

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
**Summary Minutes**  
 March 4, 2016

**Members Present:**

Richard Doucette, VA DEQ  
 Alton Weaver, City of Alexandria  
 Mike Clem, City of Alexandria  
 Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County  
 John Kellas, Fairfax County  
 Erica Carter, Fairfax County  
 John Snarr, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
 Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County  
 Shani Kruljac, Arlington County  
 Renee LaFollette, Town of Leesburg  
 Richard West, Town of Dumfries  
 Chris McGough, City of Falls Church

**Staff Present:**

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC  
 Erica Wohlleben, NVRC

**Invited Guests:**

Virginia Butler, VA DEQ  
 Sanjay Thirunagari, VA DEQ

**Joined By Phone:**

Monica Boehringer, City of Manassas  
 Sue Rowland, Rowland Consulting  
 Lori Scozzafava, Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc.

**CALL TO ORDER** Alton Weaver, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Introductions were made around the table.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Chairman Weaver moved to approve the minutes of the December, 2015, meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**DEQ UPDATES** Mr. Thirunagari and Ms. Butler from DEQ the provided news from their agency and information regarding the latest Recycling Rate Reports (RRR) and Solid Waste Information and Assessment (SWIA) reports. They reported that the SWIA reports will be due 3/31 and that around one-third of facilities have submitted. Additionally, DEQ is hoping to merge the reports to streamline the process. They prompted the board for feedback, which elicited the following responses:

- Waste managers are interested in accessing SWIA data, the representatives from DEQ responded that they could provide this once they receive the data in April
- Single stream recycling makes recycling data more difficult to collect, especially with out-of-state facilities
- It is difficult for localities to verify the validity of reporting from facilities because of the lack of reporting requirements and regulations from the state
- The movement of waste within and outside of the region complicates the reporting process

**WASTE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** Sue Rowland provided updates from the congressional session. Ms. Rowland encouraged board members to pinpoint what types of legislative changes they would like to see in reference to the reporting process. Plastic bag legislation has been stalled due to the loss of a major advocate in the state senate. The Storm water Local Assistance fund is expected to be reduced in DEQ.

**WASTE REPORT UPDATE** This year's report will include maps of disposal facilities, metals recycling, and recycling facilities for the region. Waste board members were reminded that all edits to the report must be submitted by close of business on March 7 and the report was adopted pending additional edits

**KNOW TOXICS:** Conference call scheduled for March 11. The event will be held on June 7 and sponsored by the City of Manassas. A flyer was created to market the event. Waste Board members are asked to promote the event in their localities.

**VRA:** VRA has hired Margaret Eldridge as the new association manager. The annual conference will be held from May 10-11 in Roanoke.

The next meeting will be held on June 30, 2016.

