

DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP
(DAFIG)

December 8, 2020 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 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	No		voting member	For A Rural Maryland (FARM)
Jane Hunter	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Paula Jenson	Yes		voting member	Solid Waste Advisory Comm (SWAC)
Mark Maier	Yes	DAFIG Chair	voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Steven Mendelsohn	No		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Kathy Mihm	Yes		voting member	Town of Poolesville
Seth Schwartz	Yes		voting member	Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)
Stephen Poss	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Kraig Walsleben	Yes		voting member	Upcounty Citizens Advisory Bd (UCAB)
VACANT			voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Aaron Hill	No		non-voting member	
Tom DeMaio	Yes	RRF Ops	non-voting mem	Covanta
Katherine Nelson	No		non-voting member	Montgomery County Planning Board
Lonnie Heflin	Yes	Section Chief	non-voting mem	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Sec
Dave Rosenbaum	Yes	Program Manager	non-voting member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Sec
Peter Heimlicher	Yes	Compliance Specialist	non-voting mem	GenOn
Mike Bennett	No	Plant Manager		
Willie Wainer	No	Division Chief	non-member	DEP - Recycling & Resource Mgmt Div.
Joe LaDana	No	Senior Engineer	non-member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Sec
Ray Liou	No	Senior Engineer	non-member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Sec
Steve Martin	Yes	Env Cmp Sup, Complnts	non-member	Montgomery County DEP
Charlie Bradford	Yes	Sr. Operations Mgr.	non-member	MES
Nick D’Amato	No	PM, Yard Trim Compost	non-member	MES
Tim Brownell	Yes	Division Chief – Ops	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	No		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.
- 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. Aiming for Zero Waste Taskforce update (From Lauren Greenberger)
 - a. Commercial Food Scrap Collection Pilot
 - i. 1,800 Home Pilot (2 Collection Routes)
 - ii. Also On farm Composting.
 - iii. Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA) willing to negotiate for Food Scrap Composting at the Montgomery Count Yard Trim Composting Facility (MCYTCF)
 - Prince George County Facility uses Gore Cover system, no odor.
 - 9 weeks to Compost, compared to 9 months for MCYTCF.
 - Would have to upgrade facility to MDE Tier II Permit.
 - b. Single Use Plastic restrictions/bans.
 - c. Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Program.
- E. 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

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- i. Superheaters working well. Mr. DeMaio to confirm and review if replacement needed.
- ii. Current final version of reports have been posted.

DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule				
Study	Current Report	Next Study	Next Report/Presentation	Note
MDE Updates	2019	2023	When?	The update is required 2 years after 10-Year Plan is approved.
County Solid Waste 10y Master Plan	2015	2021	When?	On-going. ZWTF submitted final report to Co. XYZ is now ... next steps?
DAFIG Master Plan	2013	2021	When?	Waiting for Co 10y master plan to be finalized.
Health Risk Assessment (HRA)	2013-14	2023	When?	Previous studies: 1989, 2006, 2013. DAFIG rejected HRA findings and report
Air Monitoring	2013-16	2023	When?	Funds were used for AERMOD Validation Study that is on-going. Previous studies: 1994, 1996, 2002, 2008, 2013. DAFIG rejected Air Mon findings and report
SO2 Monitoring	2018-21	Ongoing	Mar 9, 2021	Monitor SO2 contribution by the RRF into the environment and compare it to the HRA predicted model in order to improve both.
Non-Air Monitoring	2014-15	2023	When?	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	Dec 8, 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	Mar 9, 2021	Water for wells around composting site are sampled and analyzed semi-annually.
Deer Management	When?	When?	When?	Monitor and comment on deer management contracts and results
Tour Facilities	When?	When?	When?	Familiarize members with each location

- 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. Add columns for Performed, Presented.
- b. Chairman Maier: DAFIG budget. Mr. Heflin posted FY21 Budget to website. FY July 1 to June 30. Post FY22 Budget when available.
- 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

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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>

F. 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: County to accept Insurance Settlement Offer. Requested Kimberly Gay-Armour, Chief, Division of Risk Management to attend next DAFIG Meeting.
- 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.

G. Approval of Minutes from Sept 8, 2020 Meeting

- a. Chairman Maier: Requested a motion to approve the minutes, motion was made, and seconded. The Sept 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

H. Environmental Monitoring.

- a. AERMOD (SO₂) Monitoring Study Status
 - i. Mr. Heflin: Contractor submitted report. Very detailed and technical, County asked for plain language project summary.
 - ii. Report available, Trinity to present at March meeting.
- b. Groundwater Report?

I. DEP Compliance Report

- a. Mr. Martin: No complaints were received for the period. One inquiry about loud noise at RRF. It was a turbine outage.

J. Facility Updates

- a. RRF
 - i. Mr. DeMaio: Reviewed:
 - Tons Received. Processed, and Bypassed.
 - a. Will edit legend to clarify measurements.
 - Scheduled outages in January.
 - ii. Water improvements through the Authority (because of GenOn shutdown). Mr. Heflin to assemble Recycling data.
 - Recycling rate without ash)
 - Diversion Rate (w/ash).
 - Tonnages
 - Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)
- b. Compost Facility
 - i. Mr. D'Amato: Reviewed:

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- Incoming material, tons by mode, Bulk Products and Bagged Products.
- Did not present Ponds data. Chairman Maier requested a Pond expert present next meeting if available.
- One minor spill, cleaned up, no impacts.
- ii. Mr. Jordahl, DEP Aquatic Biologist, presented Stream Sampling data.
 - Mr. Bradford will provide prior history of filter socks to prevent fines from entering the streams (2016). He will also install new filter socks and gauge effectiveness.
- c. GenOn
 - Mr. Heimlicher: Reviewed Plant Closure.
 - i. Coal units shutdown. Most of the 8,000 tons of coal and any other hazmat were removed.
 - ii. Combustion turbines (CT) (natural gas/oil) will continue to operate. Mr. Heimlicher last day 1/2/21.
 - iii. Subdivided property through Park and Planning.
 - Ms. Hunter asked about Zoning changes.
 - Mr. Walslaben said Zoning would not change.
 - d. Ash Hauling: to resume in January Ms. Greenberger discussed Community Solar in the Agricultural Reserve Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA 20-01)
 - i. There was enough opposition to require more time for discussion and feedback.
 - ii. Created a work group of Stakeholders.
 - Expect Proposal in January?
 - Farmers generally rent land for \$150/acre. Solar may rent land for up to \$5,000/acre.
 - DAFIG to discuss drafting an opinion letter next meeting. Object or support?
 - a. Mr. Maier to send email asking for opinions.
 - b. Mr. Walslaben – let the market decide?

K. Unfinished Business

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

L. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021 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.