

Davidson County Solid Waste Regional Board
Minutes for the October 15, 2015 Board Meeting

The meeting of the Davidson County Solid Waste Regional Board was held on October 15, 2015 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: Anna Alexander, Mike Cash, Robert Diehl, Daniel Lane, Guy Patterson, and John Sherman.

Mr. Sherman welcomed the board.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of last Solid Waste Region Board meeting on March 30, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Guy Patterson to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Robert Diehl. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Sherman discussed the subcommittee that had met in August and their discussion on future options for C&D recycling and food waste composting. He then presented the five recommendations from the subcommittee to the Board.

1. Provide assistance to Resource Capture in acquiring land for a dry anaerobic digestions system
2. Fund the fee study recommended by John Van der Hurst to determine the cost to society as a whole to landfill a typical ton of solid waste
3. Explore legislative options on C&D recycling
4. Request that MNPS students take at least one waste reduction field trip annually
5. Fund a waste stream analysis of an MNPS elementary, middle and high school to determine the approximate waste composition of MNPS waste.

Seema Prasad, president of Resource Capture, Inc. and John Van der Harst, RAM spoke briefly and answered Board member questions.

The board then entertained comments from members of the public.

After public comment concluded, the board discussed the recommendations and the need to look at long-term options for disposal and waste reduction. Mr. Daniel Lane made a motion to approve the recommendations as presented as action items to the Mayor, council and governmental agencies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Diehl and passed without objection.

Mr. Sherman discussed having some informational meetings to hear about various landfill diversion technologies and to review the 2007 update to the 10 Year Solid Waste Plan. He recommended that the board reconvene in early 2016.

There being no other business a motion was made by Ms. Anna Alexander to adjourn. The motion was seconded Mr. Guy Patterson and the motion passed without objection.