

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
DRAFT Summary Minutes
December 4, 2015

Members Present:

Alton Weaver, City of Alexandria
Mike Clem, City of Alexandria
Allison Lohrenz, Arlington County
Richard West, Town of Dumfries
Erica Carter, Fairfax County
Charles Forbes, Fairfax County
John Kellas, Fairfax County
Chris McGough, City of Falls Church
Monica Boehringer, City of Manassas
John Snarr, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Thomas Smith, Prince William County

Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC
Erica Wohlleben, NVRC

Invited Guests:

Sue Rowland, Rowland Consulting
Richard Doucette, VA DEQ

Other Guests:

Anne Uyeda, No Affiliation

- CALL TO ORDER** Alton Weaver, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made around the table.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Chairman Weaver moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- DEQ UPDATES** Richard Doucette was present to make a few announcements on behalf of Virginia DEQ. Justin Williams will be stepping down as the Solid Waste Director for the Central Office Division of Land Protection and Revitalization. He will be replaced by Leslie Beckwith, who will also continue her role as the Director of Financial Assurance. Additionally, Mr. Doucette reported on the ongoing water and solid waste permitting processes associated with the closure of Dominion's Possum Point Power Station in Prince William County. To close the station, which stopped burning coal in 2003, Dominion must first get rid of the coal ash ponds whose toxicity poses a real threat to the environmental quality of the surrounding waterways. With this issue now in the crosshairs of local environmental groups, DEQ is closely monitoring the developing situation. The current plan is to combine all five ash ponds into one of the existing ponds (D), filter the water, and then pump into the Quantico Creek.
- VML/VACO DISCUSSION** Sue Rowland outlined VML and VACO position statements for the 2016 legislative session. The VACO position is simply in support of "the development of additional efforts by the state to develop markets for recycled materials." VML's legislative positions are concerned with municipal net metering and the local authority to regulate plastic bags. The concerns regarding the 2016 Environmental Quality Policy Statement deal with innovative solid waste management practices and proper handling of hazardous waste. Ms. Rowland reminded the Board to reexamine NVRC's 2011 review of the HB344 computer law.
- KNOW TOXICS UPDATE** Ms. Spiliotopoulos shared the Know Toxics website webstats (about 230 unique visitors a month) and reminded board members to make sure there is a connection to the Know Toxics site on their websites. One of the next steps for the project will be to develop a webinar training video that will have the potential to reach a much larger audience than in-person trainings. Additionally, NVRC may be receiving an update to their website, which currently houses the Know Toxics site. An update would allow for changes to the Know Toxics logo. Mr. Clem suggested creating a logo that is based on a hazardous waste symbol that would be familiar to a large audience already. He suggested consulting the EPA for suggestions.
- WASTE REPORT** Ms. Spiliotopoulos presented the drafts of maps depicting the path of solid waste in the

region for consideration by the board. The maps, created by NVRC staff member Erik Hovland, will be featured in the next Waste Report. Ms. Spiliotopoulos asked the board for feedback on the maps and the Waste Report data in the following weeks to complete the Report before the end of the year. It was agreed that final adoption of the Report would be made by board members electronically.

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PRIORITIES

Ms. Spiliotopoulos suggested to the Board that it was due for a revision of the Waste Board Priorities. This document, last revised in 2010 and 2007, serves as a strategic plan for the Waste Board. It outlines the format for meetings and the policy direction that is agreed upon by board members. It was agreed that Ms. Spiliotopoulos would create a subcommittee to rewrite the document before the March 2016 meeting. *Additionally, it was agreed that in the next fiscal year the Waste Board will hold its second meeting of the fiscal year in early January rather than December.*

NEW BUSINESS No notes taken during roundtable/new business

NEXT WASTE BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016 AT 10 AM

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