

**RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Wednesday  
January 18, 2006  
Stafford County's Administration Center  
Conference Rooms A,B,C

Meeting Convened. The annual meeting of the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) was convened at 1:35 P.M., Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at the Stafford County Administration Center, Conference Rooms A,B,C.

Roll Call. The following members were present: Matthew J. Kelly, Vice Chairman, Peter J. Fields, Phillip L. Rodenberg, Paul V. Milde, III, and Steve Crosby. William C. Withers, Jr. was absent.

Also in attendance were: William H. Hefty, R-Board Attorney; Robert L. Hundley, Resource International, Ltd., Consulting Engineer; Anthony J. Romanello, Deputy County Administrator; Andrew J. Mikel, Landfill Superintendent; Diane L. Jones, Recycling Coordinator; Julie M. May, Analyst; and Pat Rowe, Clerk to the R-Board. James Lawrence, a citizen of Fredericksburg, was present. Brenda Gibbs, BFI, was present.

Election of Vice Chairman. Mr. Crosby motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to nominate Mr. Fields as Vice Chairman.

There were no other nominations

By voice, the vote was:

Yea:	(4)	Crosby, Kelly, Milde, Rodenberg
Nay:	(0)	
Abstain:	(1)	Fields

Mr. Fields assumed the Vice Chair.

Mr. Hefty stated that with Ms. Hilliard, the former R-Board chairman leaving the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Kelly automatically moved into the Chair position and that in June, nominations would again be held for the chair and vice-chair according to the Bylaws.

Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Rodenberg, to approve the November 16, 2005 minutes.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea:	(5)	Crosby, Fields, Milde, Kelly, Rodenberg
Nay:	(0)	

Presentations By The Public. Mr. James Lawrence, City of Fredericksburg, spoke on cardboard and styrofoam issues in the City. The Chairman stated that the Recycling Coordinator would respond to the styrofoam question during her report.

Report of the R-Board Attorney. Mr. Hefty reported on the following:

- No new litigation
- Ameresco contract
- General Assembly is in session
- \$5/ton fee in not going to be introduced this year
- A bill is being introduced in the General Assembly to give localities relief from the 25% recycling rate mandated by the state.

Report of the Consulting Engineer. Mr. Hundley reported on the following:

**Old Permit No. 74 (Old Stafford County Landfill – Post Closure)**

- The quarterly methane gas sampling event conducted in December continued to indicate gas levels within compliance limits. The next quarterly sampling event will be conducted in March.

**Permit No. 589 (Cells A/B/C/D – Active)**

- Resource participated in a conference call with the R-Board Attorney, the Solid Waste Director, the Landfill Superintendent, and representatives of Ameresco on 1/10/06 to discuss proposed modifications to the draft agreement for the landfill gas-to-energy facility.
- Resource, the R-Board Solid Waste Director and the Landfill Superintendent met with the VDEQ Part A review team at its Richmond office on 1/11/06 to discuss the review comments previously received and to outline a mutually acceptable strategy for responding to the comments.

**Fredericksburg Landfill**

- The City is coordinating with the landfill gas system contractor to pump out several underperforming landfill gas extraction wells that have been watered-in. Once the water within these wells has been pumped out, additional monitoring will be conducted to determine the restored performance of the wells and the source of the water.

Report on Finances. Mr. Romanello reported on the following:

- Landfill Aging Report
- Weight and Vehicle Records and Analysis
- Tonnage By Hauler
- Landfill Revenue
- Landfill Expenses

Mr. Romanello stated that the tonnage continues to be in the 10,000 tons per month range which is down due to the C&D moratorium. The R-Board is on target for the 140,000-150,000 tons for the current fiscal year which will be a decrease from last year if current trends continue. Mr. Romanello also stated that revenues are down but expenditures are also down and staff will continue to work on firming up the numbers.

Report of the Recycling Coordinator: Ms. Jones reported on the following:

- A special electronics collection program held at the Regional Landfill from December 26-29, 2005.
- An agreement has been signed with the Regional Jail and inmate litter pickup will begin formally on March 1, 2006.

- Mixed paper was introduced at the landfill as a recyclable product November 15<sup>th</sup> and records show 290 tons have been collected from Nov. 15 through Dec. 15.

Mr. Rodenberg asked if the R-Board could do anything about getting the King George landfill to help with cleaning up the roads in the City and the County. Mr. Hefty responded that it may be advisable to go to the King George landfill and asked them to enforce more strictly covered loads. Mr. Rodenberg asked that King George be put on notice but Mr. Hefty responded that nothing legally could be done at this time. Mr. Crosby stated that Sheriff Jett might be asked to have a presence at the landfill to ticket for uncovered loads. Mr. Fields asked about federal/state grants and Mr. Romanello responded that the R-Board staff will look at grants that would pay a deputy for overtime at the landfill site. It was the desire of the Board to have staff draft a letter to Waste Management about the King George Landfill doing more to enforce coverage of loads coming into and out of its landfill.

