

**APPROVED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
HAMILTON COUNTY RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
POLICY COMMITTEE  
May 25, 2016  
(Rescheduled from May 19, 2016)**

**DATE:** May 25, 2016

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services  
250 William Howard Taft Road - First Floor  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

**PRESENT:** **Policy Committee Members**

Elizabeth Bruggeman, General Interest Member  
Tim Ingram, Hamilton County Public Health Representative  
Jeff Luehrmann, Generator Representative  
Sue Magness, Largest Municipality Representative  
Sophie Manaster, Student Representative  
Todd Portune, County Commissioner, Chair  
Larry Riddle, Ex-Officio Member  
Tom Turchiano, Public Member

**Staff**

Michelle Balz, Assistant Solid Waste Manager  
Holly Christmann, Director  
Ali Khodadad, Operations Manager  
Joy Landry, Public Relations Specialist  
Jenny Lohmann, Program Specialist  
Brad Miller, Assistant Director  
Cher Mohring, Program Specialist  
Susan Schumacher, Assistant Solid Waste Specialist, Clerk  
Catherine Walsh, Business Outreach Coordinator

**Others in Attendance**

Chuck DeJonckheere, Hamilton County Public Health  
Dean Ferrier, Rumpke

**ABSENT:** **Policy Committee Members**

No Township Representative Appointed.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Manaster called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**2. CLERK'S REPORT**

**A. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting**

Mr. Portune asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes as drafted and circulated. Hearing none, entertained a motion to approve the March 17, 2016 minutes as drafted. Mr. Ingram moved approval; Ms. Bruggeman seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**B. Additions to the Agenda**

Ms. Christmann stated that there are no additions but had an announcement. Last year, staff spent a lot of time working with Colerain, Springfield, and Ross Townships to contract out for waste collection and curbside recycling. This program kicked off on April 1, 2016. Ms. Christmann stated that just in the first month, Colerain had a 180% increase in the tons recycled, Springfield had a 128% increase in tons recycled,

and Ross had a 196% increase in tons recycled. This shows what happens when everyone in the community is given access to recycling. Ms. Christmann stated that Ms. Balz did a ton of work on this project; Mr. Ferrier was a big part of this, and of course Colerain, Springfield, and Ross Township's administration and trustees.

The Committee congratulated staff on a job well done.

**3. DISTRICT REVENUE UPDATES/ANALYSIS**

Ms. Christmann stated that Attachment B showed revenue through March 2016 compared to March 2015 and it has increased slightly by about \$130,000. As discussed in previous meetings, staff is anticipating additional revenue this year due to some out-of-district waste coming back to Rumpke. Revenue is being projected at about \$2.5 million for 2016 compared to \$2.1 – \$2.2 million in previous years.

The Committee discussed sewage sludge disposed at Rumpke Sanitary Landfill.

Mr. Portune entertained a motion to approve the revenue report. Ms. Magness moved; Mr. Turchiano seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**4. POLICY ITEMS**

**A. Solid Waste Management Plan – Review of Chapters 1 – 6**

Ms. Christmann stated that this was the first time that District staff was not using a consultant to assist in updating the Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Ingram stated that this was worth noting. Mr. Portune asked what the approximate savings was. Ms. Christmann stated that it was roughly \$120,000.

Ms. Christmann complimented District staff on all of their hard work in coming this far in the Plan Update. Ms. Christmann also stated that it was pretty rare for a solid waste district of Hamilton County's size not to have a consultant.

Ms. Christmann gave a PowerPoint summary of Chapters 1 – 6 which can be seen here:

[http://hamiltoncountyrecycles.org/uploads/pdfs/WhoWeAre/Chapter1-6\\_Presentation.pdf](http://hamiltoncountyrecycles.org/uploads/pdfs/WhoWeAre/Chapter1-6_Presentation.pdf)

A very brief question/answer session ensued.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Metropolitan Sewer District and anaerobic digestion ending with Ms. Christmann, Mr. Aluotto, and Mr. Portune setting up a meeting to discuss further language that could be including in the Plan Update.

**B. 2017 District Priority Grant**

Mr. Portune stated that staff is recommending the 2017 District Priority Grant address issues of: public recycling, food rescue or donation, waste reduction and reuse and asked if there were any questions or comments. Ms. Bruggeman stated that she knows that the District has given generously to schools in the past and asked if waste reduction in schools was included. Ms. Christmann stated that schools are eligible and this is the last year for the priority grant.

Mr. Portune stated that unless there are further questions, he will entertain a motion to approve the 2017 District Priority Grant recommendations as presented. Mr. Turchiano moved; Ms. Bruggeman seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**C. Student Representative**

Mr. Portune stated that we all know that the Committee's student representative is a one year, non-voting position. Every year, the Committee learns a lot and benefits from the student representative's contributions and new suggestions have been implemented.

Mr. Portune stated that staff recommends that the Committee approve Lily to serve as the student rep and forward that recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for action and concurs with the recommendation.

Mr. Portune stated that he would entertain a motion to approve. Mr. Ingram moved; Ms. Magness seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Mr. Portune asked Ms. Manaster if she was willing, if Ms. Witte wanted, to reach out to her for questions? Ms. Manaster stated yes. Ms. Christmann stated that she would pass Ms. Witte's information on to Ms. Manaster.

Mr. Portune stated that all in favor of passing along the recommendation by the Recycling and Solid Waste Management District Policy Board to the Board of County Commissioners that Lillian Witte serve as the student representative please indicate by saying Aye. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

## 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### A. 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Results

The Committee accepted this as presented.

### B. Program Trends

Ms. Christmann stated that this was requested at the last meeting and asked that everyone take time to look at it as it is very impressive as to what everyone at the District has done over the last several years.

Mr. Portune stated that he was delighted that staff put this together and thanked staff.

Mr. Portune stated that the District had a great team. Ms. Christmann stated that staff was awesome.

## 6. TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items at this time.

## 7. POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Manaster thanked everyone for having her on the Committee. It has been really interesting seeing how the environmental issues and the government issues collide and it has been really eye opening. Ms. Manaster stated that Ms. Witte should be really excited because it has been a great experience.

Ms. Manaster thanked the Committee. Mr. Portune stated that it has been exciting having her and that she has been great. Mr. Portune thanked Ms. Manaster.

Ms. Christmann stated that Ms. Manaster has a great future ahead of her.

Mr. Portune stated that the Committee has been thrilled to have her on the Committee and read her certificate of appreciation before handing it to her which read:

*On behalf of the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District Policy Committee, Director and Staff, we want to thank you for your service as the student representative this past year. We congratulate you and of course, we wish you a very bright and prosperous future.*

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**9. UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS**

The next Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste Policy Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2016. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services located at 250 William Howard Taft Road - First Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 3:04 p.m.