

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



**May 5, 2009**

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

**MINUTES**

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1. **Call to order of the regular May 5, 2009 meeting.** Chairman Frick called the meeting to order at 2:38 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, Paula Brooks, Bill Lotz, Steve Shepard, Joel Taylor, Vice Chairman Dave Bush and Board Chairman Brad Frick.
4. **Approval of minutes for the April 7, 2009 meeting.** Ms. Brooks moved to approve the April 7, 2009 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Lotz. Approved 7-0.

Chairman Frick thanked Mr. Taylor for his service to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio as a Trustee. Mr. Taylor is retiring from the City of Columbus and will no longer be a board member. Chairman Frick also thanked Mike Mentel for his five years of service to SWACO. Mr. Mentel's last day with SWACO is May 22.

5. **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).

Mr. Mills explained that staff is moving towards a recommendation which will be presented to the board at the June Board Meeting. He recommended the resolution remain tabled indefinitely. Staff will report on their progress at the May committee meetings.

6. **New Business**

**Executive Session**

**Resolution 46-09 to convene into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) to consider personnel matters.**

Mr. Shepard made a motion to convene into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Taylor. Approved by Roll Call vote 7-0. There will be no action taken on the subject of the Executive Session. The board members moved into executive session at 2:46 pm. Mr. Taylor made a motion to convene out of Executive Session; seconded by Ms. Briscoe. Approved 7-0. The board meeting resumed at 3:23 pm.

**Audit and Finance Committee**

**Resolution 47-09 establishing rates, fees and charges for out-of-district waste effective May 6, 2009.**

See explanation on Resolution 48-09.

**Resolution 48-09 authorizing contracts for the delivery of out-of-district waste to SWACO facilities.**

Ron Mills explained that current waste receipts are trending 25,000 tons below the budgeted tonnage of 850,000. Mr. Mills presented a Business Plan with four options. Option one represents out-of-district waste. Out-of-District tipping fees are higher than garbage generated and disposed of by Central Ohio residents. This option would help SWACO bring in more funding and use less landfill space due to charging a higher cost for Out-of-District waste.

Mr. Mills explained that the second option deals with the Waiver Agreements with the private haulers. SWACO's options are 1) negotiate agreements to cover budgetary shortfall; 2) negotiate agreements to cover the necessary infrastructure system improvements; 3) Allow agreements to expire on 12/31/09 forcing all waste to stay in district.

The third option deals with adopting a rate increase across the board. These options are 1) adopt new rates that meet the immediate budgetary requirements; 2) adopt new rates that meet the necessary financial needs; 3) keep the \$7 debt retirement fee in place after bonds are retired beginning in 2016.

The fourth option is a Parcel Fee. The Ohio Revised Code allows SWACO to impose a parcel fee to pay for services provided directly to each improved parcel within the jurisdiction where the services are provided.

**Planning, Programs and Development Committee**

**Resolution 49-09 authorizing SWACO General Grant Agreements with various applicants for the purpose of waste diversion, recycling and reuse projects (\$29,789.03).**

Bonni Trice explained that nine applications were received. Two applications were denied because they didn't meet SWACO's core mission. Seven applications were approved.

The grant recipients are:	- City of Hilliard	\$ 4,752.00
	Recycling containers	
	- Friends of Alum Creek	\$ 4,000.00
	Compost bins & equipment	
	- Whitehall Parks & Rec.	\$ 3,491.00
	Park – recycled plastic picnic tables	
	- City of Whitehall	\$ 1,490.00
	Public awareness campaign	
	- Franklin Park Conservatory	\$ 6,448.11
	Composting program	
	- Washington Township	\$ 5,000.00
	Recycled content picnic tables	
	- South West Soccer Assoc.	\$ 4,607.92
	Recycling cans	
	TOTAL	\$29,789.03

**Resolution 50-09 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Grant Agreement with Clean Fuels Ohio for the purpose of developing a strong market for renewable biogas for vehicles in Central Ohio (\$20,000).**

Mr. Mills presented the resolution explaining there is a lack of CNG infrastructure in Central Ohio. This does not allow for CNG vehicles to move around Ohio easily. Phase II of the project will help to develop the infrastructure. Clean Fuels Ohio was a good partner to move the CNG infrastructure forward. Clean Fuels sought funds from various organizations; requesting \$20,000 from SWACO. This is a modest grant for the work the organization will provide.

