

Minutes of Meeting
Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District Executive Board
Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 1:00 p.m. "Open Meeting"
City Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room A, Columbia, MO

Members Present:

J.C. Miller	Callaway County	Kim McCulloch	City of Columbia
M.L. Cauthon, III	Cooper County	Kim Roll	Moniteau County
Lauren Henry	City of Jefferson	Jeff Hoelscher	Cole County
Tom Groves	Audrain County	Debra Miller	Howard County
Thad Yonke	Boone County Alt.	Tim Grenke	Boone County

Members Absent:

John Glavin Osage County

Others Present:

Lelande Rehard, District Manager	Jessica Sapp, Secretary
Bill Fountain, At Large Advisory Committee Member	Chad Shoemaker, City of Mexico
Matt Harline, Centralia City Administrator	

1. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chair, Lauren Henry

2. Determination of quorum

It was determined there was a quorum.

3. Approval of agenda

Ms. Henry stated their was an amendment to the original agenda. Line item nine was added.

Commissioner Hoelscher moved to approve the agenda a amended; seconded by Mayor Grenke. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

4. Approval of the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting of August 10, 2016

Mr. Cauthon moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Hoelscher. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

5. District Managers Report

Final Report: Grant# 2016002: "Plan Implementation", MMSWMD. The MMSWMD set a goal to reduce costs for the University Collection event while still diverting the same amount of material as in past years. Cost for the June 4, 2016 event came in within budget and tonnages for HHW, E-waste, and Tires were close to tonnages from FY 2015. There are 6 permanent HHW facilities in Region H, in place of HHW collections the District offered 1-8hr HAZWOPER Refresher Training for new and existing HHW facility workers.

Additional projects for FY2016 included addressing priorities in the District's updated Solid Waste Management Plan, e.g., education/outreach, rural recycling, special event recycling, college/university recycling (9-10 institutions in Region H), sheltered workshops and small recyclers, white goods recycling, enhancing Region H website, expanding individual HHW sites, proceeding with illegal dump program of some variety, and working with cities, counties and local organizations to identify and address service gaps in solid waste management.

The MMSWMD is committed to continue development and implementation of a District-wide HHW Program, with strong consideration of grant projects establishing permanent HHW facilities in counties of Cooper and Osage. While these counties remain without facilities MMSWMD did secure a contract with Clean Harbors for HHW pick-up and training. One of the main concerns for constructing a HHW drop-off is not the capital costs but the ongoing operational cost, which can have a large impact on rural counties. Region H HHW facilities are able to use this contract as well. This new relationship has the potential to help reduce cost for our existing satellite HHW facilities and make cost for ongoing operations better known for counties without a facility. The MMSWMD also secured a contract for Scrap Tire hauling from ABC Tire. This contract has been used to organization a City/County Round-up which gives local public works departments an opportunity to have illegally dumped waste tires hauled and recycled at no cost.

Amendment: Grant# 2016-002: "Jefferson City Missouri River Clean-up", River Relief. Subgrantee asks to reallocate \$249.50 from the t-shirt category to food to cover the underestimated costs. T-shirt cost came in lower than an anticipated and more food was required to feed volunteers that stayed to help sort recyclables in the afternoon.

Commissioner Groves moved to approve MMSWMD's final report; seconded by Mayor Grenke. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

Ms. Miller moved to approve River Relief's budget amendment; seconded by Commissioner Roll. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

Meetings/Site Visits:

MU Sustainability – District Manager met with MU Sustainability Office and MU Operations staff to discuss grant opportunities and changes to the University's trash and recycling collection. The University is considering bringing more the recycling collection in-house and moving towards potentially operating its own MRF.

Mr. Cauthon asked if MU was doing their own recycling to assist funding the campus. Mr. Rehard explained that trash and recycling was previously handled by the sustainability office and is now moved under operations. With the recent funding cuts, the plan is to recycle more and produce less trash. Each floor has a centralized recycling container along with a small container for trash. Each employee will have to physically take their waste to those containers. This essentially reduces cost.

Tire Round Up – ABC Tire had to make two trips to accept all the tires collected from the 2017 City/County Tire Round-up. This has exhausted the Round-Up budget for FY 2017.

Mr. Shoemaker asked if there was any talk at MDNR about zika virus. Mr. Rehard has not heard anything.

Wardsville – District Manager met with the City of Wardsville council to discuss grant opportunities and other waste diversion activities. The City is interested in pursuing adding single stream curbside recycling pickup and asked MMSWMD staff to learn how St. Martins was able to negotiate this service with Republic. The District Manager is scheduled to speak with St. Martins staff and council in October.

