate outbreaks, etc. They are also going to be doing roadwork to fix potholes in the entrance to the Landfill. Evergreen does not have any cell construction planned and probably will not for a couple of years. They are also going to look into improving the East side road, which tends to get rough with the weather. Mr. Raezer also reported that Evergreen is going to do some minor gas well improvements to the gas system. They are also going to install a wash out tank for their solidification customers.

Mr. Raezer said that regarding the contract, they have been working with Ken Rieman are hoping to revise it and get it taken care of in the near future. Mr. Rieman added that the declining waste volumes at Evergreen have a direct impact on the Solid Waste District and they have a mutual concern. They have started discussing the contract and he thinks they can come to a mutual agreement and work something out.

Jack Ritchie asked when the contract is due. Mr. Rieman replied that the contract is continuing as long as Evergreen remains open and the renewal is due only if they decide to redo it.

Mayor Quinn moved to Item V, Solid Waste Plan Update. Mr. Rieman provided the updated Draft Plan to the Committee Members. He said it was created by the format prescribed by the Ohio EPA. One of the problems with that format is that it starts to restate things two or three times, which becomes confusing. The plan is not that much different from what is already in place. The commitment in the plan is that the District must meet the minimum State requirements. He said the big issue is to include flexibility for spending. The main requirements are landfill capacity assurance and 90% recycling access based on the curbside programs and the satellite trailers. Other plan requirements include education programs and a website.

Before Mr. Rieman moved to the plan approval process, he asked if there were any questions on the Plan. Mayor Quinn asked if there were any problems with the EPA before moving forward. The major concern would be with the budget but Mr. Rieman believes that those issues have been addressed. Mr. Rieman recommended that they move the process forward.

The process is for the Policy Committee to pass a resolution to put the Plan out for public comment. The Plan will be available for viewing at the Wood County Library, Solid Waste District Office, Commissioners' Office, and on-line. The District will also be sending letters to the 50 largest generators of waste and the local governments so they have an opportunity to comment on the Plan. Mr. Rieman said a public notice is published in the newspaper, then there is a 30-day comment period, and within 15 days after the comment period, the Policy Committee holds a hearing where adjustments and modifications can be made. Mr. Rieman explained that once the Policy Committee is satisfied with the Plan, it goes out to all the local government entities for ratification. Ratification goes to all the local government entities. The largest city has a veto over the Plan. 60% of the population, as represented by

local government entities, must be obtained for ratification. Once you have that then it goes to the EPA for final approval. The main goal is that they continue to move the process forward and Mr. Rieman said what he is asking the Policy Committee to do today is pass a resolution that makes the Plan available for the comment period. Any comments received will be addressed at the Public Hearing (held within 15 days after the 30-day public comment period has ended).

Mayor Quinn asked Andrew Kalmar from the Commissioners' Office if he has any comments before they move forward. Mr. Kalmar said that Mr. Rieman has been in a couple times to address the Plan with the Commissioners. He said there was a significant amount of discussion on the Plan and there are no concerns from the Commissioners' Office.

Mayor Quinn read the Resolution presented to the Committee Members regarding the matter of authorizing publication and fixing date and time of public hearing for the review of the Wood County Solid Waste District Plan Update. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 8:30 A.M. at the office of Board of County Commissioners. Mayor Quinn asked for a motion for approval of the Resolution. Jack Ritchie made the motion to approve the Resolution as read and Skip Baltz seconded the motion. All members present voted yes (Resolution was passed around to the Committee Members for their written vote), the motion passed and the Resolution was approved.

