



MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATORS.

January 25, 2022 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

The Chairperson, Mr. Moehlman, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

The Open Public Meetings statement was read by Mr. DeFeo. He also mentioned the procedure for members of the Public to speak.

Attendance was taken by Mr. D’Altilio, 26 people were logged into the ZOOM Meeting, 22 were Members or Municipal Representatives, one from Covanta and Waste Management and two from DeFeo Associates.

Mr. DeFeo welcomed Pedro Da Paz, Sr. District Manager of Disposal Operations New Jersey Transfers & MRFs - Greater Mid-Atlantic Area representing Waste Management to the Meeting.

Minutes for the November meeting were approved, Mr. D’Altilio stated that he received an email from identifying two minor “typos” in the November minutes that he corrected.

Chairperson’s Comments – Mr. Moehlman had no formal comments and participated in all discussions.

Committee Reports:

A. ECUA – DeFeo Associates – Mr. DeFeo reported:

- a. Announced the ECUA Spring E-waste & HHW days for 2022. E-waste Saturday, May 21 and HHW Saturday, May 7. Location remains the same. DPW/Government or Religious Drop-Off will be the day before. He asked that if a town is dropping off a large amount of material to contact him in advance, also they will have to supply their own staff to unload the vehicle for E-Waste Collection.
- b. TDMAs (Temporary Debris Management Area) – Mr. DeFeo will discuss this item under Old/Continuing Business
- c. Mr. D’Altilio spoke about the Municipal Tonnage Grant reminding the MRC’s to download the current version of the spreadsheet; that the requirement to visit a Class A facility may change to a virtual tour and any MRC that is not certified will need to have Mr. D’Altilio review and “sign” their MTG.

B. Facilities Reports:

- a. **AERI** – No representative in attendance.
- b. **Covanta** – Mr. Bernardino reported that they are currently operating normally with maintenance on the crane. The next scheduled outages are March 21 and October 21. He also mentioned that Covanta held a Meeting for the public that went well and was attended by approximately six people.
- c. **Waste Management** – Mr. Da Paz started that the WM was operating well and that they are still dealing with the challenge of finding drivers to haul waste from the Transfer Station to landfills.

C. Health Department Report

- a. No Report

Old/Continuing Business:

- A. **DEP rule interpretation on HHW days.** Mr. DeFeo spoke about the staffing changes at the DEP and the difficulty in having issues resolved. He described issues he experienced with the SWAG Project in Newark.
- B. **DEP Hearings on Environmental Justice.** Nothing new on this.
- C. **Proposed Dates on TDMA.** Mr. DeFeo stated that due to scheduling issues he was not able to schedule this training as he had planned too due.
- D. **ANJR – Membership status** – there were no new Essex Members from last month. Those who were not members were urged to join
- E. **Update on members of SWAC for 2022.** Mr. D’Altilio reminded the members to notify him of any changes to the SWAC Members after municipal reorganization meetings. Roseland stated that they would be sending copy of the Resolution with an Alternate Member.
- F. **Market Report** – Mr. DeFeo reported that markets are generally positive. There can be no predictions at this time for the remainder of the year.
- G. **Updates on labor and contract costs** – Labor and overall contract costs are coming in much higher than in prior years. This trend will continue for the foreseeable future.
- H. **Recycling/Solid Waste Legislation**
 - a. **Recycled Content Legislation - A4676/S2515** – Mr. DeFeo reported the Bill was passed and he gave a brief description of the new Law. Mr. D’Altilio will send the Members a summary of the Law prepared by ANJR
 - b. **Paint Care Bill** – Pocket Vetoed by the Governor – The Governor’s office was of the opinion that it would be considered a Tax. The Bill may be resubmitted in the current Legislative session.

New Business:

- A. None at this time

Public Comments – No members of the public were in attendance. Next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022. At this point the meeting will be via ZOOM.

A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjourned at 1:56 P.M.