

Minutes of Meeting  
Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District Executive Board  
Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 1:00 p.m. "Open Meeting"  
City Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room A, Columbia, MO

**Members Present:**

John Glavin	Osage 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
Debra Miller	Howard County	Thad Yonke	Boone County Alt.

**Members Absent:**

J.C. Miller	Callaway County	Tim Grenke	Boone County
Chad Shoemaker	Audrain County		

**Others Present:**

Lelande Rehard, District Manager

**1. Call to order and introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Chair, Lauren Henry

**2. Determination of quorum**

It was determined there was a quorum.

**3. Approval of agenda**

**Mr. Yonke moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Roll. Unanimous voice vote of approval.**

**4. Approval of the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting of September 21, 2016**

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

**5. District Managers Report**

Meetings/Site Visits:

Southwest Elementary School – District Manager attended and presented at Southwest Elementary, Jefferson City about the recycled tires used in the schools new playground mulch. The school was awarded a scrap tire grant through MDNR. Mr. Rehard stated the educators came up with a creative way to explain to the students how tires came to be mulch.

Operation Clean Street – District Manager participated in the City of Columbia's 4<sup>th</sup> Operation Clean Street. City staff spent the day edging and clearing sidewalks, picking up litter, and clearing brush. Neighborhood Services placed dumpsters through out the selected neighborhood for use by residents. Staff also collected tires curbside from residents.

Planners Meeting/SWAB – District Manager attended the October Planners Meeting and SWAB Meeting. The Planners focused on a presentation by Mona Menezes and Stacy Runnels from Branson concerning the funding formula for Districts. Ms. Henry added they work for All Points Recycling in Cassville. Mr. Rehard shared they are arguing that the current model needs to shift to a formula more focused on population per district and not be weighted towards districts with landfills. Their presentation was included as ancillary information when the meeting reminder was emailed out on Monday. SWAB discussed the administrative streamlining of the grant process with MDNR, the funding formula, new sources of revenue from utility landfills, and the creation of a post closure landfill fund. SWAB will discuss/vote on forming a committee during their November meeting that will be charged with reviewing State statues and MDNR rules.

Mr. Cauthon asked if MDNR still has a lobbyist sitting in on these meetings? Ms. Henry responded that the lobbyist for the waste industry was present. Mr. Cauthon was curious if they had a response to this idea. There was not. Mr. Rehard stated the only piece they are interested in is the idea of a pot of money being available to manage costs of post closure of landfills.

Mr. Yonke feels the legislation should keep the piece that 40% based upon having a landfill or else they won't have anyone willing to have a landfill in their area. This is an incentive for an area to agree to have one. Mr. Cauthon added it's also good for business such as a county that has a landfill is allowed to attach a fee for economic development.

Ms. Henry feels Region N's point (Branson) is that they do not have a landfill and serve five counties. This region is heavily populated

due to tourist towns like Branson. The region generates a lot of waste, yet goes to a landfill in another area. Mr. Yonke understands that may be the case, but they don't have to deal with the waste. They are wanting to restructure the fees so they receive more money, but yet their waste is being handled by another region. This is another point toward why the 40% is in place. If Region N would like a bigger piece of the pie, they should consider housing a landfill.

Mr. Yonke stated with 60% of the funding being based on population, for a lot of the smaller districts, they meet the requirement that allows them to be minimally funded with \$95,000. A suggestion (which Region N also thought of) is that maybe the districts that have a larger pool of money would be willing to donate funds to the smaller, less populated regions.

Mr. Rehard stated at some point in the legislative process, the board may be asked for their input. He also shared there is a special planners meeting scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> here in Boone County. He plans to be in attendance.

Ms. Henry suggested that the group discuss the administrative side of the legislation. Mr. Rehard shared that part of the charge of the Solid Waste Joint Committee is that Planners provide them with an annual report and suggestions for improvement. The main focus right now for the Planners is streamlining the administrative process and possibly going back to the way it was years ago. Less oversight and paperwork from MDNR. Mr. Rehard was recalling there have been nine recommendations thus far. One being, all allocations being dispersed to the districts. This would reduce paperwork and time it took to approve and fund grants. It also would allow the money to be in our bank account drawing interest.

Republic – District Manager met with Republic management to discuss waste diversion within their service territory. Republic is looking to again address the subject of bringing curbside recycling to Holts Summit. Mr. Rehard hopes the new City Administrator will be on board and we'll see a large grant submitted for roll carts. Additionally, we may see a small grant for a drop-off container for Freeburg. He also reminded them they and/or their customers could come to us for a grant opportunities.

