

**Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)  
of  
Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District (BCSWMD)  
Minutes – May 22, 2013**

**Attendees:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
Chair*	Jan Banister	
Vice Chair*	Lou Renshaw	x
Secretary*	Dennis Baute	x
Member	Dan Arnholt	
Member	Roger Brandt	x
Member	Barry Kastner	x
Member	Max Lemley	x
Member	Greg Littleton	
Member	Darrell McLemore	x
Member	Dennis Tibbetts	x
Member	Todd Swingle	x
<b>Guests:</b>		
BCSWMD Director	Jim Murray	x
BCSWMD Education Coordinator	Heather Siesel	x
BCSWMD Board Member	Carl Lienhoop	x
BCSWMD Board Member	Chris Ogle	x

\*Per "Ad hoc" election during first meeting. Jan Banister was not present.

**Opening (Carl Lienhoop):** The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by BCSWMD Chairman Carl Lienhoop who briefly described the structure, origin, history, duties, etc. of the CAC. He noted the CAC was historically most active at the time of the siting of the current landfill and at budget times. It serves in an advisory capacity to the BCSWMD Board. Information regarding BCSWMD was distributed along with a list of suggested projects prepared by the Board for CAC to consider. He exited the meeting shortly after his remarks to allow the Committee to proceed independently.

**Jim Murray Comments/Discussion:** Jim elaborated further on Carl's remarks and described the hard copies of material already distributed, briefly noting highlights of the organization including staff information, services, budgets, absence of debt, sources of income, priorities, etc. He noted the District emphasizes making as much diversion as possible regarding the landfill at least cost.

**Introductions:** Individuals present at the meeting introduced themselves to each other and provided a brief verbal biography, including interests and goals.

**Officers:** Officers were chosen as follows:

Chair            Jan Banister  
Vice Chair      Lou Renshaw  
Secretary       Dennis Baute

**Meeting Times:** It was tentatively agreed to meet Second Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM in

the fourth-floor Council Chambers at 440 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Jim Murray offered to make reservation arrangements for the room each month. It was noted the SWMD Board meetings normally take place the fourth Thursday each month at 9:00 AM in County Council Chambers.

**Chris Ogle Comments/Discussion:** Chris Ogle noted budgets are in August; the landfill portion has a positive \$ impact on the budget while the recycling portion has a negative \$ impact on the budget. After some discussion it was agreed a major issue to address may be how the budgetary costs for recycling should be assigned.

**Ground Rules and Discussions:** It was agreed Lou would facilitate discussion in the absence of Jan. It was also agreed that general rules should be developed regarding goals, interactions with others, time limits, etc. Some topics/questions briefly discussed were as follows:

- ▲ Do we want to cover “vanilla” items or more controversial subjects?
- ▲ Should efforts be directed towards recycling or broader areas?
- ▲ Should we address cost efficiencies? Rumpke contract renewal?
- ▲ What do other districts do differently from ours?
- ▲ What services do/should be provided by cities vs. counties vs. waste management districts?
- ▲ Should we focus on long-range goals such as a 20-year plan? Reducing waste streams? Correct scaling/infrastructure? Community improvement? Community consensus?
- ▲ Should we concentrate on simplifying complexities? Addressing specific issues?
- ▲ Should we urge more transparency? Should we be more interested in consensus or in majority?
- ▲ What if recommendations are ignored and frustrations develop? How can we ensure all voices are heard?
- ▲ Should issues be addressed primarily as prioritized by the BCSWMD Board? Should issues be addressed/prioritized as detailed in the state statute?

**Brain-Storming Ideas:** It was suggested the next meeting should be used primarily as a brain-storming session. Ideas could be “kick-started” via e-mails to each other prior to the meeting. Although we may make “baby” steps at first, we hope to get going quickly.

**Tour of Facilities:** It was agreed a tour of facilities would be very helpful and it was tentatively agreed to tour district facilities the afternoon of Friday, June 14, 2013. Jim Murray and Heather Siesel will coordinate the activity. It was noted some members may have already seen the facilities and there are others who may not be able to attend on that date. It is expected that the recycling portion and the landfill portion will probably take about 90 minutes each.

**RSVPs Requested:** **Next Meeting:** 7:00 PM Wednesday, June 12, 2013 in the Council Chambers.  
**Tour of Facilities:** Afternoon (time to be arranged) of Friday, June 14, 2013.

Please RSVP via e-mail to [dwbaute@yahoo.com](mailto:dwbaute@yahoo.com) as soon as possible regarding each event. If substantial members are unable to attend we may attempt an alternate date(s).

**Adjournment:** It was moved, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Submitted by Dennis Baute