**Resolution 51-09 authorizing a contract modification with Eastman & Smith Ltd. for the purpose of providing technical assistance to the community consortium & assisting SWACO with rule interpretation, compliance issues, and enforcement action related to the Solid Waste Management Plan (\$95,000).**

Albert Iosue explained this is for the law firm that works with the eight member consortium regarding collection services. The contract will serve over 55,000 households in SWACO's district. The funding is paid out of the Generation Fee. We also require the communities to report their recycling on Re-Trac.

#### **Engineering, Operations and Compliance Committee**

**Resolution 52-09 authorizing a modification to the contract with Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. for professional engineering services related to the design of the Morse Road Transfer Station (\$650,000).**

Mr. Iosue informed the board that staff went through SWACO's bidding process. The Morse Road Transfer Station will have a complete overhaul. Staff has applied for economic stimulus money for the project. If stimulus funds are not received we would use debt financing, paid for by users of the facility.

**Resolution 53-09 authorizing the creation of an Environmental Covenant to protect the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill Remediation Wetland in perpetuity.**

Jack Stacy explained that staff is moving on the horizontal expansion of the landfill. In order to do this, we need to create an Environmental Covenant to protect the Remediation Wetland property forever. There is a five year performance evaluation by EPA on the wetland. If the wetland is not doing well SWACO will need to mitigate again and EPA will then evaluate the wetland once again.

**Resolution 54-09 authorizing a contract with R. B. Jergens Contractors, Inc. for the construction of a southwest ramp/haul road and for improvements to the entrance road at the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill (\$203,500).**

The next cell constructed will be on the south and west side. We currently do not have any road to access this area. The road will help with the wear and tear on the equipment.

**Resolution 55-09 authorizing a modification to the contract with Ohio Mulch, LLC to provide yard waste management services at SWACO's Roberts Road Compost Facility (\$375,000).**

This will allow us to pay Ohio Mulch for one year of service at the Roberts Road location. It does not have anything to do with the existing negotiations.

**Resolution 56-09 authorizing a modification to the contract with Oil Distributing Company to purchase oils, lubricants, and antifreeze for SWACO equipment (\$50,000).**

This is the second funding modification to the contract, which will take us to the end of the contract in September 2009.

**Resolution 57-09 authorizing a modification to the contract with Cantwell Machinery Company for parts and services for Volvo front-end loaders and waiving competitive sealed bids/proposals (\$100,000).**

Cantwell was being sold but the sale was cancelled. Staff is requesting to add \$100,000 to the current contract to service all of the Volvo front-end loaders.

**Resolution 58-09 authorizing a contract with Ken's Truck Repair to purchase four tipper trailers for the SWACO transfer fleet (\$145,755).**

This resolution allows staff to maintain the rolling stock equipment. Ken's Truck will take the four old tipper trailers for trade-in.

**Resolution 59-09 authorizing a contract with Dumar/Huntson Paving, Inc. for maintenance projects at the waste transfer stations (\$539,000).**

This will repair our current transfer stations so SWACO can maintain service to our customers. Twenty-eight bids went out. Two companies were responsive; the other company withdrew their bid which left Dumar/Huntson Paving, Inc.

**Resolution 60-09 authorizing the Executive Director to sign and execute documents necessary to receive Mid-Ohio Public Diesel Fleet Initiative Grant Funds (\$25,196.40).**

SWACO's contribution to this grant is \$6,600.

**Resolution 61-09 authorizing the Executive Director to sign and execute documents necessary for SWACO to receive grant funds related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in the amount of \$9,931,300 to construct the SWACO Landfill Leachate Treatment Project at the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill.**

Ron Mills informed the board that SWACO received an award today for making significant progress in clean air initiatives from MORPC.

He continued to explain Resolution 61-09 which is for \$9,931,300 of stimulus money. Out of 2,100 applications, this project was ranked 13<sup>th</sup>. The maximum amount EPA was allowed to fund per project was \$5 million. Brad Malatesta, President of Clean Water Limited, now known as Green Solution Technologies, has worked with SWACO over the past 10 years, explained the resolution. It is for a total turnkey project that will clean the leachate at the landfill. There will be some supplemental engineering to create a waste water treatment plant on site. The leachate from Model landfill will be included in this project; recycling both landfills water for reuse. The leachate will no longer need to go to the City of Columbus Waste Water Treatment Center. The equipment that cleans the leachate is designed to last 20 years. SWACO will be responsible for paying back \$4.9 million, as a low interest rate loan. Green Solutions Technologies has entered into a partnership with the manufacturer of the equipment. If the manufacturer locates an operation in Franklin County, it will bring jobs to the area.

