

DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP
(DAFIG)

September 8, 2020 Final MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 8, 2020
 Time: 7:00 PM – 9:10 PM
 Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

1. ATTENDEES

Name	Present	Title	Status	Affiliation
Eric Cronquist	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Lauren Greenberger	Yes	SCA President	voting member	Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)
Richard Hill	Yes		voting member	For A Rural Maryland (FARM)
Jane Hunter	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Paula Jenson	Yes		voting member	Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
Mark Maier	Yes	DAFIG Chair	voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Steven Mendelsohn	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Kathy Mihm	Yes		voting member	Town of Poolesville
Seth Schwartz	No		voting member	Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)
Stephen Poss	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Kraig Walsleben	Yes		voting member	Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB)
VACANT			voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Aaron Hill	No		non-voting member	
Tom DeMaio	Yes		non-voting member	Covanta
Katherine Nelson	No		non-voting member	Montgomery County Planning Board
Lonnie Heflin	Yes	Section Chief	non-voting member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Section
Dave Rosenbaum	Yes	Program Manager	non-voting member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Section
Peter Heimlicher Mike Bennett	Yes	Compliance Specialist	non-voting member	GenOn
Willie Wainer	No	Division Chief	non-member	DEP - Recycling & Resource Mgmt Div.
Joe LaDana	Yes	Senior Engineer	non-member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Section
Ray Liou	No	Senior Engineer	non-member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Section
Steve Martin	Yes	Env. Compliance Supv.	non-member	Montgomery County DEP
Charlie Bradford	Yes	Sr. Operations Mgr.	non-member	MES
Nick D’Amato	No	Project Manager	non-member	MES
Tim Brownell	Yes	Division Chief – Operations	non-member	MES
Steve Tomczewski	No	Env. Ops. Managing Dir.	non-member	MES
Mark Abrams	No	President	non-member	Technical Environmental Services, LLC
Jim Evans	No		Guest	Resident, Affected Community
Michael Pope	Yes		Guest	

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Voting and non-voting members of DAFIG were introduced.

Virtual Meeting procedures reviewed.

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4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- A. Chairman Maier made a motion to accept and adopt the agenda as presented for this meeting. Motion was seconded and passed with no objections.
- B. Chairman Maier asked for any updates or changes for the June 9, 2020 DAFIG Meeting Minutes.
- C. Chairman Maier asked about:
 - a. Mr. Rosenbaum created a contact list of DAFIG members including critical phone numbers and emails. Dickerson Facilities Notification Protocol was recently submitted for update and signature.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. DAFIG Website.
 - a. Website updated and organized to make it easier to navigate. Comments welcome.
 - b. Chairman Maier requested Meeting Minutes draft distributed to group within two weeks, including Meeting recording if available. Also update webpage reports.
- B. BCC Training.
 - a. Chairman Maier reminded members of this requirement.
 - b. Mr. Heflin reminded DAFIG the training is required for DAFIG membership and participation. Will ask BCC if there are any options.
 - c. Mr. Hill: In the past, only the Chair and Vice-Chair were required to take all of the trainings. Very cumbersome for a member to have to take both. Mr. Heflin said he would also ask BCC if training is required for just “officers” or all members. Chairman Maier reminded members if the BCC rejects DAFIG request for revised meeting and ethics training, members will have to take the training in order to participate.
- C. Vice Chair Opening
 - a. Chairman Maier: Reminder of Vice-Chair opening. Also, DAFIG voting member vacancy remains for a resident of the “Affected Community”
- D. RRF Best-In-Class status update:
 - a. Chairman Maier: Asked if posted reports are updated? Confirmed that Mr. DeMaio had submitted the most recent reports for Covanta.
 - b. Chairman Maier:
 - c. Mr. DeMaio: Best in Class Update
 - i. Superheaters working well. Mr. DeMaio to confirm and review if replacement needed.
 - ii. Current final version of reports have been posted.

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Schedules and Activities Update

Dickerson Area Environmental Study Schedule			
Study	Current Report/ Data	Next Study/ Update	Note
MDE Updates	2019	2023	The update is required 2 years after 10-Year Plan is approved.
County Solid Waste Master Plan	2015	2021	On-going
DAFIG Master Plan	2013		Plan was reviewed by DAFIG.
Health Risk Assessment	2013- 2014	2023	Previous studies: 1989, 2006, 2013.
Air and SO2 Monitoring	2013- 2016	2023	Funds were used for AERMOD Validation Study that is on-going. Previous studies: 1994, 1996, 2002, 2008, 2013.
Non-Air Monitoring	2014- 2015	2023	Funds were NOT used for AERMOD Validation Study that is on-going. Funds should still be available. Previous studies: 1994-95, 1996-98, 2001, 2004, 2007-08, 2014.
Streams and Ponds Monitoring	2016	Late 2020 or early 2021	Water quality tests for streams and ponds are performed periodically. Study report uses Benthic Macroinvertebrate Community as the indicator.
Ground Water Monitoring	2017	Late 2020 or early 2021	Water for wells around composting site are sampled and analyzed semi-annually.

