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Allegan County Solid Waste Planning Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Members Present: Brandon Schultz, Terry Burns, Bill Hinz, Max Thiele, Gale Dugan, Matt Rosser and Aric Potter. Ben Williams, non voting member.

Member Absent: Eleanor Nielson, Inge Mesick, Mark Evans, Tony Garofalo, Terry Nienhuis and Bill Gurn .

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

- I. Meeting Call to order by Solid Waste Planning Chair, Bill Hinz at 6:00pm.
- II. Motion to approve the October 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Gale Dugan motioned to accept minutes as presented, Max Thiele seconded the motion.
- III. **Guest/Public Comment:** Mr. Ben Hulst and Mark Matthews representing Waste Transfer Solutions.

Mr. Hulst contacted Ben Williams prior to the meeting to expand in more detail of the proposed recycle/solid waste processing facility in Trowbridge Township. Mr. Hulst indicated that general services would include a recycling center; a material buy back center for certain materials; a solid waste transfer provided for garbage haulers; and a construction debris receiving facility. This facility is located at 1100 M-89, Trowbridge Twp and is an existing commercial building. This facility is currently zoned industrial. The targeted amount of solid waste will be around 200 tons a day.

The goals for this facility are the following:

- Create cost savings to local haulers through transportation efficiencies as well as volume reduction lowering final disposal costs.
- Increase public awareness of recycling through facility tours and educational programs.
- To Establish Waste Transfer Solutions in the Allegan Market.
- Conserve valuable landfill air space through diversion.

Outline of operations are the following:

- Establish Partnerships with one or more local hauling companies to increase transportation efficiency and maximize recycling efforts.
- Collection vehicles will dump onto the tipping floor. An excavator will remove large/bulky items and dump remaining materials on conveyor for sorting. The sorted materials will then be bailed and sold for further processing.
- Operation will need an estimated 12 full time employees ranging from management to sorting technicians.
- Facility will encompass a metal buy back center where public or businesses can bring in their ferrous and non-ferrous metal for market value.
- Facility will provide a public drop off area in the front of the property for recycling materials.

Items accepted at proposed facility:

- Paper (newspaper, office paper, phone books, junk mail.)
- Plastic (Recycling symbol #1-5 & 7)
- Metal (both ferrous and nonferrous)
- Cardboard (most packaging boxes or any other type of clean cardboard both corrugated and noncorrugated.)
- Appliances (most major household appliances)
- Municipal Solid Waste

Mr. Matthews spoke of his experience in the Solid Waste Industry including eleven other recycle station/solid waste processing facilities designed by Waste Transfer Solutions. Waste Transfer Solutions sent the Solid Waste Planning Committee a letter of intent of the proposed facility on October 26, 2010. The Solid Waste Planning Committee voted to activate the siting process for the proposed facility. Max Thiele motioned to activate the siting process, Matt Rosser seconded the motion and the motion carried. A letter will be sent to Mr. Hulst reminding him of the formal application process for the committee to determine if facility is consistent with the Allegan County Solid Waste Plan.

V. Coordinator's Report:

2010 Recycling Financial Statement: Please see example of financial statement that the Township or City receives. Also see 2011 budget. Any questions on these statements?

Curbside News: Heath Township has decided to extend their curbside contract with Potter Disposal for a 3 year extension. Wayland City has decided to extend their curbside contract with Republic for one year.

Bob's Disposal has started the curbside recycling contract in Leighton Twp. The township seems to be pleased so far. Bob's Disposal reported that they have had many people lease a larger recycling cart.

Drop Site Recycling: A Resource Recovery roll-off recycling bid package went out last month and is due January 25th. There were eight locations on this proposal.
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I am meeting with Republic Waste to extend their contract for the service provided at their Hamilton Transfer Station. I also want to include the recycling service for the Salem Twp. Transfer station on this contract.

Household Hazardous Waste News: See the end of the year report.

Unwanted Medication Collection: I am teaming up with the Allegan County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition for 2011 collection dates. I am also working on a brochure with all the dates and the reasons to participate in this type of event.

Interlocal Surcharge Agreements with Allegan County:

There were 16 township and cities that joined the new five year interlocal surcharge agreement. Allegan City and Manlius Twp. dropped out of the program but will remain in the program until existing funds are exhausted.

Valley Twp., Wayland City and Douglas City signed one year interlocal surcharge agreements.

Solid Waste Plan: Please review the following: Siting procedures from the Allegan County Solid Waste Plan and the solid waste transfer facilities and processing plants rules.

Earth Day: I spoke with the Kent County Recycling Coordinator on the possibility of touring the recycle center with 3rd grade students from Allegan County. Any ideas on this project?

IV: Solid Waste Planning Committee Bylaw Discussion: The Solid Waste Planning Committee agreed to develop bylaws. Ben Williams will send a rough copy for the committee to review. The bylaws will be for Solid Waste Planning Committee Meetings. Ben Williams is contacting other counties to see if there are bylaws to use a reference.

VI: Roundtable: Nothing to report.

VII. Adjourn: 8:30pm