**Legislative and Legal Committee**

**Resolution 62-09 authorizing a modification to the contract with SZD Whiteboard for state legislative services (\$54,000).**

SWACO entered into a retainer based relationship with SZD Whiteboard through a competitive bid process. Staff is requesting to extend this bid into the fall of 2009. They will work with SWACO on HB 1.

**Resolution 63-09 authorizing a modification to the contract with Isaac, Brant, Ledman & Tector for legal services (\$25,000).**

The services are for labor related law services. As of today we have expended \$76,000 on this contract.

**Resolution 64-09 authorizing a settlement with The Grossman Group, Inc., Grossman Environmental Recycling and Steve Grossman.**

This resolution allows SWACO to enter into a negotiated agreement with The Grossman Group and Mr. Grossman. We will receive \$22,000 which is \$10,000 more than we were going to receive. Mr. Grossman will personally sign this agreement.

**Resolution 65-09 authorizing a settlement agreement with Skilken Properties (\$150).**

A SWACO truck hit the side of the Buckeye Grove Shopping Center while making a turn. As a result of the accident, a hole was poked into the side of the building by the truck's turnbuckle. No person suffered any physical injuries as a result of the accident. The building is owned by Skilken Properties.

**Resolution 66-09 authorizing a settlement agreement with Cindy Shannon (\$100).**

A brick struck Ms. Shannon's car window; the \$100 is her deductible.

**Consent Agenda**

7. Mr. Koehler read the resolution numbers on today's consent agenda. Ms. Brooks moved to adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Taylor. The Consent Agenda was adopted by roll call vote, Trustees Briscoe, Brooks, Lotz, Shepard, Taylor, Vice Chairman Bush and Board Chairman Frick. Resolutions 47-09, 48-09, 49-09, 50-09, 51-09, 52-09, 53-09, 54-09, 55-09, 56-09, 57-09, 58-09, 59-09, 60-09, 61-09, 62-09, 63-09, 64-09, 65-09 and 66-09 were adopted 7-0.

**Resolutions Removed from Consent Agenda**

**Board of Trustees Resolutions**

8. **Board Discussion**
9. **Executive Staff's Report**

**A. Environmental Steward – Erin Miller**

Mr. Mills introduced Erin Miller, the new Environmental Steward at the City of Columbus. Ms. Miller talked about her excitement about everything SWACO is working on, just at this meeting alone. She is pleased to be affiliated with SWACO and Mayor Coleman.

**B. First Quarter 2009 Financial Report – Paul Koehler**

Paul Koehler presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009 Financial Report. He explained that the 2009 overtime budget is down 40%. The first quarter Financial Report for 2009 is in the black.

**C. Legal & Legislative Update**

Harold Anderson gave a quick legislative update. A comprehensive climate change and renewable energy legislation act impacts SWACO the most. The legislation is currently being drafted and is out in discussion form. The bill will have an impact on every landfill in the country. Other legislation that impacts SWACO is a climate bill that will go to vote this summer. Staff has been requested to work on the language for the legislation.

**D. Strategic Plan – 2008 Report Card – Terri Merriman**

Terri Merriman presented a brief PowerPoint presentation overview of the final reports on the 2008 Strategic Plans.

Ron reminded the board that next week, on May 12, SWACO will hold the Emeralds Awards.

**10. Staff Approved Contracts and Expenditures**

**11. Public Comment Period**

Commissioner Brooks – visited a landfill in China last week. She shared that it was a life changing experience. They are so far behind in landfill technology; they need so much help. It put into context for her that SWACO is a world leader. She will share the video with us at the next meeting.

**12. Upcoming Meetings**

**Joint Committee Meeting**  
**Planning, Program and Development Committee**  
**Engineering and Operations Committee**  
May 19, 2009 – 2:30 p.m.  
SWACO Administrative Office Building  
4239 London-Groveport Road  
Grove City, Ohio

**Administrative Services Committee**

May 19, 2009 – 5:00 p.m.  
Frick Law Building  
1265 Neil Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

**Audit and Finance Committee**

May 27, 2009 – 3:30  
Bank of America  
10 W. Broad Street  
Suite 2250  
Columbus, Ohio

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

June 2, 2009 – 2:30 p.m.  
SWACO Administrative Office Building

**Legal and Legislative Committee**

To be determined

**13. Adjourn**

