

**SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OHIO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**



June 2, 2009

**Administrative Office Building
4239 London-Groveport Road
Grove City, Ohio 43123**

MINUTES

1. **Call to order of the regular June 2, 2009 meeting.** Chairman Frick called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.
2. Mr. Mills led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.
3. **Roll Call** – The Secretary called the roll and the following board members were present: Colleen Briscoe, Bob Clemons, Jackie LaMuth, Bill Lotz, Mark Kelsey, Vice Chairman Dave Bush and Board Chairman Brad Frick. Mr. Shepard arrived at 2:43 p.m.
4. **Approval of minutes for the May 5, 2009 meeting** – Ms. Briscoe moved to approve the May 5, 2009 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Bush. Approved 7-0.
5. **Introduction of New Board Member – Mark Kelsey** – Mr. Frick introduced the new board member from the City of Columbus, Mark Kelsey, Director of Public Service.
6. **Recognize Retirees** – Mr. Frick recognized employees who are retiring:
 - Tim Berlekamp – Director of Planning & Projects – 5 years
 - Tristopher Hardy – Purchasing Agent – 26 years
 - Jerry Mulledy – Transfer Station Supervisor – 25 yearsNot in attendance:
 - Jeffrey Dixon – Lead Fleet Mechanic – 26 years
 - John Toops – Transfer Driver – 25 years
 - Randall Treadway – Transfer Driver – 25 years
7. **Old Business**

Resolution 25-09 authorizing the Executive Director to modify the contract with Ohio Mulch Composting LLC for yard waste composting at the Roberts Road Composting Facility. (Tabled March 3, 2009).

Staff recommends this resolution remains tabled.

8. New Business

Executive Session

Resolution 66-09 to convene into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending and threatening litigation.

Mr. Bush made a motion to convene into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Lotz. Approved by roll call vote 8-0. There will be action taken on the subject of the Executive Session. The board members moved into executive session at 2:50 p.m. Ms. Briscoe made a motion to convene out of Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Kelsey. Approved by roll call vote 8-0. The board meeting resumed at 3:10 p.m.

Administrative Services Committee

Resolution 67-09 appointing Colleen Briscoe as the member representing the public to be appointed by the other members of the Board for a two-year term beginning June 21, 2009.

Board members praised Ms. Briscoe for the great job she does as a member of the SWACO board. Mr. Bush asked what the process is for appointing members to the board. Mr. Frick requested Mr. Bush develop a process and bring it to the board; Mr. Bush agreed.

Audit and Finance Committee

Resolution 68-09 declaring that SWACO has surplus property which is not needed for public use and authorizing the sale, trade-in, and disposal thereof.

Pat O'Block explained that SWACO has a need to designate surplus property so it can be sold or disposed of.

Resolution 69-09 authorizing the Executive Director to terminate the sublease agreement between SWACO and RASTRA Ohio, Inc.

Paul Koehler explained that the resolution will authorize the Executive Director to terminate the sublease agreement which RASTRA Ohio, Inc. is in default.

Planning, Programs and Development Committee

Resolution 70-09 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recycling & Litter Prevention and Material Assistance Providers Furniture Bank (MAP) for the purpose of acquiring and administering a Community Development Grant (\$14,110).

Bonni Trice explained that the Material Assistant Providers Furniture Bank (MAP) received a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recycling & Litter Prevention.

Resolution 71-09 authorizing the transfer of the SWACO Resource Library to the Grange Insurance Audubon Center and providing librarian services (\$5,000).

Kristi Higginbotham explained that SWACO's current library will be transferred to the Grange Insurance Audubon Center. The library is currently housed at the Resource Center and is underutilized. This will be a cost savings to SWACO. Ms. LaMuth shared her concerns that Audubon may not want to deal with solid waste issues. Mrs. Higginbotham explained that she believes Audubon will work to keep the solid waste section of the library up-to-date.

Resolution 72-09 authorizing the Executive Director to modify the Development Agreement and Grant Agreement with Kurtz Bros. Central Ohio, LLC., to receive food waste from additional customers, other than the Kroger Organics Project, with written permission by SWACO.

Albert Iosue explained that the previous resolution passed by the board specifically allowed the Kroger company to take their food waste to Kurtz Bros. SWACO staff requests the facility be able to be used by other entities, including SWACO.

Engineering, Operations and Compliance Committee

Resolution 73-09 authorizing a contract with Bob Sumerel Tire Company to purchase fleet and heavy equipment tires and related services (\$100,000).

Joe Huston explained that Resolutions 73-09, 74-09 and 75-09 are all related. The three vendors will be set up so that tires may be procured by the lowest current price.

Resolution 74-09 authorizing a contract with W.D. Tire Warehouse, Inc. to purchase fleet and heavy equipment tires and related services (\$100,000).

See Resolution 73-09 for the explanation.

Resolution 75-09 authorizing a contract with Triple S Tire, Inc. to purchase fleet and heavy equipment tires and related services (\$100,000).

See Resolution 73-09 for the explanation.

