

**DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (DAFIG)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Date: June 11, 2019  
Time: 7:30 – 9:35 p.m.  
Location: The Gothic Barn, 20900 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson

**1. ATTENDEES**

Name	Title	Status	Affiliation	Present
Eric Cronquist		voting member	<b>Resident, Affected Community</b>	No
Lauren Greenberger	SCA President	voting member	Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)	Yes
Richard Hill		voting member	For A Rural Maryland (FARM)	Yes
Jane Hunter		voting member	<b>Resident, Affected Community</b>	Yes
Paula Jenson		voting member (pending)	Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)	Yes
Mark Maier	DAFIG Chair	voting member	<b>Resident, Affected Community</b>	Yes
Steven Mendelsohn		voting member	<b>Resident, Affected Community</b>	Yes
Kathy Mihm		voting member	Town of Poolesville	No
Seth Schwartz		voting member	Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)	Yes
Stephen Poss		voting member	<b>Resident, Affected Community</b>	Yes
Kraig Walsleben		voting member	Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB)	Yes
VACANT		voting member	<b>Resident, Affected Community</b>	
Aaron Hill		non-voting member		No
David Blackmore		non-voting member	Covanta	Yes
Judy Fox	Program Manager II	non-voting member	Montgomery County DEP/DSWS	Yes
Katherine Nelson		non-voting member	Montgomery County Planning Board	No
Lonnie Heflin	Section Chief	non-voting member	Montgomery County DEP/DSWS	Yes
Peter Heimlicher	Compliance Specialist	non-voting member	GenOn	Yes
Charlie Bradford	Senior Operations Manager	non-member	Maryland Environmental Service	Yes
Joe LaDana	Program Manager II	non-member	Montgomery County DEP/DSWS	No
Steve Tomczewski	Env. Ops. Managing Director	non-member	Maryland Environmental Service	Yes
Mark Abrams	President	non-member	Technical Environmental Services, LLC	Yes
Ray Liou		non-member	Montgomery County DEP/DSWS	Yes
Steve Martin	Environmental Compliance Supervisor	non-member	Montgomery County DEP	Yes

Willie Wainer	Division Chief	non-member	Montgomery County DEP/DSWS	No
Jim Evans		guest	Resident, Affected Community	Yes

## 2. INTRODUCTIONS

Voting and non-voting members of DAFIG were introduced.

## 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion to accept and adopt the agenda for this meeting was made, and the motion was seconded, voted on and passed. Minutes for the December 2018 meeting were approved. Minutes for the March 2019 meeting were reviewed and will be approved during the September 2019 meeting.

## 4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Montgomery County Board, Committee and Commission training requirements were explained; all voting and non-voting members must complete the online training for both the Maryland Open Meetings Act

[https://www.igsr.umd.edu/VLC/OMA/class\\_oma\\_introl.php](https://www.igsr.umd.edu/VLC/OMA/class_oma_introl.php)

and Parliamentary Procedures.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/training/parliamentary-procedures.html>

Mr. Heflin stated that if you must stop training, in order to pick up where you stopped, you must use the same computer. Copies of certificates of completion are to be forwarded to Judy Fox, who will keep updated training records and inform members when they are due to be trained again.

- B. The Chair requested all voting members to fill out the General Volunteer Registration form and hand in to Ms. Fox.
- C. The Vice-Chair position is still open.
- D. DAFIG website is up and running, with downloadable information as needed.

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/dafig/>

- E. Documentation sharing should be as followed:
- Finalize minutes and publish to website within two months of the meetings. Send draft to members within one month, for a two-week review period, prior to finalizing.
  - Mail physical copies of agenda, minutes and any ad-hoc reports to all voting members two weeks prior to meetings.
  - Facility reports that are not available for physical mailings should be posted to the website one week prior to meetings and emailed to the members.

