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Minutes of the Meeting January 18, 2022

Reorganization:

At 6:03 pm Solicitor Jennifer Hipp opened the meeting by requesting the Board reorganize for 2022. She asked if there were any nominations for Chairman. Sharon Dodd made a motion to appoint David Lenker II as Chairman. Joel Washok seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Solicitor Hipp congratulated Chairman Lenker and turned the remaining reorganization process over to him.

David Lenker made a motion to appoint Sharon Dodd as Vice-Chair and Rick Castranio seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Sharon Dodd made a motion to appoint Lauren Dennen as Secretary and Joel Washok seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Rick Castranio nominated Joel Washok for Treasurer and Barbara Arnold seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Call to Order:

Chairman Lenker called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Roll Call:

Authority: Chair David Lenker, Vice-Chair Sharon Dodd, Secretary Lauren Dennen (via Zoom), Treasurer Joel Washok, Rick Castranio, and Barbara Arnold were present. Brian O'Neill was absent.

Staff: Recycling Coordinator Justin Miller was present. Planning Director Kirk Stoner was present via Zoom.

Solicitor: Jennifer Hipp was present.

Commissioner Liaison: Commissioner Gary Eichelberger was absent.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Rick Castranio made a motion to approve the November 15, 2021, minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Sharon Dodd. The vote was unanimous.

Staff Report:

Lauren Dennen's term expired December 31, 2021. The County Commissioners reappointed her to a new five-year term at their January 10, 2022, meeting. Justin Miller asked everyone to review their contact information on the Board Membership sheet and advise him of any corrections. He will soon be sending the 2022 Roster Sheet to the Commissioners for their file.

Justin Miller also gave an update on the E-Center for 2021. There were 304,514 pounds of electronics collected from 3,889 customers. Annual weight is gradually declining while annual number of customers is gradually increasing.

There were four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events in 2021 at which 149,193 pounds were collected from 1,303 customers. It was pointed out this is a well-run event. Justin is looking forward to the event growing and continuing to be successful.

Unfinished Business:**A. Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program Sponsorship Letter**

Waste Management's poor collection service was recently a topic of discussion at a North Middleton Township public meeting, at which a resident, upon reading the Authority's October 2021 meeting minutes, publicly brought up the issue of Waste Management not honoring the County's disposal contract sponsorship commitments. The Waste Management collection representative was unaware of the details, and later contacted Justin to learn more and offered to assist in sponsorship conversations. Justin informed the representative that the sponsorships were with disposal facilities, and not the collection division, now owned by Waste Management. Without receiving sponsorship money in 2021, the HHW program expenses exceeded revenue by approximately \$26,000.

Solicitor Hipp drafted a sponsorship reminder letter to send to Waste Management. Three landfills that have since been purchased by Waste Management have disposal contracts with the County and include an annual \$5,000 sponsorship toward the County's HHW program.

David Lenker made a motion recommending waiting 45 days before proceeding with a letter based on Waste Management's recent contact. If no sponsorship money is received within that time, Solicitor Hipp should proceed with moving a letter forward. The motion was seconded by Barbara Arnold and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Lenker inquired about reaching out to local businesses for sponsorships. Justin responded that this was done previously with little success but could be tried again.

Justin Miller mentioned that he is scheduled to present the 2022 HHW plans to the Board of Commissioners this week including raising the per pound fee from \$0.30 to \$0.50 on the presumption that no additional sponsorship money would be secured. He asked the Board their thoughts on continuing with this same increase considering the recent sponsorship question at a public meeting. Discussion took place with some proposing an increase to \$0.40 per pound. Others recommended still setting the price at \$0.50 per pound based on the fact no sponsorship money has been received. Ultimately it was a consensus that \$0.50 per pound is still a good price for such a beneficial program. Justin also reminded the members the number of customer spots per event will be increased to 400 for 2022.

New Business:

Justin Miller informed the members that their binders contained blank Ethics form which must be completed and returned by May 1, 2022.

Next Regular Board Meeting:

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Authority, Barbara Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Cohick, Administrative Technician