

Boards and Commissions Position Vacancy Report

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Meeting Times: 4:00 PM Monthly - 3rd Monday Positions: 12 Contact Person: Gary Tweed
Meeting Place: 100 N. King Street - Commissioner's Meeting Room Length: 3 Years Contact Phone: 698-5115
Description: As directed by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners (BOC), to advise the BOC on issues pertaining to present and future solid waste programs in Henderson County. To review and approve the 3 Year Updates to the 10 Year Solid Waste Management Plan as prepared by the Office of the County Engineer. To work with the Solid Waste Department on the enforcement of litter

3 VACANT Position Requirement:

10 VACANT Position Requirement:

Applicants Interested in this Board:

Mr. James Hemphill	Date Applied: 03/10/2005
Mr. Stan Kumor	Date Applied: 06/02/2005
Mr. Richard Stewart	Date Applied: 03/30/2005

Memo

To: Justin Hembree
From: Gary T. Tweed, P.E.
CC: Amy Brantley
Date: 2/8/2006
Re: SWAC Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). At the request of the Board of Commissioners, the SWAC has reviewed the number and make up of the SWAC and recommends that the committee be made up of 9 members consisting of two solid waste haulers, two homeowners, one engineer and a mix of other talent and an interests to create a balanced committee (see minutes of January 24, 2006 meeting)

There are four members that will rotate off the committee on April 1, 2006. Two have expressed interest in serving again, Terry Maybin and Katie Breckheimer. The other two, Bill Ramsey and Bill O'Cain do not wish to be reappointed.

So if the Board fills the two vacancies, and reappoints Terry Maybin and Katie Breckheimer, then the membership will be at 9 as recommended. The Board will need to appoint a chairperson since Bill Ramsey, current chair, will be going off the committee April 1, 2006.

If you will attach, this memo and the meeting minutes to the nominations section of the agenda, I will be present to discuss with the Board at there mid month meeting.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 24, 2006 at 2:00pm

Attendees: Gary Tweed- County Engineer, Bill Ramsey- Chairman SWAC, Terry Maybin, Katie Breckheimer, Emily Anderson, Finis Cavender, James Phelps

Guests: Chuck McGrady- BOC, Stan Kumor, Mike Mynatt, Charles Breckheimer

Agenda

SWAC Charter and Committee Member Numbers

Charter

Gary Tweed reported a modification to the mission charter given to him as a directive from the BOC. A single sentence has been added. It reads, "To study and make recommendations on improvements to recycling programs including projected program costs and funding sources."

The Board of Commissioners has asked the SWAC to provide a complete report on this change in charter at the BOC meeting in May. Member consensus was that we may find that deadline impossible to meet with a thorough report. All present promised to work in subcommittees and to meet monthly (Third Mondays from 4pm to 6pm) to attempt to meet that completion date. We may find it necessary to submit a progress report and ask more time to complete a comprehensive report.

Membership in SWAC is changing. Resignations from SWAC were received from Charles Garrett and Dianne May. Four members have terms expiring April 1; Bill Ramsey, Katie Breckheimer, Terry Maybin, and Bill O'Cain. Katie and Terry have expressed a willingness to serve another term. Their reappointments are at the discretion of the BOC. Chairman Ramsey asked once again for the committee to consider the size and talent mix of the SWAC. We reached consensus that a committee of nine people with two haulers, two homeowners, one engineer and a mix of other talent and interests would result in a balanced committee.

Recycle Coordinator Position The County eliminated the role of the recycle coordinator several years ago. It is the consensus of the SWAC that the BOC should again fill this position for a period of one year. In that time the in-depth study of recycling methods and costs should be completed and implementation of the SWAC recommendations should be underway.

SWAC Member Education Many members of the SWAC and the new members that will be recruited to fill vacant positions need to understand the way the solid waste system works and the financial impact of tonnage and fee changes in the Enterprise Fund method of financing.

To begin the education of the SWAC members, a visit to the Greenville Material Recovery Facility will be scheduled before the next meeting. All SWAC members that have yet to visit that operation are urged to do so.

Flat Fee Schedule Gary Tweed reported on the implementation of a new fee structure that allows homeowners in private vehicles to pay a flat fee and by-pass the scales. A position has been created and changes in the computer system have been made to allow for accurate record keeping. A planned for exit scale will not be needed at this time. Visitors to the location will notice the dramatically reduced congestion that this change allows. A fee schedule was distributed.

The County Engineer had requested a modest fee to support the recycling center operations but that request was denied. He had also sought an increase in the scale-tipping fee but that too was denied.

Distribution of Documents and Materials Gary Tweed is revising the three year plan as a part of the requirements of the State of NC. He will share that plan with the committee when it is completed. He distributed copies of the SWAV charter, a county map showing the proposed hauler franchise areas. Franchising was rejected by the BOC several years ago and no renewed interest in franchising has been shown.

Sub-Committee Assignments The committee wishes to meet in subcommittees between SWAC monthly meetings. We recognize that additional work sessions between monthly meetings are needed to complete our assignments in a timely way.

Bill Ramsey and Gary Tweed compared notes after the meeting and based upon expressions of interest heard offer the following assignments.

Sub-committee on Curbside Collection and Blue Bag Programs will also consider additional recycle collection centers spread around the county. Chair – Jim Phelps with Terry Maybin and Finis Cavender.

Sub-committee on Public Education, School Recycling and Channel 11
Chair Katie Breckheimer with Emily Anderson.

Sub-committee on Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling
Chair Tom McCullough with Jack Johnson

These sub-committees are free to draw upon other resources including members of the Committee on Recycle Reform

Next Meeting: MONDAY February 20 at 4 pm until 6 pm in BOC meeting Room