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Minutes of the Meeting

May 16, 2022

Call to Order:

Chair David Lenker called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

Roll Call:

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

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

Solicitor: Jennifer Hipp was not present.

Commissioner Liaison: Commissioner Gary Eichelberger was not present.

Guests: Mike McIntyre, WM Cumberland County Landfill, Kurt Williams, Salzmann Hughes PC, Steve Gabrielle, Energy Power Partners, Rick Covell, Energy Power Partners.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Joel Washok made a motion to approve the April 18, 2022 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Neill. The vote was unanimous.

Staff Report:

No report.

New Business:

A. Discussion and possible action on conceptual Cumberland County Landfill Renewable Energy (RNG) Project

Prior to the presentation, Mike McIntyre from Waste Management (WM) presented a \$20,000 and \$10,000 check for the 2021 and 2022 contracted Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) donation to Recycling and Solid Waste. He explained that upon looking into the 2021 donation, it appeared a check was cut but never cashed and it is unknown what happened with that check.

Steve Gabrielle explained that Energy Power Partners (EPP) is proposing to partner with WM on a Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Project, with EPP being the lead. The project involves the collection and conversion of landfill gas to RNG. An on-site processing facility would remove all gases from the landfill gas until only methane remains. The RNG would be transported 6 miles through a pipeline that would interconnect with UGI's natural gas lines in Shippensburg. The project is expected to take 12 to 18 months to complete. EPP wanted to present the project concept to the Recycling and Waste Authority to get any input the Board wished to share.

The proposed 6-mile pipeline route crosses 27 private properties already under easement with EPP for overhead electric distribution lines. EPP would need to secure new easements for the RNG pipeline from each property owner. Hopewell Township owns one of the properties that the proposed pipeline would cross. EPP is not a public utility and cannot use eminent domain for those easements. All easements must be secured voluntarily. If pipeline easements are not secured, the RNG could be trucked to a facility where they would be integrated into UGI's natural gas pipeline. Approximately 4 trucks per day would be required to deliver gas to UGI's infrastructure.

EPP and Recycling and Waste staff met independently with Hopewell Township to hear concerns about the project. The township is concerned about the facility's proposed location on the south side of Booz Road which is closer to adjacent residences and in a different zoning district where the use may not be permitted. In addition, the proposed location is outside of the existing permitted landfill area, thereby creating concerns about increases in landfill size in the future. EPP noted that in their opinion the proposed location of the facility would be covered by existing permits and not considered a "major modification" that would require approval of a new permit. Noise, odor, safety, and compensation for use of the township's lands and impacts of the project were additional concerns noted by the township.

The Authority members entered into discussion over the proposed project. The Authority views the project as an opportunity to productively use landfill natural gas. The RNG could benefit the region especially in light of recent events where energy insecurity is a major issue. The project has environmental benefits as smell could be decreased through the RNG process and reduced flaring of excess gas will reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Authority expressed concerns about the project's impact on the community. Issues such as noise, light, traffic, safety and appropriate zoning must be thoroughly and amicably resolved with Hopewell Township prior to and during the subdivision and land development process. The Authority encouraged EPP to continue working with Hopewell Township on the project to further develop the project concept.

Unfinished Business:

A. Waste Management Plan Sections 9 through 13

Kirk Stoner provided sections 10.1 and 10.2. It was questioned if waste can go to any landfills that aren't officially listed and the answer is yes.

B. Discussion and possible action on County absorption of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Cumberland County affiliate

Justin Miller mentioned that Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is asking Cumberland County Recycling to serve as the Cumberland County affiliate. The Board would serve as an advisory committee. There are some potential benefits such as up to \$500 for each HHW event. There is an annual \$100 membership fee. Justin Miller feels it would be beneficial for the County to take over. Currently, the affiliate is managed by approximately four citizens and they are struggling to keep up with the work and financials.

Brian O'Neill made a motion that the County assume responsibility for the management of the Cumberland County Keep Pennsylvania Chapter affiliate. Lauren Dennen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Next Regular Board Meeting:

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Authority, Brian O'Neill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Cohick, Administrative Technician