- a. Chairman Maier: Requested updates to table. Add row for Aiming for Zero Waste. Clarify Solid Waste Master Plan and Aiming For Zero Waste are two separate plans, add details.
- b. Chairman Maier: DAFIG budget. Mr. Heflin posted FY21 Budget to website. FY July 1 to June 30.
- c. Mr. Heflin: County Executive and County Council to choose a course of Action. All “Aiming for Zero Waste” documents are available on website. Sr. DEP management is working closely with the CE and his staff to review the various options the AZW plan presents.
 - Aiming for Zero Waste:
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/SWS/master-plan.html>

E. RRF Fire Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action Plan

- a. Chairman Maier: How much did the fire cost? Not who is paying for it.
- b. Mr. Heflin: Continues to request from County Risk Management. Risk Management received preliminary settlement offer, Lonnie will request a copy.
- c. On-going discussion of who has coverage and who has claims against who. DAFIG wants to know what the cost of the fire was.
- d. Chairman Maier: To close the fire off DAFIG’s list, DAFIG wants to know the cost.

F. Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2020 Meeting

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- a. Chairman Maier: Requested a motion to approve the minutes, motion was made, and seconded. The June 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

G. Environmental Monitoring.

- a. AERMOD (SO₂) Monitoring Study Status
 - i. Chairman Maier: Requested update on status of report.
 - ii. Mr. Heflin: Contractor submitted report. Very detailed and technical, County asked for plain language project summary. Should have report very soon.

H. DEP Compliance Report

- a. Mr. Martin: No complaints were received for the period. 3 Anonymous complaints were received and investigated including smoke, grass odor, early morning trucks.
- b. Dave Rosenbaum presented County response regarding limits to materials taken at the Transfer Station, and the specifics of why there is a 5 gal limit for Paint and Oil? Steve Mendelsohn requested the limit be raised to 10 gal. Dave Rosenbaum will request from Transfer Station management. Contractors are required to use the Ecowise Program to dispose of materials.

I. Facility Updates

- a. RRF
 - i. Mr. DeMaio: Reviewed:
 - Tons Received. Processed, and Bypassed.
 - a. Incoming Tonnage down 5%.
 - Availability Report. Missing data, updated report posted to webpage.
 - ii. Ms. Hunter complained that there was lots of activity and noise at the RRF. Mr. DeMaio stated there have been more scheduled outages since trash is down slightly. Covanta has been blasting every 6-8 weeks to keep the boiler path clear.
- b. Compost Facility
 - i. Mr. D'Amato: Reviewed:
 - Incoming material, tons by mode, Bulk Products and Bagged Products. Revenue \$1.91 per bag, up 5-10%.
 - Did not present Ponds data. Chairman Maier requested a Pond expert present next meeting if available.
 - 2 minor spills, cleaned up, no impacts.
- c. GenOn

Mr. Heimlicher: Reviewed Plant Closure.

 - i. Continued coal units shutdown. Must move approx. 8,000 tons of coal and any other hazmat.
 - ii. Combustion turbines (natural gas / oil) will continue to operate. Mr. Heimlicher last day Nov 1.

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- iii. Possible conversion to Solar generation or other commercial use. More details to come.
- iv. Ash Hauling: Reviewed Totals to-date.

Negative tons indicate ash removed from Plant taken to Westland and sent for cement immediately.

Ash Removal Totals 2020					
Month	Truck Loads	WSTLD tons	Plant Tons	Total Tons	AVG Tons/Trip
Jan	145	3,082	(128.00)	2,954	
Feb	745	17,256	(288.00)	16,968	
March	957	23,184	(1584.00)	21,600	
April	1,052	24,610	0	24,610	
May	865	19,539	0	19,539	
June	213	4,803	-1,095	3,708	
* July	45		1,116	1116	* All loads of fly ash from Dickerson Plant direct to Lehigh
Aug					
Sept					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					
Total 2020	4,022	92,473	-1,979	90,494	23
Total 2019	1,927	45,027	-1,724	43,194	
Totals for Project	5,949	137,500	-3,702	133,688	

3-5 million tons remains on site.

J. Unfinished Business

- a. Chairman Maier: Reviewed the due dates for minutes, updates to reports and SO₂ Study.
- b. Schedule Facility Tours for group as soon as available.
- c. Ms. Greenberger: County Zoning Amendment for Commercial Solar on Ag Reserve.

K. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The meeting may be virtual given the current meeting restrictions due to COVID. There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, voted on and passed.