

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

November 17, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

George Dix
Don Furbay
Bob Gilmore
George Linvill
Michael Poole
Brian Scarborough
Vaughn White

Others present were: Dallas Baker – Director, Mike Mitchell - Solid Waste Superintendent, Mike McClung – Recycle Manager, Bob Keenan – Recycling Crew Leader, T.J Morris – Landfill Foreman, Tami Stambaugh – Office Assistant, Barbara Hitch – Enterprise Fund Controller, and Michelle Carmean - Tax Manager

LEACHATE STUDY, NEWARK WASTE WATER – The County is in the process of doing a Pilot Leachate Study in the Newark Service area to see if the plant can handle the leachate and the effects it will have on the plant/system. There is a pipe line in place at the Vocational School that is not in use. This line runs down the railroad track. The study tested the quality of the water to ensure there is no adverse effects at the spray irrigation, as well as the discharge site in Newark. So far it has produced good results.

UPGRADES TO HOMEOWNER CONVENIENCE CENTERS – Plans to update the bulkhead at Snow Hill HOCC, New Compactors at all three (3) HOCC's, Berlin, Snow Hill, and Pocomoke. Due to the rise in cost since these were budgeted, Dallas Baker was fortunate to get additional funds from the Assigned Fund Balance Account.

CELL 5 UPDATE – TJ Morris gave an update on Cell 5. It will be Three (3) years in January since Cell 5 opened. Last month the fluff layer was finished. There is an eight (8) foot lift with four (4) foot of refuge on the finished floor. Residual waste only (bag trash). MDE checks the cell periodically and any issues are addressed.

UPDATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR SOLID WASTE – Requested Rehabilitation of Cell 1 leachate pump stations (four). Replace existing leachate pumps, piping valves, appurtenances and controls. Rehabilitate existing pump house. Four pump Stations in total. All equipment is original, installed in 1990. Renovate and add on to the Landfill Administration Office to increase and modernize space to become ADA compliant. No additions or add-ons have took place since the Scale House/Office was built in 1992. The addition of a

Conference room is needed. There have been recent upgrades to the two restrooms.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT – The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will take place on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Ocean City Park and Ride, Route 50, West Ocean City, MD. Electronics are no longer accepted. These events have always been successful in the past. This event takes place once a year, normally in the fall.

CAMERAS AT OCEAN PINES – The cameras are active. A citation has been given for the dumping of a wine refrigerator. The fine for the first offense is \$500.00 and the second offense is \$1,000.00. The fine amounts are posted. A camera is placed in a location to catch tag numbers coming and going. Also, picture based signs have been added so citizens know what is acceptable.

COMMENTS – EA will be generating a plan for the Bishopville Site. There will be Fencing, concrete, new signage and cameras. The money will come from the General Fund. There is live electric but permission is needed to put a camera on the pole. The cost to do the Bishopville site will be approximately \$150,000.00. The County is in the process of getting a cost to lease the Wal-Mart site or locating a site near Wal-Mart.

There are plans to start the permitting and clearing of Cell 6 since Federal Regulations are changing in April which will impact the clearing and regulations of this site. Also discussed was placing cameras for additional security at the Solid Waste Office and to include generators in the upcoming budget.

Budget Items will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Homeowner Permits went out today, November 17, 2021. There is no cost increase. Credit Cards are now accepted at the Solid Waste Division.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be held at the Department of Public Works, Timmons Road, on Wednesday Feb. 23, 2021 at 9:00 am.