

**RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Wednesday  
January 16, 2008  
Stafford County's Administration Center  
Board Chambers

Meeting Convened. An annual meeting of the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) was convened at 1:40 PM., Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at the Stafford County Administration Center, Board Chambers.

Roll Call. The following members were present: Marvin J. Dixon, Chairman; Paul V. Milde, III, Vice Chairman; Harry E. Crisp; Phillip L. Rodenberg; and Anthony J. Romanello. Matthew J. Kelly was absent.

Also in attendance were: William H. Hefty, Esq., R-Board Attorney; Robert L. Hundley, Resource International, Ltd., Consulting Engineer; Andrew J. Mikel, Superintendent of Solid Waste; Julie M. May, Analyst; Diane L. Jones, Recycling Coordinator; and Patricia S. Rowe, Clerk.

Others in attendance were Brenda Gibbs, Allied Waste; Glenn A. Trimmer and D. P. Newton, Friends of Stafford Civil War Sites; Kerry Schamel-Gonzalez, Dovetail Cultural Resource Group I, Inc.; M. C. Moncure, Economic Development; Timothy J. Baroody, Deputy County Administrator; Arch DePeppi, Planning Commission; Barbara Kirby, Citizen; James Lawrence, Citizen, City of Fredericksburg.

Chairman Dixon introduced new members Harry E. Crisp, George Washington District, Stafford County Board of Supervisor; and Anthony Romanello, Stafford County Administrator.

Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Rodenberg, to approve the November 21, 2007 minutes. By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (5) Crisp, Dixon, Milde, Rodenberg, Romanello  
Nay: (0)

Presentations By The Public. Mr. Lawrence, citizen of the City, spoke about the collection of florescent light bulbs in the City; cardboard recycling appears to be going well and working with the City Beautification Commission on packing peanuts. On the florescent light bulb issue, Mr. Mikel responded that VDEQ has different requirements for homeowners and commercial and the commercial vendor is referred to the R-Board contractors and the vendor can conduct business with the contractor on its own.

Report of the R-Board Attorney. Mr. Hefty reported that there is no litigation against the R-Board at this time. One bill before the General Assembly is if litter is thrown from a vehicle, the judge can convict and the driver can lose his license for 30 days.

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

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

- Resource conducted the most recent quarterly landfill gas sampling event on December 6. All readings were within compliance levels. The next gas sampling event will be in March.

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

- Resource received in December a response from the VDEQ regarding our Phase 2 Expansion Area part A Permit technical review submittal. Resource is preparing a follow-up submittal to respond to the recent VDEQ comments which will be submitted within the month. Once the Phase I Archeological Report is made final, it will be forwarded to them as well.
- Resource is coordinating with the County Planning staff for final approval of the minor site plan for the Ameresco landfill gas to energy facility. Ameresco is planning to advertise a bid package in January for the field work required to assemble the components.

**Fredericksburg Landfill**

- The fourth quarter gas monitoring readings for the landfill indicated all levels within compliance limits.

Mr. Crisp asked about the power line construction for Ameresco. Mr. Hundley stated that Ameresco is working directly with Dominion Virginia Power on the power line work and Dominion is bringing 3-phase power along Eskimo Hill Road. Mr. Hundley will ask Ameresco how the power line work is going. Mr. Mikel reported that Dominion is using existing poles in place and replacing single phase with 3-phase and new transformers. No additional power lines will be placed. Mr. Dixon asked that Mr. Hundley get an answer from Ameresco and report to the R-Board before the next meeting. Mr. Romanello stated that Ameresco has been in contact with Dominion Power since the project was started 2 years ago.

**Report on Finances:** Mr. Mikel reported on the following:

- Landfill Aging Report
- Weight and Material Analysis Report
- Landfill Revenue
- Landfill Expenses

Mr. Mikel stated Quick Disposal Services (QDS) was over 90 days and a letter of demand was sent to them and they have agreed to a payment plan. Mr. Hefty stated that the account was in arrears to about \$46,000 and the owner has indicated that he is going to start paying with an initial payment of \$5000 by Feb. 1 and \$3000 per month for next couple of months until his business picks up then a more aggressive schedule will be put forth. Mr. Hefty also stated that QDS also wants to use the landfill again and and pay cash until they are caught up. Mr. Hefty recommended that if QDS makes the payment of \$5000 by Feb. 1 that it is allowed to use the landfill on a daily basis paying daily.

Mr. Romanello motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to give Mr. Hefty and Mr. Mikel the general authority to handle past due accounts as they see fit.

Yea: (5) Crisp, Dixon, Milde, Rodenberg, Romanello  
Nay: (0)

Mr. Hefty stated that at the last meeting it was brought forth about having principals sign the credit agreement. It needs to be more flexible as larger companies would have a problem as principals may be unavailable locally. Mr. Hefty stated that Mr. Mikel, particularly w/new accounts, request a principal to sign and that he could use his discretion in deciding when to

waive that policy administratively but at least it would be the policy to get a personal guarantee on all credit accounts. Mr. Mikel stated that in 90% of the R-Board customers, the principal has signed the account. Mr. Hefty will provide language for personal guarantee for Mr. Mikel to incorporate in the application for the haulers.

Mr. Mikel noted that non-billable tonnage has gone down which is a benefit to the R-Board. Mr. Rodenberg asked that staff, at a future meeting, give a briefing on how the recycling stream comes in and how it is separated out to appreciate how the work is done. The city's perspective is that this is very labor intensive to separate and what is the possibility of going to a single stream with everything being separated later by the R-Board. Mr. Mikel responded by saying that staff has looked into single stream but markets were new so it went to double stream. Currently the recycling building is being reconfigured in the hope that the Board may get into the single stream market but staff will come back at the March meeting with more specific information on the subject.