Resolution 76-09 authorizing a modification to the contract with FirmGreen Fuels of Ohio LLC, to purchase a Compressed Natural Gas Honda Civic.

This modification deals only with a name change. FirmGreen Energy, Inc. not FirmGreen Fuels of Ohio LLC, will be selling the Honda Civic to SWACO. FirmGreen Energy, Inc. is an affiliated company of FirmGreen Fuels of Ohio, LLC,

Resolution 77-09 authorizing a modification to the contract with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. for engineering services for the Young Road widening project.

SWACO hired Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. as a consultant to work on the Young Road widening project. The resolution will give the contract a time extension and there will be no additional money added. The extension is through the end of 2009.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Koehler read the resolution numbers on today's consent agenda. Mr. Clemons moved to adopt the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Shepard. The consent Agenda was adopted by roll call vote, Trustees Briscoe, Clemons, LaMuth, Kelsey, Lotz, Shepard, Vice Chairman Bush and Board Chairman Frick. Resolutions 67-09, 68-09, 70-09, 71-09, 72-09, 73-09, 74-09, 75-09, 76-09 and 77-09 were adopted 8-0.

Resolutions Removed from Consent Agenda

Mr. Shepard requested Resolution 69-09 be removed from the consent agenda. Ms. Briscoe made a motion to approve Resolution 69-09; seconded by Mr. Kelsey. The Resolution was approved 7-0-1, Mr. Shepard abstained because of missing the executive session.

Board of Trustees Resolutions

9. Board Discussion

There was no discussion.

10. Executive Staff's Report

A. Status of the Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Albert Iosue outlined the timeline for the board. The Solid Waste Management Plan is a 10-year plan with a 5-year update. We are on schedule.

B. Business Outreach and Education Update

Kristi Higginbotham discussed SWACO's on-line survey for students and teachers in SWACO's district. SWACO averages 5,200 students per year for tours. She explained that staff has worked to increase school district recycling programs, including Columbus City Schools. She continued to update the members on current recycling initiatives such as the North Market, the Greater Columbus Convention Center, The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Franklin County Veterans Memorial, Franklin County Fairgrounds and The Memorial Tournament.

C. Legislative Update

Harold Anderson gave a legislative update. Regarding the DOE Grant; staff is working closely with Congresswoman Kilroy's office; and is very confident that the money will be dispersed to SWACO.

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown held a press conference at SWACO's landfill to announce new national legislation on Thursday, May 28. Senator Brown explained that The Rubbish to Renewable Act would create a \$250 million competitive grant program through the Department of Energy to support the use of the technology. Projects similar to SWACO's would be eligible to receive \$5 million in grant funding.

D. Audit Update (DOE Grant & PTI)

Paul Koehler explained that a couple of issues have come up during the audit. The first concern from the Auditors is the DOE Grant and the problems with collecting the funding as promised. SWACO will need to reserve that collectable. He walked the members through a spreadsheet, explaining changes. The audit report will be completed by the end of this month.

E. Financial Report/Waste Receipts

Paul Koehler reported on the waste receipts as of May, explaining the receipts are trending upward to 828,000 tons for the year. Board members can stay up to date on the tonnage by reading the weekly update they receive every Friday. The overall expenses are working well with the revenue.

F. Emerald Award Report

John Remy reported about the very successful event. There were about 700 people in attendance. The event paid for itself. He explained that there are already numerous activities planned for next year. The team is working on developing an "Emerald" brand and keeping the Emerald Awards name in the public year round. A corporate member suggested that an Emerald Awards event be put together for high school and college students.

Green Solutions Technology

Rick Dodge explained there is a last minute addition to the agenda. There is a proposal from Green Solutions Technology for stimulus funds. He presented the Green Solutions Technology proposal to the board and explained there are hard copies available for the board.

11. Staff Approved Contracts and Expenditures

Board members asked questions about the approved contracts to staff.

The July board meeting is scheduled for the 7th of the month. Mr. Mills asked if there is a desire to move the meeting to the 14th. Board members discussed. It was decided to leave the meeting on July 7th.

Jack Dover, from Senator Brown's Washington D.C. office will speak at the Business Roundtable. Information will be sent to the members.

12. Public Comment Period

Tim Berlekamp publicly acknowledged and thanked the board members and staff. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, Mr. Berlekamp will retire at the end of June.

13. Upcoming Meetings

Joint Committee Meeting
Planning, Program and Development Committee
Engineering and Operations Committee
June 16, 2009 – 2:30 p.m.
SWACO Administrative Office Building
4239 London-Groveport Road
Grove City, Ohio

Administrative Services Committee
June 16, 2009 – 5:00 p.m.
Frick Law Building
1265 Neil Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Audit and Finance Committee
June 24, 2009 – 3:30 p.m.
Bank of America
10 W. Broad Street
Suite 2250
Columbus, OH 43215-3418

Board of Trustees Meeting
July 7, 2009 – 2:30 p.m.
SWACO Administrative Office Building

Legal and Legislative Committee
To be determined

- 14. Adjourn** Ms. Briscoe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. LaMuth. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

