

Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council
September 4, 2008

10:00 AM
Conference Room, Precon Construction Company
1401 Precon Dr., Chesapeake, VA

DRAFT MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions:

Mr. Michael Ward, Committee Chairman-Elect, called the meeting to order at 10:12 am and introduced returning members, new members and guests, as follows:

Council Member

Representing

Michael Ward, Chairman (Elect)	Oil Industry
Jimmy Sisson, Vice-Chairman (Elect)	Recycling Industry
Tom Smith	VACO
William Bailey	VDOT
Georgiana Ball	VDGS
Michael Benedetto	Paper Industry
Robert Broom	Composting Industry
Mike Murphy	VDEQ
Phillip Abraham	Plastics Industry
Bernard Harris	Waste Industry
John Garrett Kemper	Glass Industry

Guests

Tim Lee	Representing VRA
Brian Vickers	Representing Glass Industry

- I) **A role** of committee vacancies was reviewed. There are currently eleven (11) appointees, by virtue of seven (7) members attending it was determined that a quorum was present.
- II) **The meeting agenda** was reviewed and adopted. It was noted that Hon. John Cosgrove would not be attending and that agenda item was deleted.
- III) **Meeting minutes** from the June 5, 2008 were reviewed. Mike Ward solicited comments or changes. There being no need for additions, deletions or

changes noted by the committee; a motion to approve was made by Bernard Harris and seconded by Mike Murphy. The minutes were unanimously approved

IV) Election of Officers

Mike Ward reviewed the recommendations of the nominating committee for Vice Chairman and Chairman. He announced the nomination of Jimmy Sisson as Vice Chairman and opened the floor for any other nominations. There being none and by motion made by Tom Smith and seconded by Mike Benedetto, the committee voted and unanimously elected Jimmy Sisson as Vice Chairman for 2008/2009 committee year.

Mike Ward reviewed the recommendations of the nominating committee for Committee Chairman. He announced his nomination as Chairman and opened the floor for any other nominations. There being none and by motion made by Bernard Harris and seconded by Mike Benedetto, the committee voted and unanimously elected Mike Ward as Chairman for 2008/2009 committee year.

V) Old Business

a) An update by Mike Ward on the JLARC Recycling Study noted that the report is due on September 8, 2008. Mike Ward will attend the reporting meeting. Mike requested the committee to consider the option of an extra meeting, before our regularly scheduled Dec, 2008 meeting to discuss the report and appropriate committee reaction/response.

It was noted that the report will also be available on the website jlarc.state.va.us, under September 8, 2008

b) Mike Ward began discussion of resignations and unfilled committee positions.

Mike Murphy advised there was some concern “formal” resignations were not yet complete. The Governor’s office had announced committee appointments in week of Aug 25, 2008.

Mike Ward was to follow up with the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s office to see if any other nominations had been received or if any appointments were pending.

It was noted that nominations are accepted from industry and local government associations. Current vacancies (assuming proper resignations for former members) include:

Virginia Municipal League

Electronics Industry

Public At Large

Urban PDC

Rural PDC

VI) New Business

Mike Murphy reported that the JLARC study due out Sept 8, 2008 included the DEQ’s Annual Recycling Report.

Mike Reported that the overall recycling performance in the state had increased slightly. Mike noted that any reporting entity that is below goal is required to develop and implement an action plan accomplish minimum goals. Tom Smith noted that our committee to serve as information conduit or direct mentors to localities struggling to meet goals.

Mr. Murphy advised that the “struggling” localities tended to be rural with less volumes of recyclables and higher costs for getting recyclables to market. Mike Ward asked if the 2007 report revealed any significant changes or shifts in those challenged localities and Mike Murphy said the survey doesn’t reveal any real changes.

Bob Broom noted that composting of food wastes provides opportunities for additional recycling volumes.

Tom Smith asked Mike Murphy if the recycling mandate by DEQ could “hold up” landfill permitting in a non-qualifying locality. Mike Murphy responded that pressure can be applied, but permitting cannot be influenced.

Tom Smith also asked about wood waste recycling volumes if wood waste fuel is excluded from recycling #'s. Mr. Murphy responded that wood waste recycling volumes are being realized under “credits for Solid Waste Reused”.

Mr. Murphy closed his report to the committee by saying the final DEQ 2007 Recycling Report is due out in November.

A discussion followed on recyclable glass and the challenges presented by single stream processing and mixed colors, demand for glass cullet and lack of “benefication” facility in VA. John Garrett Kemper shared some information on the economies of glass recycling and the need for a “benefication” or up-spec processing facility. He suggested, with the support of other committee members, that this may be an area where our committee can support significant recycling opportunity. Our response to the JLARC report may be a first step.

Bill Bailey reported that VDOT is moving forward and participating with the EPA’s “Green Highways Initiative” and is planning demonstration project(s) using recycled asphalt shingles. VDOT has developed specification for add mixtures using shingle. Currently, VDOT expects to do one or two projects by 2010.

Brian Vickers reported that **RISE Act** is due back to US Congress special session in September. **RISE** includes accelerated depreciation for for Recycling Equipment. Brian will keep members of committee advised.

Chairman Ward advised next meeting for December 4, 2008 at the Piedmont Office of DEQ. It was noted the committee might need/agree to special meeting concerning JLARC Report.

There was some additional discussion about potential and pending recycling related legislation to be introduced in 2009. Vice Chairman Jimmy Sisson will invite Delegate John Cosgrove, Chesapeake, VA to attend our December meeting and brief us on anticipated legislation.

There being no other formal business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Following the meeting, committee members were invited to tour Waterway Recycling, LLC's bulk, mixed CDD recycling facility located on site. The tour concluded around 12:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Sisson, III
Vice Chairman