The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:40 PM on March 16, 2016, in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). Introductions were then made. NO QUORUM at that time.

**MAJOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION – FY 17 Budget Overview**

**Collections – G. A. Corrick:** Collection costs up by 3% (by contract). Up-county household numbers are up increasing the recycling pick-up needs.

**Recycling – Eileen Kao:** Couple of changes. Reduced budget by $155K for multimedia used to advertise the 70% recycling target. The word is out. Reduced budget by $50K for communication of polystyrene ban. Ban is implemented and business seems to be on board.

**Transfer Station / Landfills – Peter Karasik:** Gude budget is down by 5%, waiting on MDE approval of proposed mitigation response. No real spending at this point. Landfill Gas control costs up – Electricity value is down. We are not quite breaking even now but need to manage gas. Oaks up 3% - escalation in the contract – same service. Same Landfill Gas comments as Gude. Recycling – new mixed paper handling/contract. ~$6M in savings/earnings. Discussion: Potential change on what is acceptable paper. Can we improve market value? Our “product/source” is valued in the market. Dual stream value. Product still saleable. Out of County Contract budget increase by 13%. End of contract life in June 2017.

**Northern Operations / Planning – Bill Davidson:** Planning – next tip and sort in ’17. Compost ~4% down, lower capital expenditures. Greencycle has kept yard waste tons down. GOOD. RRF – debt service gone (Bonds paid off in April, 2016) – costs down 46%. EE value way down – spot market. Site II LF – still held in reserve, costs down. Dickerson Master Plan – $99K, up ~5%, studies to be done.

**Business Analysis – Scott McClure:** Budget reduced from ’16 by ~$18M (primarily debt service on the RRF bonds). FTE’s up. Admin and Support – rates are flat save Leaf Vac which is up 10%,
DISCUSSIONS: Where is the $23M from the RRF debt service going? Staff response: Hold in reserve for GUDE. Other uses? Food Scraps, MACT response. Overall comment: $100M with 1M tons – handling waste is expensive.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Past Minutes: November 5 (needs approval), January 6 (no quorum), and February 3 (no quorum).

Subcommittee Reports:
- Planning: no report
- Recycling: no report
- Budget: no report
- Interview Committee: Candidates were interviewed and those that we accepted will be recommended to the CE for appointment.

Meeting with Dan Locke to express concerns over SWAC’s functionality and value. Asked for support, recruiting, application opening period. Invite his participation at our meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations and Elections for 2016 (Chair and Vice): Sara and Nicolette – president and vice. No vote taken to approve as we did not have a quorum.

Boards and Commissions Recruiting Process: Sara D had a rough draft of a memo for review. It is to be presented on the 29th during the meeting with CE Leggett.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

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