Mayor Quinn moved to Item VI, Programs Reports. Bob Warnimont began by reported on activities at Perrysburg Township. He said they have been very active this year and just finished brush pick-up. He has met with Ken Rieman a couple times about the possibility of opening a satellite drop-off in the northern part of Perrysburg Township. He also said the Trustees have discussed having one carrier for the entire Township and are in the process of working on that. They partnered with the City of Perrysburg for the annual Recycle Roundup for residents of Perrysburg, Perrysburg Township, Rossford, and Middleton Township. He said the Perrysburg Township satellite location is very successful. When they first opened, approximately 10,000 pounds were recycled in the first year. In 2009, they recycled just over 80,000 pounds of materials. They also grind up their wood chips into mulch and is available for the residents to take. Mr. Warnimont said the satellite location receives many requests from residents about cardboard recycling and suggested they might need to start accepting that at their location in the future.

Melissa Krieger reported on the C.E.S. Program. She mentioned that the Clean Your Files Day event had a record collection of 5,252 pounds of documents destroyed. She gave special thanks to North Branch nursery for donating the trees for the drawing. On March 26<sup>th</sup> C.E.S. partnered with First Federal on Wooster Street for a document destruction event at that branch. The event was successful and next year the bank is considering partnering with the larger Wood County group to be part of the Clean Your Files Event and to possibly add all the bank branches. Ms. Krieger also mentioned that Glenwood Elementary in Rossford was added to the list of school recycling in the County. Lastly, Woodlane's confidential document destruction participated in Perrysburg Township's annual Recycle Roundup this past weekend. They collected 4,144 pounds of materials from 88 customers. She thanked Judy Hagen and all her volunteers for making them feel welcome and her organization of the event.

Due to Dave Spengler's absence, Ken Rieman reported on activities at the Bowling Green Recycling Center. He said the markets have been steady lately that has helped stabilize the financials with the changes made since the first of the year (i.e. the subsidy of the glass, the contract for the recycling trailers, and a recovery of the markets). Mr. Rieman asked Ms. Krieger to mention the award that the Bowling Green Recycling Center received. She said that first the Recycling Center was nominated and then won the award from the Ohio State APSE (Association for Persons in Supported Employment) under the small employer category for their work with employing people with disabilities.

The Recycling Center has also been nominated for the National APSE Award. The winner of the National Award will not be announced until the awards ceremony next month in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Krieger is very thankful for all the Recycling Center has done with C.E.S. She said the Recycling Center was very deserving of the State Award and believes they deserve to win the National Award as well. Mr. Rieman added that there is one employee, Jim, who has worked at the Recycling Center for many years. There are also another seven workers and a job coach who work at the sort line for three hours a day, four days per week to sort materials on the sort line. He said they do an excellent job to help keep the sort line up and running.

Other issues at the Recycling Center that Mr. Rieman mentioned was the trash percentage reached 10% in the last month. He believes that part of that increase is because the sorting of materials on the sort line is better. Mr. Rieman stated that 10% is a good number for a sorting operation because there are some facilities that have a 25% trash rate. The Recycling Center is watching that number closely to make sure it does not become a concern. The amount of trash that comes through also depends on the area of the City where recyclables are collected. Mr. Rieman also mentioned that the Recycling Center has been running glass.

Jack Ritchie commented that the plastic prices are as high as they were five years ago. He said that separating the bales properly doubles the amount of money you can get. It is the best prices for recyclers in five years. Mr. Rieman said he is amazed how quickly and strongly prices have come back with the current economic situation.

Judy Hagen then reported on recycling activities in Perrysburg. She said an Arbor Day event was held at their new building this past Friday and the Wood County Solid Waste District brought tree saplings to hand out. She also said the City just finished the brush collection in three weeks as opposed to six weeks in past years. She explained that residents are using the compost site more so there is less out there to collect. She also reported that they just finished athletic shoe recycling and collected one trailer this year. The Keep Ohio Beautiful ODOT roadway cleanup this year included two groups cleaning up litter on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Route 20 and Route 25 Interchanges. She also reported that last week she was at Woodland School to help celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day with various presentations and activities.

