

**RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Wednesday

May 17, 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 1:38 P.M., Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at the Stafford County Administration Center, Conference Rooms A,B,C.

Roll Call. The following members were present: Matthew J. Kelly, Chairman; Phillip L. Rodenberg, Paul V. Milde, III, and William C. Withers, Jr. Peter J. Fields, Vice Chairman and. Steve Crosby reported 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, Fredericksburg, VA; Brenda Gibbs and Max Johns, BFI.

Presentations By The Public.

Mr. James Lawrence of the City stated that he was informed that Styrofoam was not a desirable recyclable because of its weight and asked if the plastic windows in envelopes were acceptable in the paper collection. He also asked if David King, City Public Works, was still a member of the R-Board. Ms. Jones responded that if someone wants to take the time to remove the plastic window that is great but the company that takes the junk mail does allow for a percentage of prohibitives. Mr. Hefty responded that Mr. King was never a member of the R-Board and that membership consisted of the City Manager, two members of City Council and the County Administrator and two County Supervisors. He stated that Mr. King sometimes attends as staff.

Mr. Withers motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to approve the March 15, 2006 minutes.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Kelly, Milde, Rodenberg, Withers

Nay: (0)

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

- The Ameresco agreement has been signed and they are in the process of getting permits.

Mr. Kelley requested that a press release be done for this unique project for the area. Mr. Romanello stated that a ground breaking could be set up when the press release is sent out. Mr. Hefty stated that the permit process should be completed in 30-45 days.

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

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

- The VDEQ Northern Regional Office reviewer has indicated that the permit amendment for Cell E is ready for public comment and should be advertised by the end of the month.
- Resource Engineers and Otto Richter from the R-Board staff recently attended a CDD recycling demonstration at the Potomac Landfill in Dumfries. The operation is similar to what is proposed for implementation at the R-Board landfill.

Fredericksburg Landfill

- Based upon the three consecutive weeks of gas monitoring within compliance levels in March, Resource has moved to monthly monitoring at the landfill. The first month's monitoring was within compliance levels.
- The City's grading contractor, A Ace Hauling, is continuing to make progress with the erosion and sediment control corrective actions, drainage improvements, and access road improvements.
- The gas system contractor and the City have recently conducted remedial activities at several extraction wells to remove silt and liquids that has been keeping those wells from operating effectively.

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

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

Mr. Romanello stated that he estimates actual revenues will exceed actual expenses, slightly as of June 30th. He also stated that significant differences from what was budgeted in FY06 on the revenue side was because there was a C&D moratorium and on the expense side because of the closure of Cell C & D moving to the FY2007 which creates an expenditure savings for FY06.

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

- The introduction of textile collection began Monday, May 1, 2006. It appears to be very well received.
- New recycling drop-off sites at the Rowser Building and Gayle Middle School.
- The Rappahannock Regional Jail inmate clean-up program started March 1, 2006.
- The state mandated recycling report for calendar year 2005 was turned in to the VDEQ and the R-Board received a letter stating a satisfactory recycling attainment rate of 30.7%.
- Collection days for household hazardous waste were held April 8, 2006 at the Belman Road facility and May 6, 2006 at Eskimo Hill site. Residents repeatedly expressed their appreciation to the R-Board for offering this program.

Ms. May reported on the following:

- The R-Board supported another successful Spring River Cleanup.
- DMV Litter Prevention Grant: Secure Your Load Workshops. After discussions with the Sheriff's Department, staff decided not to pursue this grant as monetary awards are limited to one per locality. The Sheriff's Department offered to use some of his overtime funds to assist with the R-Board educational efforts. Staff will be drafting a proposal to local waste hauling companies, insurance agencies, and retail stores for their assistance in purchasing materials for these workshops.
- Southbound on Route 1 in Stafford, staff designed and rented a billboard with the message "Last week in Stafford, \$7400 was spent on litter" until the end of May. Staff is researching the cost and possible location of a billboard in the City.
- Collapsible recycling bins for community events were constructed of plywood at this year's Earth Day celebration at Alum Spring Park. Attendees at the Earth Day event were offered the chance to paint their environmental message on the pre-cut plywood panels with paint recovered from the April Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. These will be made available to local organizations for picnics, parades, and other community events.
- Goodwill textile collection publicity began with a press release in the second week of April. Responses from that include a radio interview on WTOP and a follow-up story in the Free Lance-Star. Radio advertisements have been airing and staff has designed slides for the government TV channels and landfill staff have been handing out fliers and spreading the word about the newest program.

Mr. Milde expressed interest in having more signage on litter in the county. Mr. Romanello stated that adjustments could be made in the budget if the R-Board wants staff to be more aggressive with signage. Mr. Johns with BFI, offered his site on Belman Road as a location for placing of signs. Mr. Romanello stated that staff will put something together on signage on litter and bring back to the July meeting.

