

Summary of Meeting
Howard County Recycling Committee
Keller Bldg. Conference Room, 600 W. Morrison, Fayette, MO
“Open Meeting”
Tuesday, January 26, 2010 2:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Pat Cunningham, New Franklin
David Haggard, New Franklin R-1 Schools
Tess Hayes, Armstrong
Kelley Hill, Fayette (for Robin Overstreet)
Christie Hoskisson, Central Methodist University (for R.G. Kirby)
Cindy Jolly, Mid-MO Solid Waste Management District (MMSWMD)
Howard McMillan, Howard County Commission
Debra Miller, Endless Options
Jamie Wilhoit, Endless Options

Pat Cunningham welcomed attendees with introductions. She stated that after today's discussion, the group should decide if these meetings were beneficial to continue and set/achieve goals.

Ms. Cunningham said the city of New Franklin is interested in acquiring a household hazardous waste collection facility for the citizens of Howard County. She is also supportive of the recycling operations of Endless Options located in Fayette.

Debra Miller, Endless Options (EO), explained current recycling opportunities offered by their operation include textiles and metals. They are working with Central Methodist to promote their recycling efforts through the National “Recyclemania” competition. EO has applied for several grants to expand; several with the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District. Endless Options has a three year plan for growth and is in need of a larger space/building as part of their vision for a “Recycling Center” to serve Howard County Residents. Paper and cardboard recycling/collection are currently being provided by Unlimited Opportunities in Boonville.

Cindy Jolly, Mid-MO Solid Waste Management District, explained the District encourages partnerships between counties, cities, recycling operations, and educational institutions to expand waste minimization efforts, education, and job opportunities. She provided dates for one-day collection events for waste tires and electronic waste: May 15th in Centralia; June 5 in Jefferson City; and June 19th in Fulton. She asked if Howard County would benefit from a tire, e-waste, or HHW collection; if so, she would include their request in the District's budget planning for 2011. The District also promotes recycling education in the schools and is available to give recycling presentations during the school year. National Go Green Week is the first week of February 2010 and Earth Day is in April.

There was a consensus for the District to schedule a one-day HHW collection event to be held in Fayette. Commissioner Howard McMillan stated he will check with the Commission and the County Road Department to confirm the location for a 2011 HHW collection event. Cindy Jolly will present this request to the District Executive Board for funding.

David Haggard, School Superintendent for New Franklin, shared recycling efforts at the schools – utilization of Alcoa recycling bins received last year, paper and plastic recycling being collected by Unlimited Opportunities in Boonville.

Christie Hoskisson stated new recycling receptacles have appeared at Central Methodist as part of the Recyclemania contest. She added that current bins for paper are often full; a need for additional collection bins and/or more frequent service by Unlimited Opportunities.

Pat Cunningham and Cindy Jolly discussed the proposed household hazardous waste facility – acquisition, funding, staffing and location. While the city of New Franklin is one option as a location, if a centrally located Howard County Recycle Center were to materialize, that location would be more convenient for most Howard County residents.

Mayor Fred Stroupe and Tess Hayes, both of Armstrong, are encouraging recycling by providing a drop-off recycling container for their residents to be serviced by EO.

Special event recycling for festivals, fairs, and other school/community events were discussed. Cindy Jolly and Debra Miller can work together to provide extra collection containers and services for these events.

Cindy Jolly advised that the city of Glasgow Park Division and St. Mary's Catholic School in Glasgow had both requested letters of support from the District. The District provided both with a letter to support their MO DNR grant application for scrap tire shredded material/rubber tiles for playground surfaces.

Attendees agreed to schedule the next meeting for Thursday, February 25, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at the Keller Building conference room in Fayette. Discussion will focus on a potential recycle center/HHW facility, school recycling, special event recycling, and education.

The meeting ended by 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Jolly
MMSWMD Manager