

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

Cherry Island Landfill

July 20, 2009

DRAFT Notes

The July 20, 2009, meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) commenced at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Delaware Recycling Center, 1101 Lambsons Lane, New Castle.

Attendees:

CAB

Thomas Mitten
Vince D'Anna
Jeffrey Flynn
Deborah Deubert

DSWA

Richard Watson
Robin Roddy
Michael D. Parkowski
Angela Marconi
Pam Williamson

DNREC

Bryan Ashby
Robert Hartman
Jim Short

Introductions

Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Updates

Mr. Short made a presentation on DNREC Community Yard Waste Demonstration Site (see attached). Mr. Hartman presented DNREC's update on their activities at Cherry Island (see attached).

Cherry Island Landfill Annual Report

Mrs. Roddy presented the Annual Report to the CAB. The powerpoint presentation will be attached to these notes. Mrs. Roddy updated the CAB on landfill issues and Mr. Parkowski updated the CAB on current legislation that could impact DSWA. Mrs. Deubert suggested that the CAB contact legislators on issues that would impact the Cherry Island Landfill.

Citizen's Advisory Board Annual Report

Mr. Mitten presented the CAB's Annual Report (see attached). The Board suggested revising the report to add all of the positive statements about CIL.

MOTION A – Moved by Mr. D'Anna

“Accept the 2009 Citizen's Advisory Board Annual Report with the suggested additions.”

Second – Mrs. Deubert

Vote – Unanimous

(Mitten, D'Anna, Deubert, Flynn)

MOTION ADOPTED

(Unanimous)

Response to DSWA's Chairman to the CAB's June 3 letter

Mr. D'Anna wanted to know about the City of Wilmington (COW) sludge disposition. Mr. Ashby said that COW has not come to DNREC with any strong alternatives. Mr. Mitten asked if DSWA would treat COW sludge as special waste. Mrs. Roddy said that testing would be needed to determine if the material would be handled as special waste. DSWA had asked for samples to test, as of this date no samples had been sent. Mr. Flynn said that the CAB should ask the COW Director of Public Works to speak at the next meeting. The CAB suggested that they send a letter to the COW after the first of August to ask the COW to address the plan for their waste water sludge.

MOTION B – Moved by Mr. D'Anna

“The Citizen's Advisory Board chairman is authorized to draft a letter to help DSWA get a response from the City of Wilmington for their plan of disposing of the waste water sludge in case it would come to CIL.”

Second – Ms. Deubert.

Vote – Unanimous

(Mitten, D'Anna, Deubert, Flynn)

MOTION ADOPTED

(Unanimous)

Invitation to sponsors for October meeting

Mr. Mitten asked the CAB if they would want to invite their sponsors to the next meeting. Mr. D'Anna said that he feels that he was appointed as the representative and his participation was enough.

Governor Markell's appointment

Mr. Mitten said he had been in contact with Governor Markell's office in regards to appointing a new member from his office for the CAB.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

DSWA Cherry Island Landfill Summary for the Citizens Advisory Board
Prepared by Robert Hartman, DNREC Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Branch
July 20, 2009

1. During the second quarter of 2009, there was one odor complaint made about the Cherry Island landfill. On Wednesday, May 13th, a person driving by the landfill on I495 called DNREC to report an odor from the landfill. A DNREC Enforcement Officer investigated the complaint and found no violation. Additionally, the DNREC onsite inspector detected no landfill odors off site on May 13th, and no other complaints were received. DNREC continues to inspect the landfill for odors.
2. The DNREC on-site inspector continued to inspect the facility and 12th Street for litter and dust. Overall, inspectors found the DSWA to be satisfactorily controlling litter and dust both on site and off.
3. DSWA reported no fires or spills during the second quarter of 2009.
4. DSWA continued to find excessive amounts of methane in some gas probes along the western side of the landfill. During this quarter, DSWA installed additional test probes in the area in an attempt to better characterize the source of the gas.
5. DSWA reported the receipt of prohibited wastes on three occasions during the quarter. On April 22nd, June 10th and again on June 11th, DSWA's operations staff discovered the suspected asbestos and took appropriate actions to report it and to ensure its safe disposal.
6. DSWA remains in compliance with the conditions of the Yard Waste Ban. During the first and second quarters of 2009, DSWA issued no yard waste citations or warnings to haulers at CIL. DNREC inspectors observed no excessive amounts on yard waste at the CIL working face during this time period.
7. On July 1st, the USGS reported a magnitude 2.8 earthquake in the New Castle Delaware area. DSWA's engineering firm inspected the MSE wall and found no damage. DSWA's engineering firm also reported that, because of the design features of the MSE wall and the foundation soils beneath the site, they expected no impact to the landfill.

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to the
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CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD - CHERRY ISLAND LANDFILL
ANNUAL REPORT - JULY 2009

This report covers the period of July 2008 to July 2009, the third year of the Citizens' Advisory Board to the Cherry Island Landfill. Board members are:

Vincent D'Anna	Appointed by New Castle County Council
Deborah Deubert	Appointed by Wilmington City Council
Jeffrey Flynn	Appointed by Wilmington Mayor Jim Baker
<i>(open)</i>	Appointed by Governor Jack Markell
Thomas Mitten	Appointed by NCCo. Executive Chris Coons
Alfonzo Plant	Appointed by State Representative Hazel Plant
Marvin Thomas	Appointed by State Senator Margaret Rose Henry

The Citizens Advisory Board to the Cherry Island Landfill (CAB-CIL) continues to meet quarterly, receiving reports and updates from the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) and the Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) regarding the operation and improvements taking place at the landfill. We also receive updates regarding DSWA programs such as curbside and igloo recycling, yard waste recycling and other pertinent matters.

During the past year and throughout its history, the CAB-CIL has always found the representatives of the DSWA and DNREC with whom we meet to be knowledgeable and forthcoming, sharing information and addressing questions and concerns of board members. The board is pleased with the overall performance of the DSWA management and staff at Cherry Island regarding landfill operations and environmental stewardship.

The progress of the landfill expansion project, while day-to-day operations continue coupled with the absence of any verifiable odor complaints at Cherry Island attest to the quality of site management and the commitment of DSWA senior management to their mission.

The CAB-CIL has interacted with and offered its perspective to DSWA and DNREC, as well as demonstrating our support for waste disposal, landfill usage and recycling initiatives in Delaware, through correspondence and publication of our quarterly meeting minutes on the DSWA website.

In January, following his inauguration, we provided Governor Jack Markell with a letter of introduction regarding the CAB-CIL.

CAB-CIL Annual Report
July 2008 – July 2009

At our April meeting, Robert McWilliams advised the board that he was relocating to New Mexico and tendered his resignation from the board. We sent Governor Markell a letter requesting that he appoint a replacement to fill Mr. McWilliams' seat on the board at his earliest opportunity.

In June, the CAB-CIL corresponded with the DSWA Board of Directors regarding the matter of sewage sludge disposal by the City of Wilmington. The matter continues to be unresolved as of the date of this report.

We appreciate the cooperation of DSWA and DNREC and look forward to continuing our working relationship with these agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Mitten, Chairman
CAB-CIL

Approved & adopted by CAB-CIL at Quarterly Meeting, July 20, 2009