Mr. Rodenberg sent kudos to staff for obtaining a satisfactory recycling rate. He also congratulated staff on the recycling bins stating it was a creative idea. The City has several programs that can use the recycling bins. Mr. Rodenberg also asked for clarification on the color of the Goodwill bins and will they be located at the Belman Road site. Mr. Mikel responded that the bins are blue and will be located at the Belman Road site.

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

- The R-Board landfill underwent a VDEQ Waste and Storm Water Pollution Prevention inspection on the 13th of April. The inspection went well and the R-Board is in compliance with its operating permit.
- Staff is currently in the hiring process for the Belman Road personnel. Bids for trash removal will be opened on May 24th. A meeting with city shop personnel was held and they were very helpful. The Belman Road site will have the same hours as the landfill, and staff is recommending the same holiday schedule.

- Staff has met with the Utilities Director to discuss options for future sludge disposal. Utilities has agreed to divert about 5,000 tons of sludge per year from the Little Falls treatment plant. Staff is researching the costs and procedures to start a composting facility in FY08.
- Staff is requesting the R-Board to approve a resolution stating the mission and vision of the organization.
- Staff has surveyed surrounding localities fee schedules and has submitted a resolution to amend the R-Board fees.

Mr. Rodenberg stated that Loudoun County actually uses a dryer to dry sludge for land application. The City and the County of Spotsylvania are talking about going together on a waste water plant and Mr. Rodenberg wondered if a dryer application would be better in the long run because land application will be limited in the future. Mr. Romanello stated that he would ask Mr. Bos, Stafford Utilities, to contact his counterparts on some reasonable opportunity on drying sludge.

Mr. Kelly asked that staff bring back an update on the sludge/compost issue.

Mr. Milde asked about the traffic situation on weekends. Mr. Mikel responded that staff has made available more boxes on the weekends to accommodate the traffic.

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

- The R-Board administrative office has relocated to 1259 Courthouse Rd., Suite #103, directly adjacent to its former office suite.
- FY2007 Proposed Budget and FY2008-2012 Forecast: Budget highlights include:
 - ❖ Four new positions: three previously authorized for the R-Board's assumption of operation of the Belman Road facility (manager, gate attendant, heavy equipment operator) and a heavy equipment operator for the new construction and demolition debris recycling program.
 - ❖ The budget includes operating expenses for the Belman Road facility and \$150,000 for a new roll-off truck for that facility. C&D recycling start up costs of \$875,000 including \$400,000 for a stone crusher, \$150,000 for a shredder and \$325,000 for an excavator.
 - ❖ \$1.9 million is included for closure costs of Cell B and Cell C.
- Staff is recommending a \$1.00 per ton increase in tipping fees.
- The second major change is the movement of the expansion of the landfill into Fiscal Year 2011. With the aggressive and creative efforts of the landfill staff, it is believed that construction of another cell can be postponed to 2011.

Mr. Withers asked if staff was using less space in the landfill. Mr. Romanello replied that it is not using less space but using space more creatively and the possibility of using some of the old section before completely going to closure. He also stated that the C&D moratorium has saved a lot of space and by going to a C&D recycling program, it will provide a service to the public both commercial and residential and provide some revenue.

Mr. Milde asked why the recycling revenue seemed to be projected low. Mr. Romanello stated that those numbers are very conservative because it is a commodity driven as prices go up and down and attracts the revenue being brought in. Mr. Milde asked about the proffer money and Mr. Romanello stated that the proffer money was from the county's old proffers that actually paid money to the landfill which was put toward capital construction.

Mr. Milde also asked about the expense of composting. Mr. Mikel replied that the cheapest way for Utilities to dispose of sludge is land application which costs about \$13 per ton. Mr. Mikel also stated that if Utilities paid the \$13 rate to the R-Board to compost 4000 tons initially, that fee would fund the operation and based on revenues from marketing it might be feasible to increase the amount of sludge accepted. Mr. Mikel also stated that most municipalities won't accept sludge so Utilities would be benefited by this arrangement.

Mr. Romanello stated that the non-billable trash continues to grow. The non-billable trash from the City and the County makes up about 1/4 of what comes across the scales.

Mr. Romanello stated that staff would like the R-Board's procurement policy to mirror the County's procurement policy. The County's policy mirrors the Virginia Public Procurement Act with a \$100,000 limit and at this time, the R-Board's purchase limit is \$25,000. Staff requests that if the money has been set aside and approved in the budget for purchases, items need not be brought back to the R-Board.

Mr. Withers motioned, seconded by Mr. Rodenberg, to adopt proposed Resolution RB06-06.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Kelly, Milde, Rodenberg, Withers
Nay: (0)

Resolution RB06-06 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE STAFFORD COUNTY
PROCUREMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2006, the Stafford County Board of Supervisors amended and re-ordained Chapter 20 of the Stafford County Procurement Code; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) to adopt the policies of the approved Stafford County Procurement Code; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding any other provisions in the amended chapter, the R-Board shall retain its right to specify the goods and services it wishes to purchase and to approve or reject all purchases made on its behalf;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 17th day of May, 2006, that the R-Board be and it hereby adopts the amended and re-ordained Chapter 20 of the Stafford County Procurement Code; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, the R-Board will retain its right to purchase and to approve or reject all purchases made on its behalf.

