

MINUTES OF MEETING
DELAWARE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: March 24, 2016

LOCATION: DSWA Administration Office
1128 S. Bradford Street
Dover, Delaware

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

DIRECTORS

Gerard L. Esposito
Ronald G. McCabe
Michael Paraskewich
Tonda Parks
Timothy P. Sheldon
William Strickland

STAFF

Richard P. Watson
Robin M. Roddy
Michael D. Parkowski

LEGAL COUNSEL

F. Michael Parkowski

GENERAL PUBLIC

None

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Chairman, Gerard Esposito, called the three hundred and seventy-fifth regular meeting of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors to order on Thursday, March 24, 2016. He announced the meeting had been duly noticed and the Directors had received copies of the information to be considered.

A. MINUTES

Chairman Esposito called for additions or corrections to the draft of the Minutes of the February 24, 2016, meeting of the Board of Directors.

Motion A – moved by Mr. Paraskewich

“The Minutes of the February 24, 2016, Board of Directors’ meeting of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority be accepted as written.”

Second – Mr. Sheldon

Vote – (Paraskewich, Parks, Sheldon
Strickland, McCabe, Esposito)

Motion Adopted
(unanimous)

B. CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS

Motion B - moved by Mr. McCabe

“The Board approves the request from Delaware Envirothon for a \$2,000.00 contribution in accordance with DSWA’s Policy Guidance on Contributions.”

Second – Ms. Parks

Mr. Watson said that DSWA has been a participant in the Envirothon for several years. This program introduces Delaware high school students to environmental sciences. DSWA’s Sarah Culler is a judge. Staff recommends continuing to support the Envirothon events.

Mr. Paraskewich	Yes
Ms. Parks	Yes
Mr. Sheldon	Yes
Mr. Strickland	Yes
Mr. McCabe	Yes
Mr. Esposito	Yes

Motion Adopted

(6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Michael D. Parkowski updated the Board on the Discount Disposal Fee Agreement. He has held meetings with several licensed haulers. These companies will take a while to sign up because they have to choose options for their companies. The non-licensed haulers were sent their agreements in mid March and some have already returned them.

Mr. Michael D. Parkowski told the Board that the Organics Task Force, which he co-chaired, issued their report. The Task Force had a difficult agenda, which was to identify technologies that could manage organics that created no odors. Since this is impossible, the task force looked for best practices to manage organics. DSWA is being tasked with finding answers to the problem. Mr. Watson said that the study trip for the Board will allow DSWA to find the best path forward. After the trip staff, will meet with the Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) to discuss the most viable solutions. Mr. Esposito asked if DNREC wanted to fund the private sector to do something or did they want DSWA to do something? Mr. Parkowski said that DSWA should be prepared to offer suggestions on how organics recycling should be approached and present it to DNREC. Funding for projects could come from the Bottle Bill Fund that still has money left in it from the start of the curbside recycling program. Some of this money could be used for organics recycling. DSWA is not eligible to use that money but we could partner with a company, such as we did with Recommunity and Revolution. Mrs. Roddy said that there will be several site visits on the

trip that will be very beneficial for the Board. Mr. Paraskewich asked what the focus was on organics recycling. How is it going to be narrowed down? Mr. Parkowski said that organics recycling is identified as food waste and vegetative waste that is currently going to a landfill.

Mr. Parkowski said that DSWA will be participating in a Delaware Chapter of Keep America Beautiful to promote an anti-litter campaign. DSWA will have a seat on the Board and provide some start-up funds along with other organizations.

The Budget Workshop was held on March 23. No public attended. The Public Hearing is April 6th.

Mrs. Roddy updated the Board on personnel changes. Jason Munyan is now the Manager of Engineering. Jason has been with DSWA for 10 years. He started in Engineering and was most recently Senior Facility Manager at the Cherry Island Landfill (CIL). Lynsey Kocenko has been assigned to CIL as Manager. She was most recently the Manager at the Sandtown Landfill. She is very knowledgeable about CIL being the project manager for the expansion project there. The Sandtown Landfill Manager position was just filled by Justin Wagner. He came to DSWA from the University of Delaware and has been working for the last six years at CIL as a facility engineer. There will be an opening for a facility engineer that will be posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment

Motion – Ms. Parks

“The Board Meeting is adjourned.”

Second – Mr. Sheldon

Vote – (Paraskewich, Parks, Sheldon,
Strickland, McCabe, Esposito)

Motion Adopted
(unanimous)

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela R. Williamson

Meeting Adjourned: 5:35