

Metro Solid Waste Regional Board

Minutes for March 31, 2011 Meeting

The meeting of the Metro Solid Waste Regional Board (SWRD) was held on March 31, 2011 at 5:30 PM in the conference center at Howard Office Building.

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

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Alexander (Anna), Diehl, Driver, Hughes, Lane, Pearigen, Rounds, Sherman and Vanatta.

The first agenda item was approval of the minutes of the April 29, 2010 meeting, motion made by John Sherman and seconded by Gail Hughes. Motion prevailed without objection.

The Board heard a presentation on the current status of recommendations within the 10 Year Solid Waste Plan. The presentation included a summary of the August 2010 changes to the Solid Waste Code. During the presentation, board member Currie arrived. After the presentation the board discussed how residents would be made aware of yard waste material bans and where residents could purchase paper yard waste bags.

The Board then heard a short presentation on the May 2010 flood and its impact on solid waste disposal rates. Public Works reported that 218,347 yd³ of flood waste was landfilled by the department and their contractors. This did not include flood debris from businesses or residents who contracted privately. According to TDEC the increase in C&D debris landfilled will not have a major effect on the life expectancy of the two C&D landfills within the county.

Next the Board heard a presentation on the 2010 Annual Progress Report (APR). Chairman Sherman allowed for public comment. After public comment Jack Vanatta made a motion to approve the 2010 Annual Progress Report. Anna Alexander seconded and the motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes-Currie, Diehl, Driver, Hughes, Pearigen and Rounds and No-Lane.

The board then discussed incentives for C&D recycling. Daniel Lain made a motion that Public Works be asked to research the possibility of increasing the fee structure for C&D landfills to further incentivize to recycling. Vanatta seconded and the motion prevailed without opposition.

Chairman Sherman asked if Public Works could present historical waste and recycling tonnage for the past several years so that the board would have a better idea of progress towards the 10 Year Plan and waste diversion goals.

Chairman Sherman solicited discussion from the board on nominations as board chair. No board members expressed interest and Sherman will continue as chair.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Diehl, seconded by Lane to adjourn. Motion passed without objection.