

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE
POLICY COMMITTEE
In person & Zoom**

DATE: March 16, 2022

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Hamilton County Environmental Services
250 William Howard Taft Road, 1st Floor
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

PRESENT: **Policy Committee Members**

Pierce Bruner, Student Representative
Tony DiPuccio, Generator Representative
Denise Driehaus, County Commissioner, Chair
Karen Hurley, General Interest Member
Greg Kesterman, Hamilton County Public Health Representative
Sue Magness, Largest Municipality Representative
Matt Wahlert, Township Representative

Staff

Michelle Balz, Solid Waste Manager
Gage Bradford, Community Specialist
Mary Copenbaker, Business Outreach Coordinator
Elise Erhart, Outreach Specialist
Brad Johnson, Director
Ali Khodadad, Operations Manager
Mike Kramer, Assistant Director
Susan Schumacher, Assistant Solid Waste Specialist, Clerk

Others in Attendance

Michelle Ackenhausen
Jack Brendamour, Junk King
Jim Brett
Nee Fong Chin, Prosecutor's Office
D. Crawford
Craig Davidson, Hamilton County Public Health
Mayor Stefan Dunsmore
Dean Ferrier, Rumpke
Michael Friedman
Matt Hittle, Ohio EPA
Karen Luken, Economic Environmental Solutions International
Tim Mara, Oxbow
Ellen McGrath
Gina Marsh, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Driehaus
Tawanna Molter, Colerain Township
Julie Pahutski, WTH Analytics
Bryan Peak, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
Amanda Pratt, Rumpke
William J. Rumpke, Rumpke
Tom Tepe, Keating, Meuthing, Kleklamp

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Matt Tietsort
Molly Yeager, Rumpke
James
Julie
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ABSENT: **Policy Committee Members**
Bob Gedert, Public Member, Vice-Chair

1. INTRODUCTION/OPENING COMMENTS

Ms. Driehaus called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Driehaus entertained a motion to approve the January 19, 2022 minutes. Ms. Hurley moved; Mr. Kesterman seconded. Ms. Magness and Mr. Wahlert abstained. Everyone in favor and the minutes were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One public comment was given.

4. R3SOURCE REVENUE UPDATED/ANALYSIS from 2020

Revenue from January, 2021 and January, 2020 was compared.

5. POLICY COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Meeting Time Adjustment

An explanation was given as to the reason for the request to adjust the meeting time to begin at 3:00 p.m. After discussion, the Committee concurred to have future meetings begin at 3:00 p.m.

b. R3Source Infrastructure Grant Applications

Three Infrastructure grant applications were received. After explanation by staff and discussion from the Committee, the Committee voted on each application separately.

Colerain Township: Mr. DiPuccio moved approval; Ms. Hurley seconded. Mr. Wahlert abstained. All else in favor.

Junk King: Mr. Wahlert moved approval; Mr. DiPuccio seconded. Ms. Hurley abstained. All else in favor.

Queen City Commons: Mr. Kesterman moved approval; Ms. Hurley seconded. All in favor.

c. Industry Representative

Mr. DiPuccio's term expires in May. Mr. Kesterman and Ms. Magness will be on the interview committee for the new Industry Representative.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Solid Waste Rules Update

Being that the rules are in litigation, no update was given. However, comments could be heard. There was one comment heard.

b. Hamilton County Plan Update (timeline, business analysis, stakeholder input, data analysis)

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A presentation was given regarding the solid waste plan update timeline, business analysis, stakeholder input and data analysis. A discussion and question and answer session followed.

c. Waste Reduction Innovation Grant Update

An update was given regarding the Waste Reduction Innovation Grants approved since January.

d. Environmental Enforcement Program

An update was given and there were no comments by the Committee.

7. TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

8. POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no Policy Committee members' comments.

9. UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled Policy Committee meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at Hamilton County Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 1st Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

The March 16 meeting minutes can be viewed via Hamilton County R3Source's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/HamCoRecycling>

10. ADJOURNMENT (Target Time – 2:00 p.m.)

Ms. Driehaus entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Magness moved; Ms. Hurley seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.