

VIRGINIA RECYCLING MARKETS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

March 25, 2004

HENRICO TRAINING CENTER

GLEN ALLEN, VIRGINIA

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

MEETING SUMMARY

(Approved on June 16, 2004)

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Mike Benedetto, RMDC Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members of the Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council and members of the public to the meeting.

| RMDC | Representing | Staff | Representing |
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| Philip Abraham | Plastics Industry | Allan Lassiter | DEQ |
| Michael Benedetto | Paper Industry | William Norris | DEQ |
| Eddie Schneider | Waste Industry | | |
| Michael Ward | Oil Industry | | |
| | | Visitors | Representing |
| William Bailey | VDOT | Hobey Bauhan | VA Poultry Federation |
| Michael Murphy | VDEQ | Andrew Bopp | Glass Industry |
| William Vehrs | VDBA | Chip Goyette | Arlington County |
| | | Samuel Hamilton | VA Agribusiness Council |
| Absent RMDC | | Ed Huffman | VA Department of Agriculture |
| Paul Alcantar | Urban PDC | Doug Hughes | Tyson Foods |
| Edward Duke | Recycling Industry | Ann Jennings | Chesapeake Bay Foundation |
| Paige Holloway | Public-At-Large | Jake Porter | VDOT |
| Diane Jones | Rural PDC | Kate Sicola | Fairfax County |
| Robert Kerlinger | Composting Industry | Dennis Stoneburner | Poultry Farmers |
| John Kline | Tire Industry | Steve Yob | Henrico County |
| Richard Lerner | Metal Industry | | |
| Brian Salmon | Aluminum Industry | | |
| Tom Smith | VACO | | |
| VACANT | VML | | |
| VACANT | Glass Industry | | |
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| Georgiana Ball | VDGS | | |

2. Determining Quorum

A quorum for the Virginia RMDC has been established as a simple majority of the appointed members to the Council. The Council is fully represented by 15 appointed members. Therefore a minimum of 8 members must be present to establish a quorum. A total of 4 of the appointed members were in attendance at the start of the meeting. Even though a representative of the Glass Industry, Andrew Bopp, was in attendance, he has not been officially appointed, so cannot count towards a quorum. Therefore, the Chairman conducted the meeting as an informational session.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

The Chair asked the committee members to review the meeting agenda. No objections were raised so the agenda was accepted.

4. Acceptance of Minutes

The Chair called for the pleasure of the Council on the draft meeting summary of the November 13, 2003 meeting of the RMDC. Staff noted that the meeting summary should indicate that 8 members of the RMDC were needed for a quorum, not 7 as noted in the meeting summary. The minutes were accepted as revised.

5. Presentation by the Virginia Poultry Federation

Mike Benedetto thanked Mike Ward for arranging for this presentation on Poultry Litter and welcomed Hobey Bauhan, President of the Virginia Poultry Federation, Inc. to the meeting. Mr. Bauhan, with the assistance of Doug Hughes, representing Tyson Foods, Dennis Stoneburner, representing Poultry Farmers and Valley Pride Compost, and Ed Huffman, representing the Department of Agriculture, provided an overview of Poultry Litter as a valuable resource for the Commonwealth. The effects of the Virginia Poultry Waste Management Act (Code of Virginia § 62.1-44.17:1.1) were discussed. Mr. Bauhan stressed that the poultry industry was interested in exploring the possibility of asking State agencies, such as VDOT, to utilize poultry litter in various projects across the state. The Poultry Federation is asking for the Council's assistance in determining markets and uses for the approximately 80,000 tons of additional poultry litter that cannot be land-applied on permitted poultry farms annually as a result of these regulations. (Mr. Hobey Bauhan can be reached at the Virginia Poultry Federation, Inc., 333 Neff Avenue, Suite C, Harrisonburg, VA 22801; Phone: 540-433-2451; FAX: 540-433-3256; E-mail: vapoultry@cfw.com.)

Mr. Jacob A. Porter with VDOT indicated that they were currently working with a research project that utilized Virginia Poultry Litter in the Shenandoah Valley. He offered to serve as the contact between VDOT and the Poultry Federation to

further discuss these issues. (Mr. Porter's contact information is: Jacob A. Porter, Roadside Operations Program Manager, Asset Management Division, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219; Phone: 804-786-7218; Cell Phone: 804-382-7623; Fax: 804-786-7987; E-mail: jacob.porter@viriniadot.org.)

It was suggested that in addition to VDOT, that the Department of Corrections, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Department of Conservation and Recreation also had large tracts of land that they managed, where poultry litter might be utilized.