Mr. Withers motioned, seconded by Mr. Rodenberg, to adopt proposed Resolution RB06-07.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Kelly, Milde, Rodenberg, Withers
Nay: (0)

Resolution RB06-07 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD'S MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) staff has developed a mission and vision statement for the organization; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the R-Board is to provide professional, courteous, and intelligent service and solutions to the waste disposal needs of citizens residing in Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg; and

WHEREAS, the R-Board's vision is to operate the best landfill in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, being the best landfill includes environmentally sound solid waste management policies, having an active Reduce, Reuse, and Recycling program, and all coupled with outstanding customer service; and

WHEREAS, the R-Board intends to continually strive to be a leader in the waste management industry and to set the example for others to emulate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 17th day of May, 2006, that the R-Board be and it hereby adopts the mission and vision statement as developed by staff for the organization.

Mr. Rodenberg motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to adopt proposed Resolution RB06-08.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Kelly, Milde, Rodenberg, Withers
Nay: (0)

Resolution RB06-08 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED FY2007 RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) has reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the R-Board finds the proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget to be acceptable;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 17th day of May, 2006, that the proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget

be and it hereby is adopted in the amount of SIX MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$6,751,341).

Mr. Withers motioned, seconded by Mr. Rodenberg, to adopt proposed Resolution RB06-09.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Kelly, Milde, Rodenberg, Withers
Nay: (0)

Resolution RB06-09 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL SOLID WASTE FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the current Fee Schedule needs reviewing; and

WHEREAS, after surveying the surrounding localities, staff has deemed it necessary to increase the operating fees for the disposal of waste at the R-Board regional landfill;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 17th day of May, 2006, that the Fee Schedule be and it hereby is revised to reflect the following changes **effective July 1, 2006.**

Gate Rate:	\$38/ton (up \$1)
Discount Rate:	\$34/ton MSW with 1,000 ton/Mo. Minimum (up \$1)
Minimum Charge:	\$15 (up \$4)
Dirt:	\$50 Tandem Axle Load (new charges) \$65 Tri-Axle Load \$75 Quad-Axle Load
Tires:	\$85 (up \$10)
Oversized Tires:	\$170 (up \$10)
Appliances:	\$10 (up \$3.50)
C&D:	\$48/ton (new)
Sorted C&D:	\$40/ton (new – Jan. 1, 2007)
Mobile Home:	\$300 (up \$20)
Mixed Load:	\$68/ton (up \$7)

Mr. Withers motioned, seconded by Mr. Rodenberg, to adopt proposed Resolution RB06-10.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Kelly, Milde, Rodenberg, Withers

Nay: (0)

Resolution RB06-10 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE BELMAN ROAD SITE

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board desires to adopt the same holidays at the Belman Road site as observed by the Regional Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the R-Board now recognizes New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day; and

WHEREAS, it is staff's recommendation that the same holidays apply at the Belman Road site;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 17th day of May, 2006, that the Belman Road site be and it hereby will observe the same holidays as observed by the Regional Landfill.

Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Mr. Rodenberg, to adopt proposed Resolution RB06-11.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea: (4) Kelly, Milde, Rodenberg, Withers

Nay: (0)

Resolution RB06-11 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF A ROLL-OFF TRUCK

WHEREAS, on Friday, April 7, 2006, a R-Board truck was involved in an accident that rendered the vehicle useless; and

WHEREAS, an emergency purchase order was submitted for a replacement vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems was able to procure a new vehicle in a timely fashion;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 17th day of May, 2006, that ratification be and hereby is granted in the purchase of a new roll-off vehicle from Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems in the amount of ONE

HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$119,591) to replace the damaged vehicle.

Mr. Rodenberg motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to adopt proposed Proclamation RBP06-01.

By voice, the vote was:

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

Proclamation RBP06-01 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE HONORABLE WILLIAM C. WITHERS, JR. FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE R-BOARD

WHEREAS, The Honorable William C. Withers, Jr., has served on the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Withers has been a dedicated member of the R-Board Board since his appointment as of August 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Withers served as Vice Chairman from August 2002 until July 2005; and

WHEREAS, the R-Board has been a successful regional organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 17th day of May 2006, that the Honorable William C.

Withers, Jr. be and he hereby is recognized for his outstanding community service and dedication to the R-Board.

Mr. Withers thanked the staff and stated that the R-Board was a great model of regional cooperation. Mr. Rodenberg stated that Mr. Withers helped to set the tone for working cooperatively with the City and the County and that he would be missed. Mr. Kelly also extended his best wishes and thanks to Mr. Withers on behalf of the R-Board.

Adjournment. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Matthew J. Kelly, Chairman

Peter J. Fields, Vice Chairman

Patricia S. Rowe, Clerk

