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Allegan County Solid Waste Planning Committee Minutes

October 26, 2010

Members Present: Brandon Schultz, Bill Gurn, Terry Burns, Bill Hinz, Ben Williams, and Max Thiele

Member Absent: Gale Dugan, Eleanor Nielson, Inge Mesick, Aric Potter, Mark Evans, Matt Rosser, Tony Garofalo .

Others Present: Mr. Ben Hulst, Waste Transfer Solutions, LLC.

- I. Meeting Call to order by Solid Waste Planning Chair, Bill Hinz at 6:00pm.
- II. Motion to approve the February 23, 2010 Meeting Minutes; minutes approved.
- III. Appointments: Bill Gurn, Gale Dugan, Eleanor Neilson term expires Dec. 31, 2010. Bill Gurn indicated that he is interested in another 2 year term. Gale Dugan & Eleanor Nielson contacted Ben Williams by phone that they are interested in another two year term on the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

IV. **Guest/Public Comment:** Mr. Ben Hulst representing Waste Transfer Solutions. Mr. Hulst contacted Ben Williams on October 26 and submitted an e-mail about a proposed recycle/transfer station in Trowbridge Township. Mr. Hulst indicated that general services would include a recycling, solid waste and construction debris receiving facility. Mr. Hulst wanted some feedback from the Planning Committee on the possibility of directing flows of waste and recycling to this facility by the Planning Committee's authority. Mr. Hinz stated that at this time the control of flow is not consistent with the County's Solid Waste Plan. Mr. Hulst was requested to send the planning committee a more detailed plan of the proposed facility.

V. Coordinator's Report:

Curbside News: The new recycle center is in operation in Grand Rapids. This facility is single stream and processes up to 18 ton an hour. This is approximately 5-6 full recycle trucks an hour. Currently 40% of all recycle programs in the Allegan County Resource Recovery program bring material to this center.

Leighton Twp. went out for a curbside bid and is accepting Bob's Disposal for a new three year contract. This was based on a lower price than the current bid and based on customer service

complaints from current hauler. Bob's Disposal will also give interested residents the opportunity to rent out a 96gallon cart for recycling collection. This contract is still in the process. Their current curbside contract is up Dec. 31, 2010

Manlius Twp. went out for bid for curbside recycling. I am meeting with them later this month. They are perusing accepting a once per month curbside bid from Potter Disposal due to the fact that this will be at or under the current cost of the drop off recycling station by New Richmond.

Wayland City has expressed interest in a six month extension on their current curbside recycling contract with Republic Waste.

Drop Site Recycling: The Allegan County Resource Recovery drop-site recycling stations five year contract is due in March 2011. I am working on a bid package for haulers targeted in November 2010.

Electronic Waste (Computers, TV'S, etc.): Valley City is the current E-waste recycling company that collects for Resource Recovery events. They have a current E-waste agreement with a manufacturer that is covering the recycling costs of "Covered Electronic Devices" under Part 173 of Act 451. This agreement has eliminated a charge to residents to collect "Covered Electronic Devices." I hope to increase these events in 2011.

The Allegan Goodwill store accepts computers for recycling.

Household Hazardous Waste News: Residents that live in a participating township or city have access to free sharp disposal program through Resource Recovery. Non-participating residents can purchase a card for \$30 that will provide sharps disposal for one year.

Unwanted Medication Collection: September 25, 2010 was the 1st Annual **National** Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Unwanted Medication Collection Day. Allegan County had four collection sites that day and collected approximately 200lbs of just pills. Complete data should be in shortly from the DEA on the success of this event.

I am teaming up with the Allegan County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition to set up ongoing collections. There is also a bill in the US Congress that would address "Responsible Drug Disposal."

Interlocal Surcharge Agreements with Allegan County: Five year surcharge agreement extensions have been sent to all townships and cities in the Allegan County Resource Recovery Program. These should all be back to me within two weeks.

Solid Waste Plan: A representative from WMTS contacted me on looking at the City of Allegan area for a possible Recycling Facility. I do not know many details at this point. Please review the Siting Process of the Solid Waste Plan. There will most likely be a future meeting regarding this topic. (**November 30 as a possible meeting date.**)

VI: Roundtable: Nothing to report. **VII. Adjourn:** 7:15