

**RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Wednesday

July 19, 2006

Stafford County's Administration Center

Conference Rooms A,B,C

Meeting Convened. A regular meeting of the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) was convened at 1:37 P.M., Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at the Stafford County Administration Center, Conference Rooms A,B,C.

Roll Call. The following members were present: Matthew J. Kelly, Chairman; Steve Crosby, Marvin A. Dixon, and Paul V. Milde, III. Phillip L. Rodenberg and Peter J. Fields, Vice Chairman, were 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 Patricia S. Rowe, Clerk to the R-Board.

Others in attendance were James Lawrence, citizen of Fredericksburg, VA; Brenda Gibbs, BFI; Shelly Cohen, Ameresco; George Hall and Jeff Males, Hartwood Disposal.

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

There were no other nominations

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Crosby, Dixon, Kelly, Milde

Nay: (0)

Mr. Crosby motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to nominate Mr. Dixon as Vice Chairman.

There were no other nominations.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Crosby, Dixon, Kelly, Milde

Nay: (0)

Mr. Kelly stated that on behalf of the R-Board he wanted to congratulate Mr. Fields on the Chairmanship and Mr. Dixon on Vice Chairmanship and as Mr. Fields is absent, the meeting was turned over to the vice chair. Mr. Crosby stated for the record that Mr. Fields did have a family emergency.

Mr. Dixon assumed the Chair.

Presentations By The Public.

Mr. James Lawrence of the City stated that he was sorry David King was not at the meeting as he was upset that styrofoam was not recycled in any way. He also stated that he noticed that the Rappahannock Jail inmates were working along the river banks.

Ms. Shelly Cohen with Ameresco introduced herself and thanked the R-Board for working in partnership with the gas utilization project. She is available to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Kelly motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to approve the May 17, 2006 minutes.

By voice, the vote was:

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

Report of the R-Board Attorney. Mr. Hefty introduced himself to Mr. Dixon and reported that he had nothing to report at this time.

Report of the Consulting Engineer. Mr. Hundley introduced himself to Mr. Dixon and reported on the following:

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

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

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

- The VDEQ approved the R-Board's Solid Waste Management Plan on June 28, 2006.
- The VDEQ Northern Virginia Regional Office has advertised the public comment period for Cell E, and the public hearing is scheduled for September. If the cell is required for use prior to that date, the VDEQ will issue a temporary authorization.
- Resource and the R-Board staff met with Ameresco personnel in late June for a project initiation meeting to begin the work required to permit and construct the gas to electricity project at the landfill.

Fredericksburg Landfill

- The flare experienced some malfunctions and repair downtime in June and the monthly readings reflected the problems indicating levels outside of regulatory compliance. A second set of readings was taken once the flare was operational again, and the readings had fallen, but still not enough to be below the permitted maximum. VDEQ is reviewing the reports to determine the next steps.

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

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

Mr. Romanello reported that in FY06 the R-Board spent about \$3.7 million for landfill and recycling operations and revenue was a little over \$3.4 million so the fund balance was affected. Revenues were considerably lower than budgeted because of the moratorium on C&D and on the expense side because of the closure of Cell C has been delayed. On the whole, about \$300,000 was taken from the fund balance. The cash balance continues to be very solid. Mr. Romanello introduced the staff to Mr. Dixon.

Mr. Rodenberg arrived at 1:47 PM.

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

- Results of Rappahannock Regional Jail program
- Electronics collection days are scheduled for August 17-19
- Goodwill continues to go very well.
- Visitation of two potential processors to look at paper processing for the new RFP and potentially going to a single stream
- Mixed paper is going very well with a 40% increase monthly

Mr. Dixon congratulated Ms. Jones, Mr. Mikel and staff on achieving the 30.7% recycling rate.

Ms. May reported on the following:

- Landfill Gas to Energy – Plans are under consideration for a groundbreaking ceremony this fall and a ribbon cutting when the facility is online. Mr. Crosby suggested a tour for all new Board of Supervisors and City Council members before or after the groundbreaking ceremony.
- Belman Road Recycling Center – Staff has welcomed citizens to the new recycling center and plans to continue to meet and greet each week while the site is still new.
- Litter Signage – Staff contacted VDOT to request the installation of additional “Litter is Illegal” signs but VDOT has determined that these signs are not cost effective as they often attract more litter and it is not planning to install any additional signs. Mr. Dixon Tasked staff to bring back at the next meeting whether a sign can be placed in the right-of-way or if a permit from the county is needed.
- Billboards – Staff met with ClearChannel Outdoor for identification of several billboards within the City limits. Rental fees are negotiable, but are estimated to be about \$6000 for a three-month contract.
- Sheriff’s Office Electronic Sign – The Stafford Sheriff’s Office placed an electronic sign at the entrance to the public use area of the Regional Landfill with a “Secure Your Load” message.
- Event Recycling – Friends of the Rappahannock have requested the R-Board provide recycling bins for their largest fundraising event, Riverfest on September 16. More recycling bins need to be constructed and a high school group is interested in doing this. Approximate cost is \$30 each.