Mr. Fields suggested that the R-Board invite the haulers to the next meeting to discuss recycling components comprehensively.

Ms. Jones stated that mixed paper has been going very well.

Ms. Jones responded to the styrofoam question in that the City would have to set up separate collection from the cardboard because the styrofoam would contaminate the cardboard and also that styrofoam is not a desirable product for recycling.

Ms. May reported on the following:

- Staff is looking at an independent R-Board web site on the county's server, **r-board.com**.
- The Tri-County/City Soil and Water Conservation District will be applying for a grant to develop costumed characters for presentations in schools and appearances at community events. In addition to school presentations, the grant will include teachers; lesson plans and soil testing kits to raise awareness of suburban nutrient management. Storm drains on school properties and neighborhoods will be identified with "Drains to Bay" markers in the Rappahannock River watershed. Staff will be writing a letter of support and upon completion of the budget for the project, would like the R-Board to be a contributing partner.

Mr. Crosby motioned, seconded by Mr. Fields, to authorize expenditures supporting the Tri-County/City S&W Conservation District in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for its plan.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea:	(5)	Crosby, Fields, Milde, Kelly, Rodenberg
Nay:	(0)	

Ms. May was directed to bring a report back to the R-Board on this program.

Ms. May also reported on the following:

- North Stafford High School Learn & Serve students have begun collecting newspapers and plastic bottles. Two thousand pounds of newspaper has been collected over the last 5 weeks.
- Staff is working with students to write a proposal outlining the details of a pilot recycling program to run six months from January to June 2006.
- Publicity on recycling and conservation – This issue to be discussed with the haulers at the March meeting with maybe a focus on public/private partnership.
- The R-Board approved the Sheriff's Office request for permission to post a sign at the landfill to promote its "Click It or Ticket" program.

Report of the Landfill Superintendent. Mr. Mikel reported on the following:

- Paving of the scrap metal recycling area is complete and minor improvements to the regional range have continued.
- Continued work on the pistol/rifle ranges for the City and County. A pistol qualification range and a tactical pistol range have been constructed and work is being started on a 300 yard rifle range which should be completed by late summer.
- Staff has been working on a document to capture the mission, vision, etc. of the R-Board with overviews of operations, regulations, values, training, logistics, planning, and disaster relief to serve as a guide for employees as well as educating the public as to who the R-Board is.
- Proposal to operate a C&D recycling facility and potentially a composting operation is included in the R-Board package. The C&D facility would cost just under \$1,000,000 in initial investment with an annual reoccurring operating cost of \$115,000. A composting proposal is offered for consideration as a follow-on to the C&D facility with the guiding logic behind composting to keep a diversion of materials from disposal thus extending the life of the cells.

Mr. Kelly requested that the budget numbers for the C&D recycling facility be included in the proposed FY2007 proposed budget at the May meeting.

Mr. Mikel also reported on the following:

- A resident asked if the idea of a "too good to throw away" facility would be considered by the R-Board and staff feels that it has moved in that direction through partnership with Goodwill Industries. With weekend traffic and lack of space at the residential facility, it would be difficult to maintain without considerable improvements and dedicated employee to service the site.
- Mr. Mikel, on behalf of the employees, thanked the R-Board for the gift cards distributed in December.

Report of the Solid Waste Manager. Mr. Romanello reported on the following:

- The agreement with Ameresco should be executed before the March meeting.
- Staff met with VDEQ Central Office concerning application for Part A Permit. Significant issues remain with DEQ before the application can be finalized.

- Staff was asked at the last meeting to report back on the 5-year forecast and a reserve amount. He recommended that the R-Board set a minimum undesignated reserve at \$1,000,000. This figure is based upon a \$500,000 operating reserve (equivalent to 10% of the annual budget) and a \$500,000 capital reserve sufficient to cover an unanticipated major equipment failure.
- Rather than declare a dividend, staff recommends that the R-Board direct staff to pursue a C&D debris recycling facility and a composting facility at the regional landfill which would have significant environmental benefits and further our efforts to maximize diversion from the landfill.
- Authorization will be requested in March to hire personnel for the Belman Road site in order to have sufficient time for hiring and training purposes.

Mr. Rodenberg left at 2:43 P.M.

Mr. Crosby motioned, seconded by Mr. Fields, to authorize public hearings for the Part B Permit for Cell E and Part A Permit for the expansion if required by VDEQ.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Crosby, Fields, Milde, Kelly  
Nay: (0)

Future Session. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, 1:30 P.M., Stafford County Administration Center, Conference Rooms A,B,C.

Adjournment. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:56 P.M.

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Matthew J. Kelly, Chairman

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Peter J. Fields, Vice Chairman

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Patricia S. Rowe, Clerk