

DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (DAFIG)

June 8, 2021 Draft MEETING MINUTES, FINAL

Date: June 8, 2021
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:19 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 Vice 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 Comm (SWAC)
Mark Maier	Yes	DAFIG Chair	voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Steven Mendelsohn	No	Resigned	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 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	Yes	Plant Manager	non-voting mem	GenOn
John Sachs	No	VP		
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	Yes	Senior Engineer	non-member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Sec
Steve Martin	Yes	Env Complaints	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
Dustin Prievo	Yes	Founder/Owner	non-member	Mid-Atlantic Whitetail Solutions, LLC

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 March 9, 2021 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. No changes. Passed unanimously.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Patty Bubar, Deputy Director of DEP, presented 3/9/21.

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 Covanta costs. Tom DeMaio checked and confirmed that Covanta did not pay the County any amounts for the costs to respond to the fire.

e. Mark asked and **Patty** agreed to support county claims for Covanta to pay County costs caused by Covanta.

f. 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, two (2) DAFIG voting member vacancies for a resident of the "Affected Community"

C. Comprehensive Solid Waste 10 Year Plan Review.

a. Then back to full council for vote. Council has not approved yet.

b. Goal to close Incinerator by 2026 and update Master Plan accordingly.

c. Council has not approved yet.

d. Chairman Maier asked **Lonnie** for the next steps and timelines.

D. DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule.

a. Lonnie Heflin provided updated table (last page of Minutes). **Lonnie** confirm and update last and next Ground Water Monitoring report.

b. Lonnie provided County OMB Budget Process (posted to webpage).

c. Chairman Maier asked about the next Health Risk Assessment (HRA) and status of funding for it.

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- i. **Lonnie** will check the FY23 Budget to see if funds available.
 - ii. Chairman Maier requested a spreadsheet of the DAFIG Budget, FY21, FY22, FY23. **Lonnie** will pull together for next meeting.
 - d. **Add to next meeting**: Environmental Management System update.
- E. Deer Management – Joe LaDana.
 - a. New Contract Solicitation coming for 800+ acre property. Unpaid Contract.
 - i. Prefer long-term relationship. Consider Sole-Source to Mid-Atlantic Whitetail Solutions. Would issue authorization letter for each new year.
 - Chairman Maier supports, unanimous support from DAFIG.
 - b. Dustin Prievo – Mid-Atlantic Whitetail Solutions.
 - i. Provided an overview of the Deer Management program benefits and challenges.
 - ii. Provided slides (posted to webpage).
- F. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin
 - a. One odor complaint from Poolesville. DEP was unable to track down any specific cause. No facility upsets reported from RRF. Possibly from local bonfires.
- G. 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?
 - Committee asked should Covanta pay damages?
 - a. Tom says incident already “Closed out”.
 - ii. Reviewed Reports:
 - Some Bypass for approx 10 days, River Water pumps were down.
 - DAFIG Tons Received/Processed Report Final 6/8/21.
 - DAFIG Availability updated 6/8/21.
 - 2 successful Outages.
 - Chairman Maier requested **Tom** to create new spreadsheets with information of interest to DAFIG.
 - Chairman Maier requested DAFIG be notified by email 1-2 days in advance of any Blasting.
 - b. Ground Water Monitoring – Ray Liou
 - i. Reviewed Water Quality Monitoring presentation 2018-2020 (posted to webpage).
 - All results below Drinking Water Standards.

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- DAFIG requested **Ray** provide Ground elevations and well water levels. – Completed.
- c. Compost Facility – Tim Brownell
 - i. Reports reviewed:
 - Unable to complete usual DAFIG Quarterly Report presentation.
 - a. **Tim** will finish graphs and post to webpage with Summary.
 - Three small spills in April, all cleaned up without environmental impact.
 - Leafgro Bags and Bulk sales.
 - Screen Reject Material (SRM).
 - a. New Electric Screener removes more fines from Overs.
 - b. Onsite Horizontal Grinder, slow progress, though Mulch product looks good.
 - c. Long-term goal to purchase Hammer Mill and grind Overs as they come off the Screener conveyor.
 - i. Kraig Walsleben voiced his support and if requested may provide DAFIG and UCAB support.
- d. GenOn – Mike Bennett
 - i. Presented Q2-21 DAFIG Report.
 - ii. Coal Plant Decommissioning. – under Dickerson Infradevelopment, LLC.
 - Still have NPDES Permit. Caretaker onsite.
 - Coal Pile now a grass field.
 - Sewage treatment decommissioned.
 - Started Salvage operations.
 - Reconfigured gate.
 - iii. Combustion Turbine Site. – under Dickerson Power, LLC.
 - 147 MW x 2 units.
 - 18 MW smaller unit.
 - iv. Westland Ash Landfill.
 - Ash mining activities resumed 01Jun21.
 - v. PJM Website lists potential 542 MW solar project.
 - vi. **Seth Schwartz** volunteered to get info on GenOn. Add to next agenda.

H. Open Discussion –

- a. Jane Hunter – Sugarloaf Citizens Association (SCA).
 - i. SCA was approached with request to allow smaller trucks to pick up Bulk Leafgro at Compost Facility.
 - Current minimum 40 cu yd trucks.
 - SCA Committee is reviewing the request.
 - a. Pro – small farmers gain access to Bulk Leafgro.
 - b. Con – more truck traffic.
 - **Jane** will keep DAFIG updated.

I. Unfinished Business

- a. Chairman Maier: Reviewed the due dates for minutes and updates to reports.

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b. Schedule Facility Tours for group as soon as available.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The meeting may be in-person! We will attempt to provide a hybrid meeting (face-to-face + Teams) as we transition back to post COVID protocols. There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:19PM, voted on and passed.

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DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule					
#	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 Mar 9, 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: Lonnie to add dates: Develop WWW, Submit XXX, Finalize YYY, Approved ZZZ.

Fiscal Year: July 01 through June 30.