Mr. Rodenberg has requested that the R-Board 101 presentation be scheduled for the City Council with a few items stressed in addition to the main work that is done; the Ameresco project, roadside cleanup, roadside enforcement and the Belman Road site. Mr. Romanello

stated that staff was prepared to show a presentation to the R-Board but Mr. Dixon stated that it was not a

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good time as some of the board members had another meeting immediately after the R-Board meeting.

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

- The R-Board has become involved with several community projects recently which include the regional law enforcement training facility, clean-up of the Counting House off River Road, assisting the Fire Marshal with the destruction of illegal fireworks, and assisting with the Aquia Landing clean-up for the arrival of the Godspeed. Mr. Mikel extended kudos to the staff for helping a county employee who desperately needed some furniture and staff pulled useable items as they came in. Staff has also been involved with spotting illegal dumping on Leeland Road.
- Belman Road Recycling Center – Numerous kudos have been received concerning the new hours and the additional recycling options now available in Fredericksburg. Mr. Romanello stated that a press release concerning the new hours and availability to Stafford residents will go out after August 1st.
- CDD Recycling – Due to the delay of Cell E, CDD will be on a temporary hold. Staff will still remove what it can from the waste stream, and 20 yard boxes for sorting CDD will be available for the residents. No concerns or complaints have been received over the minimum charge for large loads of residential CDD.
- Advertising – Staff has discussed informally to use the fencing facing the residential convenience center for some type of advertising. Discussions included outright selling space, offering space as incentives for recycling, etc. Mr. Kelly stated that staff might want to study that request more and bring a proposal back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Rodenberg congratulated staff on the opening of Belman Road and to keep notes on how the facility is being received for the next couple of months and that the citizens seem to like the Saturday hours a lot. Mr. Kelly stated that he has spent some time at the Belman Road facility and that the crew is doing an excellent job.

Mr. Hefty stated he has received a Memo of Understanding with the R-Board to operate the Belman Road facility taking effect July 1 and he would like to put it on the agenda for September.

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

- Sludge – As requested by the R-Board, Bob Bos, Stafford Utilities Director, met with his counterparts in Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg and the consensus was that a regional biosolids drying facility is not feasible at this time because of the cost to transport the biosolids to a regional facility, the energy intensive nature of a biosolids drying facility and the total operating cost of a biosolids drying facility compared to other options which are currently available. Mr. Romanello also stated that Mr. Mikel has been working with Stafford utilities to divert some of the additional amounts of sludge for land use application affecting the operations at the landfill and now only one of the sewage treatment plants sludge is coming to the landfill.

- Cell E Permit – The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has scheduled a public hearing for September 7, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the Stafford County Government Center. The first advertisement for the hearing will run in

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the Free-Lance Star on July 21st. The hearing is required prior to issuance of a final permit for use of the new cell. DEQ indicates they will indicate that they will issue a provisional permit to allow use of Cell E prior to the public hearing. Final permit should be in October or November.

Mr. Crosby motioned, seconded by Mr. Rodenberg, to adopt proposed Resolution RB06-12.

By voice, the vote was:

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

Resolution RB06-12 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BID AND PURCHASE OF
 A ROLL-OFF TRUCK

WHEREAS, in the FY2007 budget, funds were allocated to purchase a new roll-off truck; and

WHEREAS, operations have expanded to include the Belman Road recycling center; and

WHEREAS, a new roll-off vehicle is desired to accommodate the new expanded operations as well as serve as a backup vehicle in the case of repairs/accidents;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 19th day of July, 2006, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to start the bid process, award and purchase a new roll-off vehicle not to exceed the budgeted amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000).

Mr. Milde stated that after talking with D. P. Newton, a local civil war expert, apparently there are 4-5 civil war sites on the landfill property. Mr. Crosby suggested that staff identify the sites and take some measure of clearly identifying by some means of demarcation to assure the public that future landfill expansion will not encroach on these sites. Mr. Mikel stated that a study has already been completed and the landfill expansion will not include the parcel of land where the civil war sites are located and it is staff's intention to fence the area off. Mr. Dixon stated that staff comes back to the Board with a proposal for the Board to make some determination on the subject. Mr. Hefty stated that the Board of Supervisors and City Council would have to approve any type of right of way to the site.

Future Session: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, 1:30 P.M., Stafford County Administration Center, Conference Rooms A,B,C.

Adjournment.

Mr. Kelly motioned, seconded by Mr. Crosby to adjourn the meeting.

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By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (5) Crosby, Dixon, Kelly, Milde, Rodenberg

Nay: (0)

The Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:25 P.M.

Peter J. Fields, Chairman

Marvin A. Dixon, Vice Chairman

Patricia S. Rowe, Clerk