

POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES May 9, 2025 9:00 AM Licking County Administration Bldg 20 S. Second St., Newark

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dane Shryock, Chair.

ROLL

Attending: Rick Black, Cary Bowers, Alexander Kimball (for Chad Brown), Ben Carpenter, Katrina Carpenter, Terry Dunlap, Rachel Moresea (for Joe Ebel), Zach Fanning, Jennie Kolometz, Curtis Lee, Mark Mills, Matt Montag, Alex Nelson, Matt Reed, Tony Vogel, Carrie Woody (arrived at 9:13), and Dane Shryock.

Not attending: Dan Blatter, Lindsey Brighton, Eric Emmert, Dick Fankhauser, Jeff Fix, Jodi Morrison, and Roger Start.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Alexander Kimball to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2025 meeting as presented. Rick Black seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

No new Policy Committee members were appointed due to an insufficient amount of Licking County members required to vote.

CONSULTANT REPORT – PROGRESS ON PLAN UPDATE

Erin Oulton with Resource Recycling Systems gave a presentation outlining progress toward the plan update. She gave a brief review of appendices J, K, P, O, R and S. Terry Dunlap asked how loads taken to a transfer facility are identified as industrial or commercial. Erin stated that the hauler would know based on where it is coming from and what type of material is in the load. Erin mentioned that the district does not have rules at the present time as allowed in appendix Q. Kim stated that the district used to have rules, but they were rescinded due to the fact that they could not be enforced unless legal action was taken by filing a lawsuit. No interest in adding rules to the plan was shown at this time. Erin then briefly gave a summary of each of the subcommittee meetings held so far. Discussion turned to food waste/composting, and how to get businesses on board. Conversation centered on the expense of having a recycler collect food waste for composting. At that time Carrie Woody stated that Amanda schools has instituted a composting program. Jennie Kolometz stated that she would contact the school and inquire about the program. Discussion then turned to assisting industries with recycling and what the district could offer them. Kim stated that in the past, her understanding was that the district could not offer recycling bins to individual companies because government funds are not to be used to increase profits of private businesses. Erin stated that she believed other Districts provided services and funding. The committee asked Kim to contact Joe Durham (legal counsel) to get his opinion. Jennie Kolometz requested support from the district for household hazardous waste with at least advertising and labor. Once all budgets have been received the finance committee will meet to put together a balanced budget for the plan.

REVIEW OF TIMELINE

Previously the next meeting was scheduled for September 17th, 2025. After discussion the meeting was changed to September 19th. At that meeting the Policy Committee will be required to vote approving the draft plan for submission to the OEPA. So, it is essential that we have a quorum. The commissioners that were present stated that they would update their fellow commissioners on the progress of the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Holland from Win Waste Innovations encouraged and welcomed tours of Tunnel Hill.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Licking County Administration Bldg, 20 S. Second St., in Newark.

Mark Mills made a motion to adjourn. Rick Black seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Secretary, Kate Campbell

Approval Date