

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MARCH 10, 2015**

Members Present

Mark Taylor, Chair
Kay Brandon
Tony Davies
Bob Davis
Godfrey Uzochukwu

Staff Present

Dale Wyrick
Chris Marriott
Jason Jernigan
Alex Arnett
Nancy Lindemeyer

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Mary Louise Smith was excused. Guests in attendance included Mary McClellan with ReCommunity and Tracy Nestor with Republic Waste.

Chair Mark Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated that Ray Trapp notified him that he is resigning from the Commission due to work commitments.

Approval of minutes of January 13, 2015 meeting

Chair Taylor stated that the January minutes were approved by acclamation.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates - Update on Phase 3 Permit Amendment

Dale Wyrick provided an update on the White Street Landfill Phase III permit amendment process. He stated that the disposal permit for Phase III expires in April 2015. Staff is amending the permit for a period of 5 years, and for disposal of less than 100,000 tons of MSW. Operational plans include disposal of ash from the City of Greensboro's wastewater treatment plant (less than 10,000 tons per year), as well as potentially relocating material from an old solid waste landfill that needs to be moved prior to constructing the Cone-Nealtown connector. Phase III will also serve as a last resort for municipal solid waste in the event that the Solid Waste Transfer Station cannot be accessed and other alternatives are unavailable. Staff has been working with

NCDENR and expects approval for the permit amendment soon. Staff is also preparing for the partial closure (20 acres) of Phase III in 2018-19.

New Business

a. 2014 Draft Annual Report Review

Mark Taylor distributed copies of the 2014 draft Annual Report for the Commission members to review. He will email the report and its attachments to Commission members.

b. 2015 Work Plan Implementation Discussion

Mark Taylor requested input regarding implementation of the 2015 Work Plan. He suggested working collectively to prioritize the Commission's goals and objectives. Kay Brandon recommended that the Commission focus on Goal A1 – research options for the alternative utilization of the White Street Landfill. Bob Davis stated that, once the vacant board positions are filled, the Commission reconsider the makeup of any work groups. He suggested that the Commission focus on Goal C3 – explore, in greater detail, the recommendations of the 2014 Recycling Program Assessment. Kay Brandon and Mark Taylor concurred. Mark asked Alex Arnett to begin thinking of ways the Commission could help facilitate this goal.

Dale Wyrick asked Alex Arnett to discuss the state of the recycling market at the April meeting. Alex stated that the demand for plastic recyclables is down, and, in general, the value of all recyclable commodities is down. He noted that the City's contract with ReCommunity is not dependent on the market, but that future contracts may be.

Mark Taylor stated that his work group and Alex Arnett will continue discussions about Goal C2, explore non-traditional waste streams. Specifically, they will discuss a food waste diversion facility. Chris Marriott stated that staff continues to monitor food waste, compost and anaerobic options.

Bob Davis asked staff about Goal B2 – Monitor advancements in MSW disposal utilized by other governments. Dale Wyrick stated that staff stays up-to-date on industry advancements through various professional associations.

Boardmembers also discussed the future potential for a solar facility at the the White Street Landfill. Bob Davis asked about the Petra/Duke Energy interconnect and Petra's plan to install solar capacity at the landfill site to maximize the 5 megawatts of capacity that the interconnect provides. Dale Wyrick explained that the interconnect allows for up to 5 MW capacity and the landfill gas equipment will utilize 1.5 MW. Petra plans to install around 3.5 MW of solar capacity.

The Commission agreed to focus on Goals A1 – research options for the alternative utilization of the White Street Landfill, and C3 – explore, in greater detail, the recommendations of the 2014 Recycling Program Assessment.

Other New Business

Dale Wyrick stated that he and Chris Marriott will begin the process of getting new disposal and hauling request for proposals ready for issuance in late 2015 since the current contracts expire in October 2016. He requested the Commission's assistance with the selection process in 2016.

Comments from Commissioners, Staff, Council Representatives

Mark Taylor asked whether there was any news from MEMIOS. Dale Wyrick confirmed that the financials for MEMIOS won't work unless there is a greater market value for their biochar product.

Dale Wyrick notified the Commission that Dave Peverall with WasteZero had called to see if the Commission had reconsidered their proposal.

Dale informed the Commission that Gail Hay, Field Operations' Planning & Technical Support Manager had submitted her resignation and would be leaving the City of Greensboro on March 13, 2015.

Kay Brandon asked whether there was anything the Commission could do to get the 3 Commission vacancies filled. Dale Wyrick stated he had reached out to Tony Wilkins and Zack Matheny as a reminder and to offer assistance. The Commission agreed to draft a letter to Mayor Vaughan requesting her assistance in getting the vacant positions filled. Members were also encouraged to contact Council members to request their assistance.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mark Taylor, Chair