F. RRF Best-In-Class status update:

- a. Mr. Blackmore stated that the plant is running at 94-95% availability, the mid 90's for full load, there has been no diversion and a 25% increase in waste and the boilers are running well. The Best-In-Class document was not on-hand. The Chair asked that it be **emailed to the group by July 4<sup>th</sup>**.

G. DAFIG Master Plan update:

- a. Mr. Heflin stated that there is no money leftover in the FY19 budget. Money was used for the SO2 monitoring/study.
- b. The Chair asked if there is money in the FY20 budget for the Master Plan. Mr. Heflin confirmed that there is. The Chair requested **the budget be shared with the group**.

H. Fire Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action Plan:

- a. The Chair stated that Mr. LaDana confirmed that the four power point presentations are the source documents for the judgements in the 2-page summary and they are posted on the website.
- b. Mr. Heflin stated that he spoke to Risk Management this morning and the documentation is being finalized for the claim. The settlement date has not been defined but they are hoping for the first quarter of FY20 (September 2019). The Chair requested the **documentation be shared via email as soon as it is available**.

I. County Solid Waste Master Plan update:

1. The Chair requested a **summary of tasks**, including: Task #, Name, brief description, due date and completion status be provided at the meetings via the minutes or the agenda. <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/SWS/master-plan.html>
2. Mr. Heflin stated that the Zero Waste Task Force is currently working on Task # 9. Engineers and consultants have inspected all County facilities, focused on tonnages, waste streams and recycling opportunities and getting into the meat of recommendations for the next steps to achieve the mandated goals. A conference call is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. Mr. Heflin explained the meeting held on June 10<sup>th</sup> included a review of the EPA WARM model, which covers waste management and greenhouse gas emissions. <https://www.epa.gov/warm>

J. Environmental Impact Monitoring Update:

- a. DAFIG members will review and comment on Scope of Work, **emailed by Mr. Heflin, by June 18<sup>th</sup>. If no comments are received, go ahead with procurement of services on June 19<sup>th</sup>**.
- b. Invite Sullivan Environmental Consulting **present the findings** at the next quarterly meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

K. DEP Compliance and Complaints

- a. There was one odor complaint on May 31, 2019, made by Jim Evans directly to Charlie Bradford. Mr. Bradford stated that grass was being added to windrows in Area A that day and should not have been based on the wind coming from the NW. Site flags will no longer be used to determine wind direction.
- b. Mr. Evans asked if the County is making any effort for residents down-county to grasscycle and Mr. Heflin explained that residents do a remarkable job grasscycling, proven by C:N ratio testing of preprocessed material before it leaves the Transfer Station, along with the steady drop in tonnage inbound to the compost facility. Weight increases this year are due to water only.

## **5. FACILITIES UPDATES**

### RRF

Mr. Blackmore gave an update on the tonnages processed and explained the difference in bar graphs between total inventory and boiler load. The Chair requested reports to be changed to a rolling 18-month comparison.

There was a small boiler fire on April 15<sup>th</sup>. It was not near the boiler pit. An operator found it during a routine walkaround and immediately called 911. The fire was put out by site personnel with a fire extinguisher and there was no damage.

### COMPOST FACILITY

Mr. Bradford gave an update comparing to last year's numbers. Increased tonnages were explained due to a record precipitation year.

- a. Add "yard trim" header to reports
- b. Add screen size to screened overs (< 3/8) and overs (> 3/8) headers for more distinction
- c. Fix order date on NPDES graphs

### GENON

Mr. Heimlicher gave an update on the ash landfill remediation order from MDE. Revision # 3 was sent to MDE on May 22, with a 30-day turnaround time frame for comments. The public meeting will be set afterwards, to be held at the Beallsville UMCVFD facility.

## **6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS**

Mr. Evans inquired about a health risk assessment that was done for the fire at the RRF and was directed to the environmental monitoring findings on the DAFIG website.

## **7. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN**

There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, voted on and passed. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019.