Mr. Dixon acknowledged Julie May on her recent presentation to the Sierra Club reported in the FLS on recycling efforts and how well Stafford and the City are doing compared to the Commonwealth. Mr. Dixon also thanked the staff as the Board is very proud of the recycling and reuse efforts of the City and the County in an extraordinary job exceeding expectations.

#### **Report of Staff:**

Mr. Mikel reported that staff has contacted landfills in the area regarding how they handle delinquent accounts and possible opportunities to network regarding these accounts. Landfills contacted were Fauquier, Potomac, Prince William, Spotsylvania, and King George. Neither facility was willing to limit customer access based on being delinquent at our facility. In Prince William County, Fauquier, and Spotsylvania, waste checks are in place to ensure no out of county trash is received.

What is in place, other landfills can be notified so that they are aware that a hauler does have Stafford trash and nowhere to dump it which would restrict their access to other landfills.

Dovetail has completed the Phase II report for the historical portion of the property and just recently completed the Phase I expansion area for our Part A permit application. Dovetail found an 18<sup>th</sup> century home site and a possible 19<sup>th</sup> century mill site as well as "Fort #3". VADEQ will receive the Phase I report once it has been reviewed by staff which will refer the report to the Department of Historical Resource who will come back with an action plan on how it wants the R-Board to handle that aspect.

Staff did conduct a tour with the Civil War Trust Trails and National Park Service. Tim Baroody and M.C. Moncure were present and based on that tour there was some excitement on the finds.

Mr. Dixon stated to the public that adjacent to the landfill is an expansion area and adjacent to the expansion area is some land that historical sites have been found. There has been Phase I and Phase II studies conducted by Dovetail Resources and excavated sites to determine that there is a home site, colonial quarry, civil war forts and trenches, and civil war artifacts have been pulled

from the area that are being looked at to salvage and save. There are some historical sites that the R-Board is seeking to save and perhaps not move into as the area is expanded.

Mr. Hundley presented a map showing where Fort #3 is located in conjunction with the expansion area and the proposed grading plan.

Mr. Romanello stated for clarity a Phase I archeological study has been done on the Phase II of the expansion area and also a Phase I and Phase II archeological study has been done on the rest of the historical components which are outside of the landfill expansion area. Phase II was only on a portion. This portion of the landfill would be somewhere in the 3-5 acre range. Staff is looking for guidance on how to proceed relative to the fort. Discussion ensued.

Staff recommends that the historical area be disassociated from landfill operations. That would allow the landfill to move forward with the Part A permitting and at the same time preserve the historical area. Staff further recommends that the R-Board give Stafford County the lead as far as moving forward with the project in discussions with the Civil War Trust and the R-Board would still be involved by taking a supportive role.

Mr. Romanello stated that this recommendation would allow the landfill to move forward with its operations as well as protecting these historical resources. It would be for the R-Board to recommend to the City Council and Board of Supervisors to cut off the one section and deed it to Stafford County. Mr. Milde stated that he would like to leave open the option of working together with the City on this. Mr. Dixon asked staff to bring something back to the Board in March in the form of a recommendation to start the specific dialog that will be needed. Mr. Romanello recommended that all interested parties meet for a brainstorming session sometime between now and the March meeting to position the site as a park leaning toward keeping Fort #3.

Staff has begun composting under a recently issued demonstration permit from the Department of Health.

Staff is required once a year to brief the R-Board on the E-3 status which was attained as of September, 2007, putting the R-Board in the top four landfills in Virginia. The E-4 certification, the highest in the state, is currently in process. It requires an external auditor review on the R-Board procedures.

Ms. Jones handed out a report on the roads going to the landfill that have been cleaned. The Adult Probation Program is on line for Stafford but she wanted to assure the City that if it starts receiving probation workers, the R-Board will support that. This program is being run by the George Washington Regional Commission.

Mr. Milde stated that the Board would be relying on staff to put forth ideas on how to disassociate not only the property itself but the responsibility for the development of the property which is going to take time. Mr. Milde asked what the next step would be as far as developing the property into a tourist type attraction. Mr. Romanello stated that a conceptual discussion would be first, then an engineer, landscape architect, and archeologist would lay it out and he

proposed that the meeting should be in the next month. Mr. Dixon stated that there would be a Board discussion at the March meeting. Mr. Mikel stated that since Part A is not approved yet,

the line will be redrawn and submitted to VDEQ. Mr. Trimmer asked that there be a sufficient buffer allowed when the plans are redrawn.

**New Business:**

Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Crisp, to approve proposed Resolution RB08-01.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea:	(5)	Crisp, Dixon, Milde, Rodenberg, Romanello
Nay:	(0)	

**Resolution RB08-01 reads as follows:**

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY2008 BUDGET TO  
CARRY OVER INCOMPLETE COMMITMENTS FROM FY2007

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) in FY07 executed a commitment for a conveyor that was received in November , 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2008, that the FY2008 Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows to reflect an appropriation from the FY2007 Fund Balance:

Total Amount of Commitments:	
Capital Outlay – Machinery & Equipment	\$214,632.00
TOTAL	\$214,632.00

Future Session: The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at the Stafford Government Center, at 1:30 P.M.

Adjournment. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:37 P.M.

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Marvin J. Dixon, Chairman

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Paul V. Milde, III, Vice Chairman

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Patricia S. Rowe, Clerk

