

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD****Summary Minutes**

September 8, 2017

**Members Present:**

Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County  
 Shani Kruljac, Arlington County  
 Stefanie Kupka, City of Fairfax  
 Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County  
 Chris McGough, City of Falls Church  
 Charles Mumaw, Town of Leesburg  
 John Snarr, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Thomas Smith, Prince William County  
 Scott MacDonald, Prince William County

**Staff Present:**

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC  
 Sue Rowland, SRC Incorporated

- CALL TO ORDER** Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Introductions.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Erik Grabowsky moved to approve the minutes of the June 2017. Chris McGough, City of Falls Church, seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved.
- 2017 ANNUAL REPORT** The group approved the annual report, with minor changes from Pamela Gratton and updated contact list.
- 2019 WASTE BOARD BUDGET** NVRC presented the 2019 draft Northern Virginia Waste Management Board work program and budget. The budget does not change from 2018 levels. Pamela Gratton and Erik Grabowsky recommended that the board use the draft budget for reference and postpone voting to December, when there should be more members present to approve.
- LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES** Sue Rowland, SRC Incorporated, led a discussion on regional waste policy. She discussed Senator Lewis' bill on solid waste management that did not make it out of the state senate in 2017. She invited the senator to meet via conference call at the December meeting.
- One month before, (November), the board will hold a policy phone call to outline a policy position, and key questions for Senator Lewis. Sue will also reach out to the Virginia Manufacturers Association for their perspective on recycling.
- The group also discussed the tire and litter funds. Funding already swept for raining day fund. There could still be sweeps in the future. The fact sheets and earlier letters should support a timely response to any efforts to remove funds targeted for localities.
- NVRC will reach out to DEQ on the status of tire piles at this time, give the changes in the tire funds, and will share litter report summaries as well.
- E WASTE FACT SHEET** NVRC will make changes to match styles to other fact sheets. The group will approve the fact sheet by the December meeting.
- PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP** Reviewing a survey sent to most waste and recycling staff statewide, it was determined that over 50 percent are interested in a council. The highest concern for difficult to recycle materials was for paint and used gas containers. The most difficult to recycle materials were gas cylinders and pesticides. Scott MacDonald, Prince William County, will explore the costs and other issues and provide a more detailed report at the December meeting. Ewaste legislation and paint recycling might be the best items to focus on for a council.
- KNOW TOXICS HAZARDOUS WASTE TRAINING** Prince William County hosted a very successful hazardous waste training, underwritten by AERC. Though forty-nine people participated, NVRC received minimal feedback via an online evaluation. The board determined that they would like to repeat the model of a shorter onsite training to continue to draw private businesses the event. A few staff and businesses have indicated an interest in more

in-depth training. NVRC will reach out to Daniel Brooks, Fairfax County, to help develop a more specific training.

Fairfax County has vetted a number of companies, which Pamela Gratton recommends adding to the Know Toxics website.

NVRC is upgrading the website, and Debbie Spiliotopoulos is working with the developers to see what improvements can be made in conjunction with this upgrade, including changing the logo and design.

STRATEGIC PLAN The waste board would like continued focus on Know Toxics, waste report elements to support resiliency in waste management programs, and product stewardship. .

VRA MEETING Fairfax County hosts the Virginia Recycling Association membership meeting at the workhouse arts center on Tuesday October 24, 2017. Included in the participation is a tour of the glass facility and innovative uses of the closed landfill. Hope to have a broad participation from the region. Register here:  
<http://vrarecycles.org/Annualmeeting/2017Annualmeetingandawardsceremony/tabid/1225/Default.aspx>

VRA will offer a joint conference with Old Dominion Chapter of SWANA this May in Virginia Beach.

BIENNIAL REPORT NVRC has received data for the 2017 report. In addition to information about the local facilities, maps of permitted disposal facilities and yard waste facilities. COG mentioned interest in the commercial/residential waste breakdown. The board would like a brief paragraph in the report about what happens if a facility were to go down, and information on the Fairfax fire. NVRC is still collecting capacity information for facilities in the region. NVRC has not received information from Prince Georges County.

LOCAL ROUNDTABLE Minutes are not taken during the local roundtable.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

**Next Meeting: Friday, December 8, 2017**