

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Summary Minutes

March 19, 2014

Members Present:

Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County
John Snarr, MWCOG
Patrick Moore, City of Manassas
Scott MacDonald, Prince William County
Tom Smith, Prince William County
Monica Boehringer, City of Manassas
Allison Lohrenz, City of Falls Church

Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC
Linda Summerall, NVRC

Invited Guests:

Richard Doucette, Virginia DEQ

CALL TO ORDER Patrick Moore, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Tom Smith moved approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2013, meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

DEQ UPDATE Richard Doucette commented that having a DEQ presence at the Waste Board meetings has been beneficial for DEQ.

He provided a PowerPoint briefing, highlighting:

- 1) Current Priorities
 - Permit Modifications & PBR Updates
 - Groundwater Corrective Action
 - Enforcement
 - Customer Service (FOIA requests have doubled)
 - Hazardous Waste Inspections
 - Compliance
 - Electronic Content Management (access DEQ files electronically)
 - Staff Retention
- 2) Legislation
 - HB 856 Hazardous Waste Permit (no longer required to obtain transporter permit from DEQ)
 - HB 1234 Limitation on Landfill Locations — tabled

John Snarr asked if Fairfax County staff made a recommendation on the Lorton landfill. Mr. Doucette said the zoning staff supported the extension – the landfill is supposed to close in 2018 but EnviroSolutions is requesting additional capacity.

DEQ has assigned one staff person to be the expert on each issue of importance; henceforth, only one person will send emails on a particular subject.

Mr. Doucette also discussed guidance. He thinks DEQ will issue final guidance in April.

- 3) Stormwater at Landfills
 - Solid Waste Permit
 - VPDES managed by the water program; based on Clean Water Act
 - VSMP managed by the water and wetlands programs

Hot topics for DEQ

- Stormwater
- Coal Ash Ponds (Possum Point the only one in Virginia – it's not in use)
- Above Ground Storage Tanks (Virginia trying to use the lessons from West Virginia)
- Fracking (handled under DMME, not DEQ)

Hot topics for waste:

- Voluntary Remediation Program (fund will increase July 1)

- Superfund/ VEERF
- MSE Walls/Berms
- Vapor Intrusion at solid waste management facilities
- ACL Risk Reduction
- Groundwater Initiative

A question was asked about DEQ's budget and staffing. Mr. Doucette stated that staffing is increasing.

KNOW TOXICS

Debbie Spiliotopoulos provided an overview on the training held March 5 and 6. The training was 4.5 hours. Twenty-six people participated on March 5 and 28 people on March 6. Business attendees included Freddie Mac, Lincoln Property, Orbital Sciences, Great Forest, Covanta, and EWSI. Government attendees included Alexandria Schools, City of Alexandria, District of Columbia, EPA Region 3, Fairfax County, Town of Herndon, Hanover County, Loudoun County, City of Manassas, Prince William County, and DEQ. Although accounting has not been finalized, Ms. Spiliotopoulos thinks the donations and expected registration fees should more than cover the cost.

Mr. Doucette reported he saw representatives at the training from companies that DEQ had recently inspected.

Ms. Spiliotopoulos reviewed recommendations from the participants. She asked the members to think about video taping a future training, and thanked the members for their help with the training.

Ms. Spiliotopoulos reported there is money to hire a consultant to update the website.

2013 WASTE REPORT

The printed report was distributed. It will be posted on the website. Mr. Snarr said he finds this document invaluable.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm