

DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (DAFIG)

March 9, 2021 Final MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 9, 2020
Time: 7:00 PM – 10:06 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 | No | | 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 |
| Mike Bennett | No | Plant Manager | non-voting mem | GenOn |
| John Sachs | Yes | VP | | |
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| Willie Wainer | No | Division Chief | non-member | DEP - Recycling & Resource Mgmt Div. |
| Joe LaDana | Yes | 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 | No | Env Compl Sup, Comp’ts | non-member | Montgomery County DEP |
| Charlie Bradford | Yes | Sr. Operations Mgr. | non-member | MES |
| Vacant | 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 |
| | | | | |
| Patty Bubar | Yes | Deputy Director, DEP | non-member | DEP |
| Jim Ballard | Yes | | non-member | Resident, Affected Community |
| John Agnoli | Yes | Env Section Chief | non-member | MES |
| Susan Barnes | Yes | Managing Consultant | non-member | Trinity Consultants |

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.

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Virtual Meeting procedures reviewed.

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 December 8, 2020 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. No changes. Passed unanimously.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Patty Bubar, Deputy Director of DEP.

- a. RRF Fire. DAFIG wants to know overall costs.
- b. Jan 2021 County reached agreement with Insurance Co to settle claim.
 - i. Pumping and Transport of Water: \$170,811
 - ii. Waste hauling and bypass: \$816,211
 - iii. Ambient Air Monitoring: \$60,728
 - iv. Independent Review by HDR: \$109,976
 - v. DEP Personnel costs: \$72,163
 - vi. Total: \$1,229,889
 - vii. Lost revenue of Electricity sales: \$408,528
 - viii. Total Costs: \$1,638,417**
- c. Mark asked what amount was reimbursed by Insurance? **Patty** said she would ask.
- d. Mark asked if Covanta paid any damages? **Patty** said County did not pursue Covanta for any payment. This money came from the FY17 Budget. The County must balance the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. FY18 Rates reflected balance.
- e. Mark asked Covanta costs. **Tom DeMaio** will check. Ask NMWDA?
- f. Mark asked and **Patty** agreed to support county claims for Covanta to pay County costs caused by Covanta.
- g. Mark asked **Patty** to check if Covanta's contract includes a county early termination right, service levels or other performance terms.

B. Vice Chair Opening

- a. Chairman Maier: Reminder of Vice-Chair opening. Also, DAFIG voting member vacancy remains for a resident of the "Affected Community"

C. Comprehensive Solid Waste 10 Year Plan Review.

- a. Public Hearing scheduled for 3/16/21.
- b. County T&E Committee 3/22/21.
- c. Then back to full council for vote.
- d. Goal to close Incinerator by 2026 and update Master Plan accordingly.
 - i. More analysis needed on details.
 - ii. Recycling opportunities.

D. Aiming for Zero Waist taskforce wrapping up. Trinity Consultants Presentation - Susan Barnes.

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- a. Trinity found that their AERMOD together with the actual sampled data was consistent with Trinity's newly predicted air monitoring concentrations..
 - b. Trinity did not review the 2015 AERMOD used for the 2015 HRA. Based Trinity's new findings, needs further discussion if to reconsider DAFIG rejection of the most recent HRA and Air Report.
 - c. Main focus should be on the next Health Risk Assessment (HRA). County would need to create Scope of Work and Budget to continue to review how much pollution in area, and to integrate actual sampled data into the AERMOD and HRA.
- E. DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule.
- a. Lonnie Heflin and Ray Liou updating table.
 - b. HRA after Air/Non-Air Monitoring.
 - c. Ground Water Monitoring.
 - i. Ray has Report/Presentation. Post to webpage and present next Meeting.
 - d. Move to last page of Minutes and update as needed.
- F. Deer Management – Joe LaDana.
- a. Posted Mid Atlantic Whitetail Solutions 2020-2021 Deer Management Summary to webpage.
 - b. MD DNR denied permit renewal.
 - c. New Contract Solicitation coming for 800+ acre property. Unpaid Contract.
 - d. Tabled discussion for next meeting.
- G. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin (not available), Lonnie Heflin reported:
- a. Three odor complaints received from Poolesville residents on 3/5/21 (two from same address). No facility upsets reported from RRF. Possibly from local bonfires. Lonnie to forward response to Councilmember/Aide.
- H. Facility Updates
- a. RRF - Tom DeMaio
 - i. RRF Fire.
 - County paid \$1.6 Mil.
 - Committee asked how much did Covanta suffer? Covanta performance issues?
 - Out of pocket costs for Covanta? Insurance payment to Covanta?
 - Tom to check and report (ASAP by email).
 - Committee asked should Covanta paydamages?
 - a. Tom says incident already “Closed out”.
 - ii. Reviewed Reports:
 - DAFIG Tons Received/Processed Report Final 3/4/21.
 - DAFIG Availability updated 3/4/21.