Mike Ward suggested that the Chair should appoint a subcommittee to facilitate the discussions between and among these groups. It was suggested that Bob Kerlinger, the RMDC Composting Industry representative, should chair the Subcommittee. Mike Ward offered to discuss this with Mr. Kerlinger and to assist him with the Subcommittee. It was suggested that a representative from DEQ's Waste Division, DCR and from the Department of Agriculture should also be included as part of this subcommittee.

6. Old Business

6.a Chairman's Report - SB 12:

M. Benedetto informed the members that the new duties of the RMDC as proposed by the Council Members and incorporated into Senate Bill 12 had passed both the House and the Senate and was awaiting action by the Governor. He thanked Phil Abraham for his hard work in getting the legislation passed. The members expressed their appreciation for the Chairman's work in addressing the concerns of the Joint Legislative Subcommittee and his persistence in getting the legislation approved. If approved by the Governor, the new duties of the Council would take effect July 1, 2004.

6.b Subcommittee Reports: M. Benedetto asked for any subcommittee reports.

Recycling Rate Subcommittee: M. Murphy informed the Council that he and R. Lerner, Chair of the Subcommittee had not met since the November meeting. This was due to the pending legislation because the 2003 Recycling Rate numbers have not been submitted yet. He informed the members that submittal deadline for the CY 2003 Recycling Rate Reports is April 30, 2004. He noted that once these reports are received and have been compiled that this information would be made available to the Council. He also informed the members that new Solid Waste Management Plans were due from each Solid Waste Management Planning Unit on July 1, 2004. Part of the new regulations requires that

part of the approved plan is an approved recycling program that meets the state mandated 25% recycling rate.

Local Government Subcommittee: P. Abraham noted that no work had been done on this subcommittee due to the uncertainty of the new proposed legislation defining the RMDC's duties. He indicated that he hopes to be able to utilize some of the information from the Recycling Rate Reports to identify areas of local needs and concerns, that the Council might be able to address.

Annual Report Subcommittee: M. Benedetto informed the Council that even though the new legislation would eliminate the new for an annual report unless one was requested that the Council was still required to submit a report for this past year. He indicated that D. Jones was working on an outline of the annual report and asked for each Council member to contact her with his or her input.

7. New Business

7.a E-Waste: Allen Lassiter provided the members with information on DEQ's Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Management Activities. He informed the Council that DEQ was setting up an E-Waste Advisory Committee to assist Virginia state agencies, localities and citizens in the proper handling of electronic wastes (e-waste) such as computers and related peripherals, audio units, cell phones and televisions. The first meeting of the advisory group is currently scheduled for April 27, 2004 at DEQ's Piedmont Regional Office. Details about the meeting will be forwarded to each of the Council members. P. Abraham suggested that this might provide a good opportunity to determine possible candidates for an Electronics Industry Representative to the Council.

7.b Nominating Committee: M. Benedetto indicated that he would be contacting existing Council members about their interest in serving as an officer of the Council. P. Abraham suggested that members should be contacted to determine their willingness to continue to serve on the Council. This would enable the Chair to determine if additional/new members might be needed. The Chair asked for clarification from DEQ staff on the Nomination process and on the current term limit for the current Council members. Staff will distribute this information to the Council members.

7.c Administrative/Operational Needs: The members discussed the need for a meeting to establish the Administrative and Operational needs/process for the coming year for the Council. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would focus on the administrative needs and operations plan for the Council.

8. Public Comment

Jake Porter, VDOT, indicated that VDOT would be embarking on an aggressive Roadside Management and Litter Clean-up effort. He will be contacting the Council regarding the progress of this effort.

Chip Goyette, representing Arlington County, asked about the inclusion of Waste Tires and Used Oil in the Recycling Rate Reports for localities. Allen Lassiter responded that even though these two areas were not officially sanctioned under the EPA definition of recycling, that because there were state programs to support these efforts that they are included as part of a localities Recycling Program efforts.

Kate Sicola, representing Fairfax County, indicated that she had watched the progress of the new legislation, redefining the RMDC and was encouraged by the efforts undertaken and looked forward to a continued involvement with the Council.

9. Meeting Schedule

M. Benedetto asked for the pleasure of the Council for the next meeting. Wednesday, June 16, 2004 was tentatively set as the next RMDC meeting date. The meeting will take place in Room 2029 of the Henrico Training Center. The meeting is scheduled from 10:30 till 12:30 and will include a discussion on the administrative needs and operational plans for the Council for the coming year under the Council's new duties.

10. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the information session at approximately 12:20 PM.