Ms. Henry recalled Allied Waste applying for a grant a couple of years ago to address the lack of recycling in Wardsville. Commissioner Hoelscher added that he lives in Wardsville and he's had curbside recycling for about two years. Ms. Sapp confirmed that Allied was awarded a grant, but couldn't remember what towns were included in the summary. Mr. Rehard stated he'd take a look at that grant.

Legislative Informational Meeting – The District Manager met with staff from MMRPC and CMCA to set-up a Legislative Information meeting for elected state officials representing the counties of Region H. The session is currently set for December, 6th from 6-8pm in Jefferson City. MMRPC has agreed to provide the meal. Each organization will have 15 minutes to speak about their purpose, funding, and impact.

Mr. Shoemaker asked Mr. Rehard if any others were to be present outside himself, CMCA and MMRPC. Mr. Rehard stated he wasn't sure due to the RPC handling the event. Mr. Shoemaker stated Mexico's Parks and Recreation routinely hold meetings with legislators. The first question they typically ask is, "Who is here from my region." He recommended the meeting will be much more effective if community members from Region H were present from Region H.

River Relief Clean Up – Mr. Rehard shared he attended the 9/10/16 River Relief Missouri River Clean-up. We are still awaiting the final number for volunteers and tonnages, but the event seemed to be very successful.

MORA Conference – Mr. Rehard attended the MORA Conference at Westport, St. Louis County. Many of the sessions and tours were very useful and interesting, especially those relating to zero-waste initiatives in manufacturing, textile recycling, and food waste. He stated he returned from the conference with several ideas to implement here in Region H.

Waste Characterization Study – MSW Consultants has been awarded the contract by MDNR to carry out a Waste Characterization study for the State of Missouri. MSW conducted its first sampling at the City of Columbia Landfill on 9/15 and 9/16. The District Manager went to visit and observe the sampling. The project is partly overseen by Cynthia Mitchell, former City of Columbia Solid Waste Manager.

Food Bank – District staff met with the Food Bank of Central Missouri to discuss opportunities to reduce food waste. They had not heard of our organization and seemed excited at the possibility they could receive funding. The group had several good ideas and district staff hopes to see them apply in the future.

Scrap Tire Grant Recipient – One applicant from Region H for the 2016 MDNR Scrap Tire Grant has been awarded. Southwest Early Childhood Center of Jefferson City applied to use loose tire mulch for their playground. District staff will attend their grand opening in October.

Events:

Cole County Collection – The Cole County Tire and E-waste Collection scheduled for Oct. 15 from 9-1 at the Cole County Public Works facility. Fees are: \$10 per CRT monitor, \$2.50 for a passenger tire, and \$10 per equipment tire (over 24in.).

Other business:

Small Grant Round 1 – No applications were received for the first small grant round. District staff will review the small grant opportunity's past performance/use, and survey grant applicants to gather their thoughts about the small grant. Staff will also heavily promote the 3rd round of grant funding and look for new communication methods for grant opportunities.

6. Treasurer's report and approval of bills

Treasurer, Commissioner Hoelscher presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2016.

The Checking account reconciled balance is \$1000.00

The Administrative account balance is \$215,060.04

The District Grant account balance is \$492,964.51

Reimbursements: (Unterrified Democrat, \$49.88; Centralia Fireside Guard, \$66.39; Boonville Daily News, \$115.50; Clean Harbors, \$15,929.31; ABC Tire, \$5,000.00; Resource Recycling, \$80.00)

Mr. Miller moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Reimbursements; seconded by Mayor Grenke. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

Mr. Cauthon moved to approve the transfer of funds; seconded by Commissioner Hoelscher. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

7. Authorise and approve one year contract extension with Lisa C. Wright, CPA, for her performance audit services.

Ms. Henry asked MMSWMD staff if there were any concerns in renewing this contract for one more year. Both Mr. Rehard and Ms. Sapp have been happy with her and service provided.

Commissioner Groves moved to approve the contract extension; seconded by Commissioner Roll. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

8. Authorize MMSWMD Sponsorship to Columbia Public Schools' Center for Gifted Education in their quest to provide a composting program for the cafeteria.

Mr. Rehard shared that the district has received their first request for a sponsorship. Columbia Public Schools' Center for Gifted Children would like to expand their composting program. He reminded the group the FY17 budget was approved to include \$5,000 to offer an outlet for smaller projects costing \$1,000 or less to circumvent the grant process.

The Center already has one composting bin and would like to construct four more to expand their program to involve the entire student body. Mr. Rehard shared with the board the budget that was provided to him by the school and the overall scope of the project. He added though the budget reflects more than \$1,000 applicant is confident they will be able to purchase needed materials for less. He reminded the group that if they approve the sponsorship, DNR must approve before the school can move forward.

