

Davidson County Solid Waste Regional Board

Minutes for April 10, 2014 Meeting

The meeting of the Davidson County Solid Waste Regional Board was held on April 10, 2014 at 5:30PM at the Metro Courthouse.

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

Roll Call was taken and the following members were present: Mike Cash, Robert Diehl, Gail Hughes, Daniel Lane Ashley Lawal, Mike Pearigen, Beth Reardon, John Sherman and Jack Vannatta.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of last meeting from the October 3, 2013 meeting. A motion was made by Robert Diehl to approve the minutes, seconded by Daniel Lane. The motion passed unanimously.

Next the board heard a presentation on the 2013 Annual Progress Report. Jeffrey Ezell, Recycling Coordinator with Public Works gave an overview on solid waste and recycling, media and education activities during 2013. Clay Hand, Solid Waste Engineer, talked about the region's collection services, area landfill tonnage, reported recycling (both residential and commercial), waste stream control and trends. Chairman Sherman allowed for public comment. After public comment Mike Pearigen made a motion to approve the 2013 Annual Progress Report, Daniel Lane seconded and the motion prevailed without objection.

Robert Diehl gave a short presentation on the subcommittee recommendations from the fall of 2013. The subcommittee recommended that:

1. Public Works research the cost to increase the frequency of curbside recycling
2. Require that all Metro buildings recycle and report tonnages;
3. Councilmember should be encouraged to promote recycling in their districts; and
4. Metro should consider a mandatory commercial recycling ordinance that would require cardboard, paper, plastic and aluminum cans to be recycled.

After much discussion Daniel Lane made the following motion that the Solid Waste Region Board recommended:

1. The frequency of curbside recycling in the urban services district should be increased to weekly;
2. All Metro government buildings and facilities should be required to recycle;
3. Councilmembers should be encouraged to promote recycling in their districts;
4. A commercial recycling ordinance should be considered that would require businesses to recycle all their cardboard, paper, plastic and aluminum cans; and
5. Support for a study on increasing waste generator fees.

The motion was seconded by Gail Hughes and passed unanimously.

Finally, Chairman Sherman discussed the proposed TDEC statewide solid waste management plan. Board members were encouraged to be engaged in upcoming public meetings and Public Works staff would inform the Board of meeting dates. The Chair also suggested a subcommittee be formed to

prepare a response to TDEC on the proposed plan. Robert Diehl made a motion to form a subcommittee and it was seconded by Beth Reardon. The motion passed without objection.

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