

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
**Summary Minutes**  
October 5, 2016

**Members Present:**

Mike Clem, City of Alexandria  
Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County  
Shani Kruljac, Arlington County  
Phil Bresee, Arlington County  
Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County  
Chris McGough, City of Falls Church  
Mike Farr, Town of Herndon  
Reneé LaFollette, Town of Leesburg  
Monica Boehringer, City of Manassas  
Thomas Smith, Prince William County  
Scott MacDonald, Prince William County  
Richard Doucette, VA DEQ

Sanjay Thirunagari, VA DEQ  
Prina Chudasama, VA DEQ

**Staff Present:**

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC  
Erica Wohlleben, NVRC

**Invited Guests:**

Sue Rowland, Rowland Consulting (by phone)

**CALL TO ORDER** Erik Grabowsky, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Introductions were made around the table.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Chairman Grabowsky moved to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING** Pamela Gratton led a discussion regarding the mission, activities, and goals of the waste board and any changes to these that members would like to see going forward. Gratton suggested the board focus on the following three projects, which fit the NVSWMB's mission:

- Regional Solid Waste Plan –

Members outlined several concerns, as well as perceived benefits, with adopting a regional solid waste plan.

Concerns: 1) loss of autonomy for localities, 2) waste management objections differ by locality, 3) current solid waste planning does not present an administrative burden, 4) combining performance metrics can hurt high performing localities, and 5) regional plan may overlook the needs of smaller jurisdictions.

Benefits: 1) capacity questions are better answered regionally, 2) combining efforts may help to highlight pending issues, 3) will provide macro level analysis for waste managers, and 4) most jurisdictions use same WM service providers

Gratton will draft a white paper to distribute to NVRC and other elected officials. Board members from Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, Alexandria will form an exploratory committee to address this potential project.

- Product Stewardship –

Scott MacDonald provided information to board members regarding the Product Stewardship Institute, which helps jurisdictions promote legislation that makes manufacturers responsible for recycling and safely disposing of the products they produce. PSI helps states create Product Stewardship Councils, which Virginia does not currently have. It is a possible option to create a council through the NVSWMB that extends statewide. PSI can help create and maintain the council, and survey state participants to find out what the biggest challenges statewide. Board members identified paint and electronics as products that currently pose challenges to their localities. Sue Rowland suggested tying the council in with existing groups, such as VRA and SWANA. Members agreed to support this project and MacDonald will present it to others in the state at an upcoming VRA meeting.

- Know Toxics –

Members expressed interest in continuing the existing Know Toxics program. Some also expressed interest in creating expedited training for interested groups and possibly adding additional trainings. There was also interest in technical experts to determine hazards from HHW.

**WASTE BOARD  
BUDGET**

Board members requested a revised budget that included a 15% increase rather than a 30% increase. Debbie Spiliotopolous will redraft a budget to be approved via email by board members.

**2016 ANNUAL  
REPORT**

Approved upon correction of identified typos.

**DEQ UPDATE**

Representatives from DEQ we present to update the NVSWMB on DEQ activities. In regional news, King George was just approved for a vertical expansion of 100 feet. Potomac Landfill will close in 15 years. Coal ash continues to be a contentious issue at Possum Point and DEQ will work to change landfill gas plan language for clarity. There is also a new regional pollution response contact: Alan Lacy (703-583-3864).

In news from DEQ Central, the latest recycling rate report was released. Comments are being taken for a SWIA update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No notes taken during roundtable/new business

**NEXT WASTE BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 9, 2016.**