Commissioner Groves moved to approve the sponsorship for CPS; seconded by Mayor Grenke. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

9. Approve the support of M&W Hauling in their plan to build and operate a transfer station near Eugene, MO.

Mr. Rehard shared that staff had received a letter from M&W Hauling requesting that the Executive Board approve their plan for a new transfer station. The request was received August 19th and Mr. Rehard requested more information from M&W to further detail their plan. He didn't know if the information that was provided would be sufficient enough for the group to make a decision. Mr. Rehard also reached out to MDNR for information, but they have yet to evaluate the project.

Before M&W can submit their application to MDNR to be permitted, they must obtain approval from the Executive Board within its respective district. The proposed transfer station will be located in Cole County and sit adjacent to M&W's current location in Eugene. They currently serve approximately 4,600 customers in Callaway, Cole, Miller, and Moniteau County. Waste is transported to landfills in Columbia, Jefferson City, Lebanon, and Sedalia. M&W would consider continuing to use these landfills if they could negotiate better rates.

M&W's reasons for wanting to build a transfer station make sense and address environmental issues. The station would allow them to accumulate more waste before taking it to a landfill; thus less trips to and from Columbia and reducing emissions. It also reduces the amount of fuel and oil consumed and wear on roadways.

Mr. Shoemaker asks about the location. Is it near a river or crop land? Mr. Rehard said it looked like a pasture when he looked at Google Maps. Commissioner Hoelscher confirmed the terrain.

Ms. Henry asks why M&W doesn't use Jefferson City's landfill. Mr. Rehard assumes it's Columbia's rates or they make a run after collecting from their Callaway customers. Right now they are taking individual truck loads to the landfill (approx. 15 per week) versus consolidating into a roll-off and making three to four trips a week. Essentially, they use whichever landfill is the closest to their route.

Ms. Henry pointed out that M&W take their roll-offs to Jefferson City's landfill. She is curious why it appears more economical for M&W to send their truck loads to Columbia. It can only be assumed they have better rates, but she feels it can't be that much of a difference. Commissioner Hoelscher pointed out that M&W is a competitor of Republic. That may be factor in whatever the rate is.

Mr. Rehard did say that nothing was provided to show how big of a station was planned.

Mr. Cauthon confirmed all M&W was looking for from the group was a formal endorsement. Yes.

Ms. Henry pointed out that if the transfer station was built and waste was hauled out of Region H for disposal, our district wouldn't be collecting the tipping fees; thus we lose money for grants. She doesn't see how the group could approve the project if it brought the potential of reduced funding for Region H. Unless the district could have some type of guarantee from M&W that they'd keep the waste in our region, she wasn't comfortable giving the project her vote.

Mr. Cauthon stated he likes the idea of a transfer station because it has the potential to improve trash service in rural areas. However, he agrees with Ms. Henry that Region H would lose a piece of the money if M&W were to take their waste to Sedalia or Lebanon.

Mr. Rehard stated he could try to get more information. The group did not have to make a vote to approve the project at this meeting. It could certainly wait.

Mr. Shoemaker asked how long has it been since the board approved a transfer station? He doesn't feel it's unreasonable to respond to M&W that we'd like to look more into this, check our by-laws, and what exactly needs to be done. In the meantime, we engage M&W with the additional questions the board has about the project.

His recollection of the by-laws state the board has the oversight to approve a project like this, but he would want to look at the interpretation of the language. His concerns stem from anything that may turn environmentally wrong with the transfer station. He gave an example that waste was leaching into the local water supply; yet MMSWMD gave the green light for the placement and construction.

Mr. Shoemaker feels that M&W must have some kind of plan on the proposed project. There may not be engineering specs, but surely they have something more conclusive to share with the board. Since the permitting process doesn't begin until after the board gives approval, there aren't many things the group has to feel comfortable about giving the approval.

Mr. Rehard asked the group if they'd like him to get additional information from M&W. They would. In addition, staff can also tell them how willing they are to keep their waste disposal in Region H.

Commissioner Groves moved to table this topic so additional information can be obtained; seconded by Mayor Grenke. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

10. Other Business

Ms. Miller shared that Endless Options has been operating with out a physical location. On Tuesday, they will be breaking ground on a permanent facility.

11. Adjourn

Mayor Grenke moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Henry. Unanimous voice vote of approval.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sapp
Secretary, MMSWMD

Lauren Henry
Chairman, MMSWMD Executive Board

Lelande Rehard
MMSWMD Manager