

SVSWMA Board Meeting Minutes February 13, 2019

Board Members Present:

Teresa Sweeney, Sheldon Cash, Jenny Johnson, Sandy Warner, Joe Benedetto, Brandon King, Mike Martin

Board Members Absent:

Robert Waschler, Vicki Esposito

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cash reported the financials as of February 13, 2019, as \$26,228.23 in the checking account and \$25,148.37 in the cd. Mr. Benedetto moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Cash also reported that the 2019 budget had not yet been finalized. He also reported that although the Association's tax exempt status is valid in Tennessee, it is not applicable to all items sold.

March 13, 2019, Quarterly Meeting

The tour of the Royal Oak Farm composting facility in Bedford County has been set. Lunch will be catered by Liberty Station at a Bedford County building. Ms. Sweeney brought to the Board a request to include VRA members at the Royal Oak Farm tour. She informed the Board that VRA members would pay for their own lunch and VRA will be responsible for issuing CEUs to their members. Ms. Johnson made the motion to include VRA members in the SVSWMA Quarterly Meeting tour of the Royal Oak Farm facility at no cost to SVSWMA members, seconded by Mr. King, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting with Julie Phillips of NRV Regional Commission

Ms. Sweeney reported she met with Julie Phillips since our last meeting.

- Updated Membership List: Ms. Phillips told her that she was not receiving updated membership lists from Ms. Esposito so she had not replaced her membership list. Ms. Sweeney reported to the Board that she believed Ms. Phillips now has the correct membership list from Ms. Esposito.
- PalPal Account: Ms. Sweeney requested that Ms. Phillips transfer the funds in the PayPal account to our checking account on a monthly basis.
- Website Facelift: Ms. Phillips said they had staff who could modernize our webpage; however, SVSWMA would need to provide examples of websites that we prefer. The Board discussed that our Home Page is the most widely used page. It shows the vendors, save the date announcements, and hosts registration for events. The Board decided a facelift was not a high priority for 2019.

New Business:

Reissuance of CEU Certificates

The Board discussed that the fee SVSWMA pays NRVRC for administrative assistance allows Ms. Phillips to spend a few hours per month on our business. Re-issuing CEU certificates that were previously sent to correct email addresses is not included in our contract. The Board discussed establishing a fee of \$100 per requested certificate to be paid by the member requesting NRVRC to re-issue a certificate before the certificate is released. Ms. Sweeney will discuss the process with Ms. Phillips and report back to the Board.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Ms. Sweeney reported that the Committee will call members who have not yet paid 2019 dues. The Committee has established a goal of increasing membership by 5% in 2019.

Board Nominating Committee

The Board discussed getting people involved now on a Board or Conference committee.

Education Committee

Mr. King reported that any changes that need to be made to the Scholarship Application will be completed and posted on the webpage before the March quarterly meeting. The applications will be due on May 1, 2019. Ms. Sweeney reported that she had submitted a letter to Waste Industries requesting a donation for the Scholarship grant.

Legislative Committee

Ms. Johnson reported there were a number of bills introduced in the General Assembly this year affecting the waste industry.

Two bills concerning closure coal combustion residuals (CCR) impoundments are on the Governor's desk for signature. They require the CCR to be excavated from the ponds. A percentage of the CCR must be recycled for an encapsulated beneficial reuse. The remaining may be disposed of in a Subtitle D landfill.

SB 1355 CCR impoundment closure; requires analysis of costs and benefits of various options
HB 2786 CCR unit closure

The remaining bills were left in committee or were defeated.

HB1880 Change process for environmental board appointments
HB 2095 Local prohibition on single use plastic and expanded polystyrene products, local plastic bag tax
HB 2102 DPOR Deregulation of landfill operator license
HB 2105 Require closure of CCR impoundments; disposal or recycling
HB 2159 Creates Plastic Pollution Prevention Advisory Council

HB 2330 Creates Environmental Justice Advisory Council
HB 2391 Landfill waste disposal fee (\$4/ton) for greenhouse gas fund
HB 2395 Hazardous Waste Site Inventory
HB 2501 Greenhouse gas emissions inventory
HB 2607 Restrict parking of large vehicles
HB 2696 Establish an Environmental Justice Advisory Council
HJ 597 Study litter impact in VA
SJ 265, HJ 620 Study reducing minimum recycling rates for MSW generated in SW planning units
SB 1009 Require closure of CCR impoundments with disposal in permitted landfills
SB 1070 Disposable paper and plastic bag tax
SB 1116 Plastic bag tax, Chesapeake Bay watershed
SB 1155 Screening of trash receptacles
SB 1305 Recycling & waste disposal unpaid fees, lien
SB 1533 Require closure of CCR impoundments; disposal or recycling
SB 1743 CCR unit closure
SB 1745 Technical Assistance Grants for DEQ permit proceedings
SB 1761 Requires approval of neighboring locality for new or expanded waste facility
SB 1762 Requires locality where a new landfill is proposed, to prepare a traffic study prior to rezoning

2019 Annual Conference

Ms. Sweeney reported that the contract with Music Row Resort in Pigeon Forge has been signed. Ms. Sweeney reiterated that the location of this year's conference was in response to requests from members to tour the Sevier Solid Waste Compost Facility, the largest mixed co-composting facility in the nation. Due to its distance from Bristol, incorporating a tour of the facility at either the annual conference or a quarterly meeting is not feasible.

The Board discussed the need for early registration this year to help with planning evening activities at the conference. The Board discussed incorporating the ability to defer payment until after July 1 for early registrants from localities with FY2019 payment restrictions. The goal is to get the agenda and registration information to members by April 1.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on March 13 after the Member Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Cash motioned to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried by unanimous voice vote.