

**POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 10, 2021
9:00 AM
Don Hill County Administration Bldg
20 S. Second St., Newark**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Gary Fischer, Chair.

ROLL

Attending: Robin Bennett, Cary Bowers, Lindsey Brighton, Joe Ebel, Eric Emmert, Glenn Hill, Zach Fanning, Bev Adzic (for Duane Flowers), Curtis Lee, Keri Murphy (for Dave Levacy), Paul Martin, Jeff Corder (for Mark Mills), Tammi Rogers, Tony Vogel and Gary Fischer.

Not attending: Patty Bratton, Chad Brown, Terry Dunlap, Seth Ellington, Dick Fankhauser, Jim Hart, Dave Lang, Matt Montag, Scott Owen, and Matt Reed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Paul Martin to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2021 meeting as presented. Bev Adzic seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

HOUSEKEEPING

Kim Masters advised members that there are vacancies on the committee. At the present time Fairfield County needs an Industrial Representative (waste generator from industrial, commercial or institutional). Perry County also needs an Industrial Representative along with a Citizen Representative (no affiliation with any significant generator of waste or a waste management company). Licking County has one vacancy, which is in the process of being filled. Coshocton County has no vacancies at this time. She further advised the committee that there are some positions where terms will be expiring soon (Glenn Hill, Matt Montag, Patty Bratton, Tony Vogel, and Jim Hart) and that she will be contacting those members to see if they want to continue serving on the committee. Additionally, she stated that she is having trouble communicating with Jim Hart (no response to emails or voicemail) and asked if others had contact information for Jim to let her know. Jim serves in the District-At-Large position. That position is appointed and voted on by the full Policy Committee. Members were asked to start thinking about that, in the event that communication with Jim is unsuccessful. A list of current members and their contact information was included in today's packet. Members were asked to look at their information and advised Kim of any additions, deletions or changes.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A summary of subcommittee recommendations was distributed to committee members and summarized by Carol Philipps. She advised the committee the biggest changes were made by the Finance Subcommittee. The task of that subcommittee was to balance a 10 yr budget, recognizing that the combination of increased expenses and decreasing revenue made for difficult decisions. In the end the subcommittee made these recommendations: County carryovers will be incorporated into the 2021 ending balance, expenses beyond the 2026 are held to the 2026 level, non-mandatory programs (county assistance, special material collection and special projects) were eliminated from the budget immediately, non-mandatory programs (Health & Sheriff) will change to Option B funding beginning in 2023, adding a designation fee (\$2.00/ton) which will capture the amount we currently lose in disposal fees, and lastly a generation fee increase of \$2.75 a ton beginning in 2027 (allowing time for the district to re-evaluate the need for the increase).

Joe Ebel expressed his displeasure with the move to Option B funding. Paul Martin advised Joe that the committee looked long and hard at finances for the District as a whole before recommending that move.

A motion was made by Curtis Lee to direct the Executive Director to submit the draft plan to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for review. Paul Martin seconded the motion.

A roll vote was called.

Those voting yes were: Robin Bennett, Cary Bowers, Lindsey Brighton, Eric Emmert, Zach Fanning, Bev Adzic (for Duane Flowers), Glenn Hill, Curtis Lee, Keri Murphy (for Dave Levacy), Paul Martin, Jeff Corder (for Mark Mills), Tammi Rogers and Tony Vogel

Those voting no were: Joe Ebel

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2021 at the Don Hill Administration Bldg in Newark at 9:00 in Room A (basement). Please note that there is another meeting scheduled in that room to begin at 11:00, therefore it is important that everyone be there on time to get things rolling!

Motion by Curtis Lee to adjourn. Cary Bowers seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Secretary, Kim Masters

Approval Date