

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Summary Minutes
September 5, 2008
10:00 am

Members Present:

Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County
Thomas Smith, Prince William County
Hershel "Bo" Kirk, Town of Herndon
David Kochendarfer, Town of Herndon
Scott MacDonald, Prince William County
Kathy Allan, City of Falls Church
Robert Goff, City of Falls Church
Kate Sicola, Fairfax County
Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County
Joyce Doughty, Fairfax County
Sue Lhotka, City of Manassas
Stiles Peabody, City of Alexandria
Stacy Herring, City of Alexandria

Jeff Smithberger, Fairfax County
John Snarr, MWCOG

Staff Present:

Aimee Vosper
Marshall Popkin
Debbie Spiliotopoulos
Sue Rowland

Invited Guests:

Richard Doucette, VADEQ
Rosemary Byrne, Clean Fairfax Council

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Erik Grabowsky (Arlington County) called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS Meeting participants introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Tom Smith (Prince William County) motioned to approve the minutes from the June 2008 meeting. Scott McDonald (Prince William County) seconded this motion; the Board unanimously voted in approval.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW NVRC DIVISION DIRECTOR Mr. Grabowsky introduced Aimee Vosper, NVRC's new Director of Planning and Environmental Services. Ms. Vosper previously served as Division Chief for Parks, Planning, and Development with the City of Alexandria's Department of Parks and Recreation.

PRESENTATION BY VADEQ Richard Doucette (VADEQ) discussed VADEQ's waste program. VADEQ maintains a central office in Richmond, and seven regional offices that perform environmental compliance, permitting, remediation, and enforcement.

Mr. Doucette summarized a number of ongoing waste initiatives:

- Governor Kaine recently signed Solid Waste Management Regulation Amendment 5. This legislation achieves the following: broadens the definition of airports to include military airfields, clarifies closure procedures at landfills, addresses plans related to landfill gases and odors, and streamlines public participation requirements.
- Solid Waste Management regulation Amendment 7 provides a complete review of solid waste regulations in order to streamline them.

Mr. Doucette's presentation touched on the following topics: Guidance Process, Solid Waste and Special Waste in Virginia, and How to Handle Special Waste.

Mr. Grabowsky encouraged Mr. Doucette to follow up with DEQ regarding the Board's request for the Commonwealth to join the Product Stewardship Institute.

Debbie Spiliotopoulos (NVRC) will keep a copy of Mr. Doucette's presentation. Mr. Doucette offered to meet again with the Waste Board to discuss more specific topics.

JLARC UPDATES Kate Sicola (Fairfax County and President, Virginia Recycling Association) reported on an upcoming JLARC draft report on waste reduction and recycling in Virginia. JLARC evaluated current projects, efforts in other states, and successful efforts in Virginia. A draft was shown to the Virginia Recycling Association in Richmond in August. JLARC

was scheduled present findings on the report on September 8, 2008, at 10 a.m.

The new JLARC report reported seven key findings:

- Waste reduction preferred over disposal;
- Resources limit compliance; strong markets are necessary;
- State agencies and universities have recycling programs in place but with minimal guidance;
- Localities utilize different methodologies and data to calculate recycling rates;
- Most Solid Waste Programs report meeting recycling rates, but subsequently struggle to do so;
- Container deposit laws seem less effective at reducing litter, but not at increasing recycling rates; and
- Other states use non-general funds toward successful waste reduction.

JLARC recommendations include:

- Review local recycling and litter prevention funding needs;
- Develop guidelines for public schools, regarding recycling and waste reduction activities;
- Assist data collection efforts of Solid Waste Planning Units;
- Promote DEQ recycling workshops; and
- Consider levying a surcharge of \$0.25 to \$1.00 on the fees imposed by facilities. Those revenues would be dedicated to waste reduction efforts.

LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE

Sue Rowland (NVRC) updated the Waste Board on ongoing state legislative activities. Ms. Rowland encouraged the Waste Board to communicate with Delegate Kenneth Plum, who spoke to the Board at a meeting earlier this year; Ms. Rowland recommended that the Waste Board schedule a meeting with Delegate Plum within six weeks, in order to discuss the results of JLARC.

Mr. Grabowsky added that the Board could continue to push for the Commonwealth to join the Product Stewardship Institute. The legislative subcommittee will hold conference calls at two week intervals to discuss legislative ideas. The first step will encompass reviewing the JLARC report.

Mr. Smith noted that fee surcharges, regional flow controls, and e-cycling could be hot issues.

Ms. Spiliotopoulos will schedule conference calls at two week intervals for the legislative subcommittee. The subcommittee will start with a focus on the JLARC report.

ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Spiliotopoulos reported that NVRC exceeded its budget for the Waste Board by \$28,000 (\$50,000 was budgeted for FY 2008.). The legislative subcommittee will meet via conference call in order to reduce costs.

Mr. Smith motioned to approve the annual report. Mr. Grabowsky seconded this motion and the annual report was unanimously approved.

2010 WORK PLAN
AND BUDGET

The 2010 Budget will be the same as the 2009 Budget, with the addition of \$1,500. Large districts will contribute \$8,310 and small districts will contribute \$1,731. The 2010 Budget accounts for 70 fewer hours of NVRC staff time than the 2009 Budget. Mr. Smith motioned to approve the proposed budget and it was unanimously approved.

APPRECIATION OF

The Board presented Mr. Smith with a plaque acknowledging his service as Chairman

TOM SMITH, 2008 of the Board during FY 2008.

CHAIR

LOCAL UPDATES During this segment of the meeting, no minutes are kept of information exchanged among the board members.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. The next meeting will occur on December 5.