Ms. Hagen said the biggest event so far this year was the Recycle Roundup on May 1<sup>st</sup> with Bob Warnimont from Perrysburg Township and with C.E.S. It was by far the biggest collection event. She said Goodwill and Best Buy were there to collect computer parts and small appliances (both working and non-working). They also collected almost two tons of documents for destruction, 500 pounds of alkaline batteries, and approximately 1,200 pounds of household hazardous wastes such as paint, gasoline, etc. They also collected and 32 tires that were mostly from Township residents because City residents have free curbside recycling. Ms. Hagen they also collected 690 prescriptions from 50 residents. Ms. Hagen said over 100 residents brought their old mercury thermometers to exchange for digital ones. Overall, they had a very successful event. She said she could not do it without Goodwill and Best Buy's help and accepting items for free. She also thanked Sheriff Deputy Rod Smith who helped with collection of the controlled substances. They used Heritage Environmental for the household hazardous waste this year because they gave them a much better price than their previous vendor. On May 5<sup>th</sup> Ms. Hagen will be working with Amanda Gamby at Penta for the Family of Consumer Science Goes Green Event.

Joe Hirzel reported on the Hirzel Farms Class II Compost Site. He said he appreciates the invitation to speak at the Policy Committee Meetings and that it is interesting and educational to listen to all the reports and what Wood County does. He said his company has been successful in a different perspective of the food business (not waste hauler). They do generate a lot waste and have many customers who are grocery stores. They continue to invest in their composting operation. He said they

have a cardboard shredder and noted that grocery stores produce a tremendous amount of waxed cardboard, which does not recycle very well but composts nicely. Mr. Hirzel also said that Hirzel's has increased the size of their composting area to 30 acres and they have increased their licensing. They also spent some money on asphalt for the mixing pad and leachate collection. He thanked the District for inviting him to the Meeting and suggested that more industry people should attend these meetings to see what the various agencies are doing.

Mick Torok reported on the Anaerobic Digester. Monies granted to N.A.T. for the biodigester project were asked to be returned by ODNR due to the inability to complete the project by the July 1, 2010 deadline. Mr. Torok explained the project was held up with permitting and the engineers had a difficult time putting together the appropriate data that the Ohio EPA requested. One reason is that nobody has done a food waste digester project before. Other issues included the business climate changing, the financial conditions of the county, and one of their customers announced that they did sell out and did not make a commitment to N.A.T. He said that the Solid Waste District had already advanced almost \$45,000.00 to N.A.T. for engineering and permitting costs. He had a check from N.A.T. that he presented to the Solid Waste District to let everybody know he returned the funds. Since that time, they have managed to close on 75 acres of farmland thanks to Joe Hirzel working on that.

Mr. Torok also reported on the compostable recycling in Luckey. They have been in business for two quarters. They have collected 57,000 pounds and it was 100% clean with no trash residue. They have been 100% compliant and for 2010 they have a goal of collecting 125,000 pounds. Mr. Torok said that will be easily obtained, which would mean a 20% recycling rate out of Luckey. The collection and partnerships are working quite well. Mr. Torok discussed another business they have started, which is concrete recycling. When all the roadside construction started, the Federal EPA and Storm Water Protection Act came along and washing out ready-mix trucks has become an issue in some cases. He reported they have collected about 110,000 pounds so far during this construction season said it is going to be a growing business. He said the industry (haulers) as a whole are all committed to diverting waste, rather than taking it to the Landfill.

Mr. Rieman added that this is the first that he can remember ever sending money back to ODNR. If you go back almost two years ago when the grant was written, it was at a time when there were issues with the dairies and they were not sure whether the digester was going to include dairy and food waste or just food waste. At the time the grant was written, it was something everyone wanted to do so it was funded. The statement made back then was if there is trouble completing the project it will be because of problems obtaining EPA permits in time. That has proven to be the case. Part of it in the beginning was the economy; however, had they been able to complete the project by July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, N.A.T. would have been able to keep the grant monies. ODNR would not entertain an extension for the grant; however, N.A.T. does have the ability to go back and apply for another grant.

