

Davidson County Solid Waste Regional Board

Minutes for March 29, 2016 Meeting

The meeting of the Davidson County Solid Waste Regional Board was held on March 29, 2016 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, Ashley Lawal, Jeff McCormick and John Sherman.

Mr. Sherman welcomed the board and introduced Jeff McCormick the new representative from Goodlettsville.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of last meeting from the October 16, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Daniel Lane to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Robert Diehl. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharon Smith provided a brief introduction to the 2015 Annual Progress Report and an update to the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservations 2025 Statewide Solid Waste & Material Management Plan.

Jeffrey Ezell, Recycling Coordinator with Metro Public Works, presented next on the education, outreach and media activities during the last calendar year. Ms. Beth Reardon arrived.

Clay Hand, Solid Waste Engineer with Metro Public Works, provided an overview on solid waste and recycling, the region's collection services, area landfill tonnage, reported recycling tonnages (both residential and commercial), waste stream trends and current landfill capacities. Chairman Sherman allowed for public comment. After public comment Mr. Mike Cash made a motion to accept the 2015 Annual Progress Report, Mr. Daniel Lane on seconded and the motion prevailed without objection.

Next the Board received a food waste and composting update. Sharon Smith informed the board of a potential pilot program to be conducted by the Natural Resource Defense Council in Nashville. The pilot would involve diverting usable food to food banks, auditing residential waste and encouraging the development of food diversion from landfills. Seema Prasad from Resource Capture, Inc. updated the board on process towards the proposed private anaerobic digestion facility. Metro land has been identified and she is receiving funding from various sources including TDEC. Additional funding is needed before the project can move forward.

Chairman Sherman gave a report on the resolution the Solid Waste Region Board. The Chair has met with Public Works Director, Mark Macy and with Mayor's Office staff to inform them of the proposed resolution. Chairman Sherman handed out copies of the latest draft for review by the Board. This draft includes recommendations from previous subcommittee's including recommending \$250,000 be provided to Public Works to conduct a third party study of future waste management options. Mr. Robert Diehl made a motion to approve the Resolution and Mr. Lane seconded. The motion was approved without objection. Mr. Daniel Lane then made a motion to amend the resolution to include that before a request for proposals is released, the purchasing agent allow a member of the Board to

have a seat on the evaluation committee and that Davidson County Solid Waste Region Board, at a meeting of the board, have ability to review and approve the scope of services for the request for proposals. Mr. Mike Cash seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion and the resolution as updated.

The Chair invited John van der Harst to speak on proposed changes to state law. Mr. van der Harst provided an update on the processes of the legislation through State Legislature. Representatives from a proposed privately owned waste transfer station spoke briefly on their project. Mr. Sherman informed them that the Board had no jurisdiction.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Mr. Robert Diehl, seconded by Ms. Ashley Lawal. Motion passed without objection.