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Minutes of the Meeting

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Call to Order:

Vice Chair Sharon Dodd called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Roll Call:

Authority: Vice-Chair Sharon Dodd, Secretary Lauren Dennen, Treasurer Joel Washok, Rick Castranio, Barbara Arnold, and Brian O'Neill were present. Chair David Lenker arrived around 6:20 PM.

Staff: Recycling Coordinator Justin Miller was present, and Planning Director Kirk Stoner was present.

Solicitor: Jennifer Hipp was present.

Commissioner Liaison: Commissioner Gary Eichelberger was present via Zoom.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Barbara Arnold made a motion to approve the January 18, 2022 minutes with the correction that Jennifer Hipp attended in person. The motion was seconded by Joel Washok. The vote was unanimous.

Staff Report:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

A. Ethics Forms

Justin Miller reminded everyone that completed Ethics Forms are due to the Commissioner's by May 1. If they have not already been handed in, please do so as soon as possible. They can be emailed.

B. Waste Management Plan Sections I through 3 and Appendix

Justin Miller presented the Waste Management Plan draft for review and input. He will break the plan into three sections to make the review easier.

The following was highlighted in Section I through 3:

1. Description of waste and amounts for Cumberland County over past 20 years
 - a. Trend lines based on that data to determine future disposal needs
2. Description of disposal facilities
 - a. Includes transfer stations and recycling facilities
3. Estimated future capacity needs
 - a. Projected to generate 3,155,968 tons of waste and 1,276,675 tons of recyclables
4. Description of Recycling program will be discussed in Section 4

Justin noted there will be a 2-page capacity certification agreement that would be completed for disposal facilities. Solicitor Hipp will review and provide input before use of these documents. There was a question on how to monitor capacity and it was suggested that should be elaborated on within the plan.

Discussion took place on the future of recycling and sorting requirements. Joel Washok noted that more time is spent extracting residue as the recycling restrictions have changed, but restricted items are still received. Customers bringing waste to a disposal facility must disclose the county of origin and transfer stations and recycling facilities disclosures might not reflect accurately where all the waste was truly generated.

Act 101 has resulted in a substantial increase in municipal recycling since its passage and Cumberland County has been able to fill in some of the gaps with special recycling needs. Kirk Stoner pointed out that Justin preparing this plan in house is a benefit as he has the most knowledge about our facilities and programs compared to a consultant. Board suggestions and feedback should be provided to Justin after a more in-depth review of the plan.

Public comments from the Waste Management Plan Survey were discussed. If email was provided it is recommended to communicate with residents as that was a concern. It was suggested to wait and provide the final plan after it has been approved by the Authority Board.

New Business:

A. York College Engineering Study

The County will be using York College senior students to do a feasibility study for a new recycling center. This is a cost-effective way to have the work done while giving the students credits and experience towards their projects and career goal. There is no obligation or cost for their services.

Next Regular Board Meeting:

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Authority, Brian O'Neill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Cohick, Administrative Technician