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- 2 successful Outages.
 - Slow MSW for Feb (due to weather).
 - Chart, legend updated.
- b. Compost Facility – Tim Brownell
- i. Reports reviewed:
 - DAFIG Quarterly Report presentation.
 - Two spills:
 - a. 1.5 gal Hydraulic fluid, cleaned up, no impacts.
 - b. 40 gal Diesel, cleaned up, no impacts.
- c. GenOn – (Mike Bennett not available), Dave presented Q1-21 DAFIG Report.
- i. Coal Plant Decommissioning/Caretaking.
 - ii. Combustion Turbine Site.
 - iii. Westland Ash Landfill.
 - Ash mining activities resumed 22Feb21.
 - iv. PJM Website lists potential 542 MW solar project.
 - Resident Jim Ballard – Potential electricity cost increases due to Coal Plant shutdown.
 - Mark requested **Jim** send an email with issues/ideas, Cost/Benefit analysis.
 - v. **Seth Schwartz** volunteered to get info on GenOn. Add to next agenda.
 - vi. Craig Walsleben said several parties are interested in GenOn Property since State changed Data Center requirements.
- d. Community Solar in the Agricultural Reserve Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA 20-01) passed. Lauren Greenberger said passed with two amendments:
- i. Limits use of Land to Class 3 + soils. Not Class 1 or 2.
 - ii. All requests require “Conditional Use” approval, rather than “Permitted Use”. Retains Zoning.
 - iii. Some County Councilmembers were upset with Amendments.
- I. Open Discussion – None.
- J. 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.**

K. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 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.

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| DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule | | | | | |
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| # | Study | Completion Date | Date Due | Status | Note |
| 1 | Comprehensive Solid Waste Management 10-Year Plan 2012 - 2023 | 2015 | 2018 | Submitted draft 2/20/2020 | State law |
| 2 | Comprehensive Solid Waste Management 10-Year Plan 2020 - 2029 | Draft sent to MDE for technical review on 1/30/2020 | | Currently under review by County Council | Public Hearing scheduled for 3/20/2021 |
| 3 | Comprehensive Solid Waste Management 10-Year Plan: Progress Report | 2019 | 2022 | | Every 2 years based on date MDE approves Comprehensive Solid Waste Management 10-Year Plan |
| 4 | Aiming for Zero Waste – The County’s Solid Waste Master Plan | 2020 | As determined by DEP | Complete | County’s 1 st Solid Waste Master Plan |
| 5 | Facilities Master Plan for the Solid Waste Operations in the Dickerson Area | 2013 | | | Depends on whether the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management 10-Year Plan includes any new solid waste facilities in Dickerson area |
| 6 | Health Risk Assessment (HRA) | Study Started in 2013, Completed in 2014 | 2018 | Include in future budgets | Previous studies: 1989, 2006, 2013. 2015 HRA rejected by DAFIG. 2018 HRA deferred to conduct AERMOD Validation Study. |
| 7 | Ambient Air Monitoring Program | Start: 2013 Final: 2016 | 2018 | Include in FY 2023 Budget | Previous studies: 1994,1996,2002, 2008,2013. 2016 Air Report rejected by DAFIG. 2018 Ambient Air Monitoring funds used for AERMOD Validation Study. |
| 8 | Non-Air Media Monitoring Program | Start: 2014 Final: 2015 | 2018 | Include in FY 2023 Budget | Previous studies: 1994-95, 1996-98, 2001, 2004, 2007-08, 2014. 2018 Non-Air Media Monitoring Program funds used for AERMOD Validation Study. |
| 9 | Streams and Ponds Monitoring | 2016 | Late 2020 or early 2021 | Presented to DAFIG on Dec 8, 2021 | Evaluate the surface water quality for the two streams at the compost facility. Study uses Benthic Macroinvertebrate Community as the indicator. |
| 10 | Ground Water Monitoring | 2017 | Late 2020 or early 2021 | Presentation to DAFIG on Mar 9, 2021 | Water for wells around composting site are sampled and analyzed semi-annually. |
| | Deer Management | | | | Monitor and comment on deer management contracts and results |
| | Tour of Facilities | | | | Tours can be scheduled after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. |
| | AERMOD Validation Study | 2018-21 | Complete | Presentation to DAFIG on Mar 9, 2021 | New AERMOD consistent with 12 months of SO2 concentration monitoring and meteorological data. |

Budget: Develop WWW, Submit XXX, Finalize YYY, Approved ZZZ.

Fiscal Year: July 01 through June 30.