Mayor Quinn moved to other business. He reminded the Policy Committee Members to pause for a brief photo at the end of the meeting. ***Mayor Quinn mentioned that the next Policy Committee Meeting will be held along with the Public Hearing that was scheduled for June 15, 2010 in the Commissioners' Session Room.***

With no further business to discuss, Pat Bacon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Skip Baltz seconded the motion. All members present voted yes, meeting adjourned around 9:45 a.m.

## **WCSWMD Policy Committee Meeting-Technical Assistance, Education, & Awareness Report**

### **A. Events**

#### **Community Outreach:**

This is one of the busiest times of year for the Solid Waste District's Education Program. Earth Day activities, end of school year schedules, and warm spring weather encourage groups to participate in events, tours, presentations, and other awareness activities. Since March 1, 2010, Amanda and Erica have hosted a total of 65 tours of the Wood County Landfill, Bowling Green Recycling Center, and Wind Turbines; have given 23 presentations; and have participated in 10 community events. A more detailed list of events is included with this report.

#### **2010 Billboard Contest:**

In honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day, we were proud to host the 1<sup>st</sup> Billboard Art Contest hosted by the Wood County Solid Waste District. This opportunity was funded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Litter Prevention and Recycling by means of the 2010 Litter Grant, and this year's theme emphasized the importance of litter prevention for a healthy environment. The contest was open to all Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students in Wood County whose group had completed the minimum environmental education requirements. Close to 200 entries were received and judged with Ashley Greeno, a sixth grader from North Baltimore Elementary and Jenne Venier, a sixth grader from Eastwood Middle School, selected as the two winners. Each winner was visited by Lucky Ladybug, the state mascot for litter prevention, and given an Earth Day T-shirt and \$100 worth of environmental education books for each of their classrooms. Each design included an anti-litter message encouraging motorists to keep Wood County clean by not throwing their trash on the ground. We are sure that their colorful designs will catch the attention of residents and visitors and remind them that we are all responsible for the health of our environment and our community. Please keep your eyes open for their work, which will be posted along Rt. 25, between Bowling Green and Perrysburg, and along Rt. 20, near Stoney Ridge. Attached are the proofs for the billboards, which will be on display for a few more weeks.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clean Your Files Day:**

On April 21, 2010, from 10:00-2:00, Wood Lane Industries, the Wood County Solid Waste District, Laser Cartridge Express, Keep Perrysburg Beautiful, and North Branch Nursery partnered together to recycle as much office materials as we could. Three locations in the county accepted up to 100 lbs. of paper per family or business for secure document destruction. To help celebrate the day, the first 100 visitors to each site received a tree sapling to plant at home and everyone was entered to win one of 3 trees donated by North Branch Nursery. This was a great way to safely destroy old documents and help our environment at the same time! 75 residents and several local businesses participated bringing in an estimated 6,000 lbs. of paper for proper destruction and recycling. This was our best year so far!!

### **B. Upcoming Events:**

#### **Family Consumer Science Goes Green at PENTA on May 5, 2010:**

The FCS teachers recently received the new Academic Content Standards for their lessons, which now contain an environmental sustainability component to almost every subject. The teachers have not dealt with this before and have asked for help from us to educate their students. On May 5, 2010, students from all five counties serviced by PENTA will be bussed to the PENTA location. From 10:00-12:00, the students will rotate through various stations hosted by Solid Waste District Educators and Soil and Water Educators. Subjects include composting and vermicomposting, green cleaning, water quality models, and Farms=Food and So Much More. Wood County Solid Waste is coordinating the event and partnering with Wood, Lucas, and Ottawa County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and OSS Solid Waste District to bring together a large scale education effort, reaching 250 students from five counties within 2 hours. We are excited to try this for the first time this year and if successful, we can add it to our list of annual events.

## **CORRECTION to Page 3 of January 12, 2010 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

Currently they have a firm called Redstone from Dublin, Ohio, who is their consultant for EPA permits. They are waiting to hear from the firm about how they will be handling permitting with the EPA.

