

JOINT SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

ACC Chairman Billy Pittard, Chairperson

Minutes

- I. The Joint Solid Waste Advisory Committee (JSWAC) members met on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the Athens-Clarke County Solid Waste Department; 725 Hancock Industrial Way.**
- II. Members Present: Oglethorpe County Chairman Billy Pittard, Commissioner Sharyn Dickerson, ACC Assistant Manager Jestin Johnson.**

ACC Staff Present: Suki Janssen, Brad Rickard, and Susan Lyon (minutes).

Chairman Pittard welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone present introduced themselves to the group. Minutes from the last meeting, April 15, 2015 were reviewed. A quorum was not present; however, Chairman Pittard stated that they were approved by him.

III. Report from Staff

1. Review of Quarterly Reports

- **Landfill Tonnage (Brad) – Tonnage still is considerably up. (See Attachment I)**
LF will be losing approximately 1000 tons of bio-solids a month when Public Utilities finalizes their plan to transport bio-solids to another location.
Other landfill tip fees have caught up with ours and we are seeing an increase in material brought to the landfill.
July and August are always the biggest months for the landfill with students moving between academic years.
The C&D construction spike was due to Madison County DOT road construction in July.
Host fees will go up considerably when material begins being dumped in Phase V per the agreement (a flat 10%). Host fees for ACC are paid into the General Fund and is the same rate as paid to Oglethorpe when material is dumped in the ACC side. This was a decision made by the committee and is not in the original Agreement. When the agreement was reached originally, the ACC host fees stayed in the ACC landfill budget.
This committee was moved from quarterly to bi-annually by Commissioner Doug Lowery.
Commissioner Dickerson voiced her concern with the money going back into the general fund and not the enterprise fund (approximately \$200,000/year). The host fees paid to ACC will end in an approximately 1 year when we move to the next phase, located in Oglethorpe County. Without a quorum, the committee cannot make a motion and vote on the host fees going into the ACC Enterprise fund. However, Jestin can research the impact to the already-approved budget.
- **Compost (Brad) – Compost sales are normal. It is our goal that all of the Public Utilities bio-solids coming in are to be used as a cover and the price will be constant which helps with budgeting purposes. It is believed that right now we can up our bio-solids compost to 3-3.5 thousand tons/yr (currently 2.5-3.5 thousand tons/yr) by using aerated static piles, which is a more efficient and more economical way of composting.**

Landfill staff will be in charge of operating the aerated static pile, no contractors. The US Compost Council will be holding their annual conference for the first time in Georgia in January and our staff has been asked to sit on a panel.

- **Methane Gas (Brad)** – Changes have been made by the contractor and some problems are being dealt with currently. We are seeing a slight increase in Methane produced. SW landfill staff are currently looking at the possibility of installing solar panels on EDA #2 on a weighted, ballast system which would be the first one in the State of GA. It would connect into the Rayle EMC power lines. Talking with Hannah Solar for a partnership and they are the ones that were interested in EDA #2. If it is determined that Hannah Solar can connect into the Rayle EMC system and make revenue, they may submit a proposal to GA Power for funding. Hannah Solar is also looking at property at Cedar Creek.
- **Oglethorpe County C&D Landfill (Billy)** – He anticipates 5-6 years left in current dumping site. An expansion is being planned; 500 acres of adjacent land has been purchased.

IV. Other Business

Billy - There is a need to review the committee and replace previous members and review the purpose of this committee.

Brad – Ten years ago, decisions were made to not move Chris Fleming. Where he is located with his well cuts into the footprint of the 500' radius that we have lost. He wanted to be moved but no action was taken to move him. By moving Mr. Fleming, it would give us a considerably increase in tonnage not having the 500' radius. It was also recommended at the time to purchase the property owned by Mr. Garrett of Roll-Off Systems. It was offered to us at \$2,000/acre. Brad would recommend that this be looked at to increase efficient of the next phase, but it would require public hearings. Mr. Fleming wanted to move to another location on his property and move his current house. Also, moving the road should be researched as we can't have a road running through a landfill. Brad recommends that these actions be looked at again for the most efficient use of space.

V. Meeting was adjourned.

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ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
725 HANCOCK INDUSTRIAL WAY
ATHENS, GEORGIA**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015
9:30 A.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome**
- II. Review of Minutes: Wednesday, October 16, 2014**
- III. Report from Staff - Tonnage Report**
 - 1. ACC Municipal Solid Waste Landfill**
 - 2. Oglethorpe County Construction & Demolition (C&D) Landfill**
 - 3. ACC Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF)**
 - 4. Compost**
 - 5. Methane Recovery**
- IV. Other Business**
 - Review JSWC Committee Citizens Agreement**
 - Define the official agreement as to who is required to serve on the JSWC Committee;**
 - Define the established three (3) appointments elected to serve on the JSWC Committee;**
 - a. Shall the chairmanship be elected from the three appointments to alternate and serve as chairmanship for a term of one (1) year between the two counties, or**
 - b. Shall the Chairman/Chief Elected Officer of either County serve as part of the JSWC Committee and shall alternate and serve as chairmanship for a term of one (1) year between the two counties, and**
 - c. Fill vacant appointments from each county.**
- V. Confirm Future Meeting Dates**

- Wednesday, October 21, 2015

VI. Adjournment

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**JOINT SOLID WASTE COORDINATING
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Joint Solid Waste Coordinating Committee Quarterly meeting scheduled for the 2013 as follows:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013