

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Summary Minutes

September 10, 2010

Members Present:

Kathy Allan, City of Falls Church; *NVWMB Chairman*
Alton Weaver, City of Alexandria
Mike Clem, Arlington County
Joyce Doughty, Fairfax County
David Kochendarfer, Town of Herndon
Tom Mason, Town of Leesburg
Thomas Smith, Prince William County
Jeff Smithberger, Fairfax County
John Snarr, MWCOG
Jane Tatum, Loudoun County

Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC
Linda Summerall, NVRC

Invited Guests:

Richard Doucette, Virginia DEQ
Hershel Kirk, Town of Herndon
Amarjit Riat, Fairfax County
Sue Rowland, Legislative Consultant

- CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Kathy Allan called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The minutes of the June 4, 2010, meeting were unanimously approved.
- APPRECIATION OF FORMER CHAIRMAN** Jeff Smithberger, FY 2010 chairman, was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a round of applause.
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** Sue Rowland commented that education on issues is what is really useful to members of the General Assembly. For the 2011 session, the Waste Management Board will develop a "white paper" on electronics recycling, and the recycling market. Ms. Rowland also advised the members to look for legislation coming from the Governor's task forces on subjects such as flow control, tip fees, etc. Waste Board members were asked to share the draft white paper with their jurisdictions' legislative liaisons. The white paper will be finalized on October 31.
- tracking pharmaceuticals — Members discussed public promotion. The health departments are promoting this issue. Debbie Spiliotopoulos noted federal guidance on pharmaceuticals disposal. Joyce Doughty reported Fairfax County is developing a "don't flush" campaign for the county's cable station.
 - Government Reform Commission — The Commission is focusing on regionalism. The Virginia Performs website measure how well the state is performing. Ms. Rowland suggested that the Waste Board arrange to have a Know Toxics link on this website.
- WASTE PERMIT FEE WORKGROUP UPDATE** Amarjit Riat reported that last year the General Assembly removed \$1.25 million from the General Fund for solid waste.
- There are fee increases. The solid waste fee won't exceed sixty percent of the direct cost to DEQ. Mr. Riat distributed a "solid waste permit fee scenario analysis."
- A draft report will be issued by October 15, with the final report released by November 15; the report will be submitted to the Secretary and the House and Senate committees by December 1.
- SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES UPDATE** The Covanta-Lorton I-95 landfill will close in 2031. Fairfax County's agreement to run it expires in 2016; the county will look at negotiating an extension or a purchase. The county has a back-up capacity agreement with King George and Prince William counties.
- Mike Clem provided a brief overview of the Arlington-Alexandria waste-to-energy plant: It is located in Alexandria; built and owned by Covanta, but Arlington and Alexandria own the air pollution mechanism; and the jurisdictions are committed to providing 225,000 tons of trash per year until 2013.
- Loudoun County has completed the first cell of its new landfill; a total of four cells will be built.

Prince William has a generator fee instead of a tipping fee; revenue is up. The landfill is now 40 years old. Prince William also has a 2-megawatt power plant. The county is looking at creating an energy park at the landfill. Additionally, the county owns a 30-acre compost facility at Balls Ford Road that is run by a contractor; the composted material is sold.

FY 2010 ANNUAL
REPORT

The program ran over budget by almost \$16,000, which was absorbed by NVRC.

Jeff Smithberger moved adoption of the FY 2010 Annual Report. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

FY 2012 BUDGET

Jeff Smithberger moved adoption of the FY 2012 budget. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

FY 2011
PRIORITIES and
KNOW TOXICS

Debbie Spiliotopoulos reported that the Know Toxics website receives 120-130 hits per month. Most of the member jurisdictions don't have a link to Know Toxics on their websites.

Members want to concentrate on electronics, fluorescent bulbs, and re-use. They also asked if NVRC can send notices or links.

LOCAL UPDATES

No minutes are kept of information exchanged among the board members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.