

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Summary Minutes

June 23, 2017

Members Present:

Mike Clem, City of Alexandria
Alton Weaver, City of Alexandria
Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County
Chris McGough, City of Falls Church
John Snarr, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Kate Consroe, Arlington County
Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County
Renee LaFollette, Town of Leesburg
Thomas Smith, Prince William County
Scott MacDonald, Prince William County
Richard Doucette, Virginia DEQ

Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC

Guests:

Helen Lee, DC DPW
Annie White, DC DPW
Lynn Dyer, Foodservice Packaging Institute
Marissa Segundo, RRS, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER Eric Grabowsky, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Chairman Grabowsky moved to approve the minutes of the March 2017 meeting after a minor correction. Alton Weaver, City of Alexandria seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved.

WASHINGTON DC UPDATE Washington DC's Office of Waste Diversion presented their zero waste plan, with a goal of 80 percent diversion. RRS and the Foodservice Packaging Institute (FSP) presented their roles in achieving this plan for the City. The City has added food service packaging to the materials collected with a 2022 goal of 80 percent diversion. This goal does not include construction and demolition debris, medical, or hazardous waste, but addresses diversion in residential, commercial, and industrial sectors managed by DC DPW. The diversion excludes waste to energy. Studies that are feeding to this goal include compost collection, waste collection, and codigestion studies in addition to waste characterization analyses. The city, FSP, and RRS worked closely with regional materials recovery facilities to accept commonly generated materials, including cups and clamshells. FSP has a number of stueids on their website www.recyclefsp.org.

As part of this effort, the city has developed an extensive education and outreach campaign that includes a DC sustainability newsletter. DC provided a powerpoint and educational materials to the board.

KNOW TOXICS HAZARDOUS WASTE TRAINING Prince William county hosted a very successful hazardous waste training, underwritten by AERC. Forty nine people participated, with the best turnout from businesses and property managers since training began. The event was held at Prince William County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection facility and included a tour. NVRC will send out an online evaluation survey to receive feedback on improvements and approach.

2018 NVWMB CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIR The Waste Board elected the 2018 Chair and Vice Chair. Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County, will serve as NVWMB Chair, and Chrish McGough will serve as Vice-Chair. Tom Smith, Prince William County, moved and Alton Weaver seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION	Sue Rowland was not available, but the board discussed a policy platform based upon the five fact sheets developed in the past year. A subcommittee will work with Sue to develop a policy platform for board approval prior to the 2018 legislative session.
E-WASTE FACT SHEET	Pamela will provide Fairfax numbers, and the subcommittee will finalize the document for Board approval.
PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP	Scott MacDonald provided an overview of a survey sent out on product stewardship perceptions and interest. Statewide, we received 59 responses, which he will be evaluating and will likely present to VRA and the Waste Board.
STRATEGIC PLAN	The waste board will evaluate key elements to focus on in the coming months, but finds the current strategic plan consistent with current activities. A second item for the plan is an “annual project list” to be added, the board will raise this for discussion with the annual report and budget discussions in September 2017.
2019 BUDGET	NVRC will not propose an increase for 2019 dues, and will submit the 2019 budget in September 2017. September will also offer the 2017 Annual Report for waste board approval.
BIENNIAL REPORT	NVRC is collecting data from localities for the 2017 biennial report. The Board discussed which information they would like to see in the upcoming edition of the waste report, including information about the local facilities, maps of permitted disposal facilities and yard waste facilities. COG mentioned interest in the commercial/residential waste breakdown. A smaller workgroup will explore ways improve data for the report. The board would like a brief paragraph in the report about what happens if a facility were to go down. The board would also like facility capacity information, which DEQ can provide for landfills and transfer stations.
LOCAL ROUNDTABLE	Minutes are not taken during the local roundtable.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 8, 2017