Metro Solid Waste Regional Board

Minutes for March 27, 2008 Meeting

The meeting of the Metro Solid Waste Regional Board (MSWRB) was held on March 27 at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd Floor of the Metro Office Building.

The meeting was called to order by John Sherman, Chairman.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Alexander, Diehl, Hughes, Lane, Rogers, Throckmorton, Vanatta, and Sherman.

The first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes of the April 30, 2007 meeting, motion made by Alexander, and seconded by Lane which motion prevailed without objection.

Theresa Costonis, Metro Legal provided a brief legal update followed by Mr. James Snyder who provided an overview of environmental activities in the Public Works Department.

The board heard a presentation on the 2007 Annual report to TDEC. Chairman Sherman allowed for public comment on the report. Following public comment, motion was made by Lane, seconded by Sherman to approve the 2007 Annual report, which motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes: Alexander, Diehl, Hughes, Rogers, Throckmorton, and Vanatta.

The board then heard a presentation from Gresham Smith and Partners as to the progress of updating the region's solid waste plan.

Following the presentation, the chair then opened the meeting up for public comment on the Region's solid waste plan.

Motion was made by Throckmorton, seconded by Lane to inform council that the combination of long-term reliance on both private landfills and private transfer stations merit consideration be given to the fiscal and operational benefits of a city-owned transfer station as a means of providing Metro government increased control over our region's waste disposal and recycling. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes: Alexander, Diehl, Hughes, Rogers, Throckmorton, and Vanatta.

There being no further business to come before the board, there was a motion to adjourn by Sherman, seconded by Vanatta and it was approved unanimously.