St. Martins – District Manager met with St. Martins staff and council to discuss waste diversion needs in their community. They were interested in sharing our program information with their schools.

#### Other Business:

America Recycles Day – America Recycles Day is November 15<sup>th</sup> and District Staff is interested in supporting any events being held in Region H that are of interest to the Board.

Mr. Rehard shared that Ms. Sapp compiled a list of small grant rounds of the past and how much the district allotted to them. He's looking at the history we've rarely come close in dispersing the entire \$50,000. If the group has any suggestions to bring in more applicants, staff was open to them. Additionally, if they would like to reduce the amount in the small round and add to the large grant pool of money, that may be a good use of money as there historically not enough money to allocate to all large submissions.

### **6. Treasurer's report and approval of bills**

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

The Checking account reconciled balance is \$1000.00

The Administrative account balance is \$193,853.15

The District Grant account balance is \$493,045.55

Reimbursements: (Boonville Daily News, \$75.00; Lisa Wright CPA, \$6,000.00; City of Columbia, \$21,774.34; River Relief, \$4,250.00)

**Mr. Yonke moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Reimbursements, and Transfer; seconded by Commissioner Hoelscher. Unanimous voice vote of approval with Ms. McCulloch abstaining.**

### **7. Authorize letter of support for M&W Hauling to develop a transfer station on a tract of land just outside the city limits of Eugene, MO.**

Mr. Rehard reminded the group they had some discussion on this subject during the October meeting. It was asked that he attempt to obtain additional information before the group made a decision. He has additional information from M&W and from MDNR regarding the statutes.

The good news is that Region H would not be held accountable for whatever decision that's made. Approval is not required, but a letter of some sort is required for M&W's application. It's up to the group whether they have no position on the transfer stating being constructed, that Region H doesn't like the idea, or reasons behind the thoughts of the idea.

Mr. Rehard stated M&W does have an engineer working on the specifications. The building is approximately 70x70 and they are working toward obtaining their construction permit. M&W doesn't feel they will need additional permitting, nor do they have any existing environmental violations. Mr. Rehard said the biggest thing for the board was what landfill M&W would use once the transfer station was built. There was no solid response from M&W, but they would be looking at all

nearby landfills and consider using Sedalia if they were cheaper than Columbia and/or Jefferson City. Overall, they appear to be moving forward with their plan to construct and have come to the board out of necessity of the application. Mr. Rehard solicited the group for any comments.

Ms. Henry stated her stance hasn't changed since last meeting to her not wanting to have the transfer station unless there's a guarantee waste will stay in Region H. Commissioner Hoelscher also stated his stance hasn't changed and doesn't have a problem with the transfer station.

Mr. Rehard felt there was a way to convey in MMSWMD's letter both opinions on the matter. He also feels that everyone can agree there is a validity in M&W wanting to expand and improve their business and their right to do so to assist their customers. He also recognizes the reasons for M&W not to take their waste out of the region due to how funding is structured.

Mr. Cauthon asked if M&W has route trucks currently in Eugene and make trips to Columbia? Commissioner Hoelscher responded that the company is based in Eugene. They have collection routes throughout Cole County (and other counties) and haul waste loads to wherever; Columbia, Jefferson City, etc. They also have clientele in Callaway, Montieau and Miller. Mr. Rehard thinks they may have clients in Boone as well.

Commissioner Hoelscher feels if the district pushes too much, Region H could lose what waste they're currently receiving from Miller County. That waste along with regional waste may be diverted to Sedalia. He feels the group should encourage, not discourage M&W.

Ms. Henry wanted to confirm that the group didn't have to approve or deny, that they could take a neutral stance. Mr. Rehard responded, yes. The board has to review and comment on the application and permit.

Mr. Cauthon stated that if M&W has individual route trucks driving 130 miles a day at the end of the route, building a transfer station will save them on fuel and wear on their equipment. Mr. Yonke agrees them wanting to hold the waste to have enough to justify one large haul, makes sense.

After further conversation, it was decided a neutral letter will be written recognizing it does improve solid waste collection in our Region but there is an inherent concern about where the waste will be taken and disposed of. It's hoped it will remain in Region H.

**Commissioner Hoelscher moved to approve a neutral letter with comments being written and sent to M&W; seconded by Mr. Yonke. Unanimous voice vote of approval.**

#### **8. Other Business**

None.

#### **9. Adjourn**

**Mr. Yonke moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Cauthon. Unanimous voice vote of approval.**

**The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jessica Sapp  
Secretary, MMSWMD

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Lauren Henry  
Chairman, MMSWMD Executive Board

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Lelande Rehard  
MMSWMD Manager