

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Summary Minutes

September 6, 2013

Members Present:

Mike Fairbanks, Loudoun County
Jessica Wessell, Loudoun County
Eric Grabowsky, Arlington County
John Snarr, MWCOG
Joyce Doughty, Fairfax County
Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County
Thomas Mason, Town of Leesburg
Tom Smith, Prince William County
Scott MacDonald, Prince William County
Sue Lhotka, City of Manassas / *Board Chairman*
Mike Clem, City of Alexandria
Alton Weaver, City of Alexandria

Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC
Linda Summerall, NVRC

Invited Guests:

Thomas Faha, Virginia DEQ
Richard Doucette, Virginia DEQ
Nathaniel Townley, Truayde Recycling
Raea Leinster, Yuck Old Paint
Sue Rowland, SR Consulting/ NVRC Legislative Liaison

CALL TO ORDER While waiting for the Chairman to arrive, Immediate Past Chairman Mike Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Ms. Gratton moved approval of the minutes of the June 7, 2013, meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Laura Coughanour, City of Manassas Park was elected Vice Chairman by acclamation.

DEQ UPDATE Tom Faha, Director of DEQ's Northern Regional Office, discussed the consolidation of the stormwater and the water quality programs as of July 1, with the transfer of the programs to DEQ from DCR; the DCR program staff transferred to DEQ as well. DEQ is now responsible for the MS4 program, stormwater construction, general permits, and erosion and sediment control. Responsibility for industrial stormwater permits also remains with DEQ.

DCR's and DEQ's regional boundaries do not match and this is being addressed.

The water protection program (wetlands) has been matched with the stormwater control program; contact is Trisha Beasley. Mr. Faha asked the solid waste managers to go through Richard Doucette with questions pertaining to MS4.

Mr. Faha commented that the Waste Board's June minutes state that DEQ is "enforcement-oriented." He thinks of the agency as wanting to be the "compliance coach," although staff does take enforcement seriously. Not all notices of violations lead to consent orders. Large settlements usually try to recapture the cleanup costs; they are not punitive.

Mr. Faha was asked about DEQ and EPA working together on MS4. He replied they work in a cooperative spirit on all programs. Stormwater is an EPA priority.

He was also asked about the agency's vacancy rate, which he said is budgetary, not so much due to a lack of qualified applicants. Mr. Grabowsky asked if the state surplus is an opportunity for additional funding/staff for DEQ. Mr. Faha noted the agency sends letters to the General Assembly outlining the consequences of vacant positions, but that scenario is not unique to DEQ. Members noted the localities pay fees that are supposed to support those positions. Members asked if NVRC's stormwater group would consider educating the General Assembly on the need to fund those positions.

Mr. Faha also discussed tire recycling facility requests, adding that DEQ wants the local jurisdiction staff to be present when DEQ staff meets with applicants.

WASTE
LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES

Highlights from the committee's August meeting were reviewed. Agreements for legislative priorities were:

- Litter – Update the fact paper. Ms. Rowland will check the Governor's budget when it is released in December.
- Tire Fund –Revise the draft fact sheet. The board agreed to support continued funding of the tire fund program because it promotes proper disposal of used tires, reduces risk of tire piles, fund provides incentives for tire recovery, and the beneficial reuse of materials. Subsidizes local recovery programs with an end user reimbursement.
 - The committee wants to further discuss paper shredder/junk hauling.
 - The board briefly discussed EPA regulations for CRTs and agreed to invite EPA to discuss this at a future board meeting. They also decided to look for EPA grants next year for a feasibility study on organics recycling.
 - The Board remains interested in guidance on vegetative waste that DEQ is exploring, including definitions for in vessel mobile composting.
 - The waste board is also interested in renewable power draft language, particularly for municipal generators. Steve Walz, NVRC's energy director will follow up.

KNOW TOXICS

Ms. Spiliotopoulos reported on the new interactive function on the website.

Mr. Grabowski asked that the metrics on the workshop training be provided in writing to the members. Ms. Spiliotopoulos agreed, adding that workshop metrics are included in the annual solid waste report.

It was agreed that the questionnaire should include updated definitions.

FY 2015 BUDGET

Ms. Spiliotopoulos reported the majority of the proposed dues increase will support the Know Toxics program. The members agreed the proposed dues rates should be used in NVRC's preliminary FY 2015 budget proposals sent to the local jurisdictions in the fall.

APPRECIATION OF
MIKE FAIRBANKS

Mr. Fairbanks was presented with a certificate of appreciation for chairing the board in FY13.

LOCAL UPDATES &
NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.