With the absence of Vic Gable, Ken Rieman reported on the C.E.S. Program. He said that their volumes for the last year are very similar to 2008. They collect about 800,000 pounds per year, which is very significant. He also mentioned that the sort line at the Recycling Center is mostly staffed with employees from C.E.S. He said it has evolved over the past six to eight months and has turned out to be a very good partnership. He wants to give credit to the C.E.S. crew and to Vic Gable for making it a success.

Dave Spengler reported on the Bowling Green Recycling Center. He said the volume was about 6.9 million pounds for 2009 and is up about 100,000 pounds. The curbside volume increased by about 50%. Part of that is because of the cardboard that the Center is accepting curbside. When they are done sorting the material that comes in curbside, the residual trash volume that they have to dispose of is about 7%. That compares to about 1.3% of the overall trash that comes to the Recycling Center otherwise. Mr. Spengler also reported that the drop-off volume has also increased. However, the glass volume is down, partly because it is not accepted curbside and material is no longer accepted from Buckeye in Gibsonburg. One of the other issues Mr. Spengler discussed is that the Recycling Center submitted a bid that was accepted to collect and run the trailers that are out at the satellite sites throughout the County on the weekends. *Due to some of the changes in rules by the County With the Recycling Center being a private entity, and the value of funds going from the SWMD to the Recycling Center exceeding \$25,000.00, the only legal way to address this was through public bid process.\*\** Therefore, the Recycling Center had to submit a bid for the first time and was accepted. The total cost of the bid was \$54,000.00 for the year, which takes care of delivering the trailers, picking up the trailers, and processing all the materials. *\*\* (Clarification made by Andrew Kalmar and Jim Carter per phone call from Andrew Kalmar on 3/9/10)*

With the arrival of Vic Gable, Commissioner Carter asked if he had anything to add to Mr. Rieman's comments about the C.E.S. Program and the great job they do working at the Recycling Center. Mr. Gable added that it has been a good partnership there and they appreciate the opportunity.

Next, Skip Baltz reported on recycling activities at the North Baltimore location. He said they received much needed improvements at the facility. The floor was past due for replacement and Village employees were able to come in and work on improvements quite a bit. He also said the Masonic Temple Company, who oversees the operation of the recycling facility, supplied some white paint and the Village employees applied the paint and really brightened it up. Mr. Baltz said it was great to see the people notice all the changes the first Saturday they reopened. He also said there is more room in the building since rearranging things. He said they really appreciate they were able to get the facility updated.

Judy Hagen reported on recycling in Perrysburg. She said the biggest and most exciting news is that they are moving this weekend to their new public service complex. The new address is 11980 Roachton Road in Perrysburg. They will be having an open house and everyone will be invited to see the new facility. They are currently working on the year-end report. Ms. Hagen said she is also working with Amanda Gamby on the next Recycling Round Up, which is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>. This year they will be working with Environmental Recycling from Bowling Green and Best Buy will also be there taking computers. They have received affirmation that they can collect medications from the DEA with Sheriff Wasylyshyn's support. Ms. Hagen also reported that she is working with Ms. Gamby and Nikki Kale from the Wood County Solid and Water District on Rain Garden Workshops in March. This will be funded through a grant that the City of Perrysburg received. Ms. Hagen also gave kudos to Vic Gable and his crews for cardboard recycling. She said they are keeping him very busy and have increased their number of participants to 263 in 2009. Ms. Hagen added about 70% of households in Perrysburg have curbside recycling, which is an increase of about 2% from last year. She also mentioned that they were awarded the Preserve America Community Status late in 2009.

Joe Hirzel reported on the Hirzel Farms Class II Compost Site. He said that they have increased their input tonnage to 75 tons per day. Their licensing fee is now \$1,800.00 per year. He also said the Health Department has been very cooperative with helping them get through some issues. Mr. Hirzel also said that it