

#### SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 13, 2021 10:00 AM

#### **Electronic Meeting**

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) 2180 North Main Street Belton, TX 76513

## **Solid Waste Advisory Committee Voting Members Present**

Chair Zoe Rascoe – Citizen Representative Vice Chair Bill Parry – City of Gatesville Bill Gould – City of Killeen Justin Brantley – City of Temple Mark Hyde – City of Harker Heights Second Vice Chair Duane Herrera – Bell County Commissioner Henry Hubnik – Milam County John Trigg – Industry Representative Marcie Seele – City of Belton

# **Additional Attendees**

David Williams – City of Kempner Timi Dutchuk – Fort Hood Jackelyn Ferrer-Perez – Fort Hood Uryan Nelson – CTCOG PRS Director Kendra Coufal – CTCOG James McGill – CTCOG

- **1. Call to Order:** Zoe Rascoe called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.
- 2. Public Comments: No comments were made by the public.
- **3. Staff Update:** RSWMP Update; New SWAC Members; Federal and State Updates; TCEQ MSW Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Committee Nominations; Other Resources; Air Quality.

James McGill introduced himself and provided an update on the RSWMP update process. Mr. McGill shared some highlights from the project timeline and when upcoming SWAC and public meetings are expected to occur. Mr. McGill stated that two new SWAC members, Marcie Seele representing the City of Belton and Commissioner Henry Hubnik representing Milam County were appointed since the last meeting. Mr. McGill informed the SWAC of various local, state, and federal reports and regional awards included in the packet for SWAC's review. Mr. McGill informed the group that TCEQ's Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Committee (MSWMRRAC) has some open positions available to be filled. Mr. McGill shared information on an upcoming workshop hosted by HGAC on recycling programs and the 2021 Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) conference. Air Quality for the month of April was 63 ppb at the Temple station and 70 ppb at

the Killeen station. Zoe Rascoe thanked Mr. McGill for mentioning the KTB conference and congratulated the local winners of the GCAA award winners.

4. Action Item: Approval of January 21, 2021, January 28, 2021, and March 1, 2021 meeting minutes.

Bill Parry made a motion to approve the January 21, 2021, January 28, 2021, and March 1, 2021 electronic meeting minutes, seconded by Duane Herrera; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Item: Regarding FY21 HHW events; Gatesville & Bell County Event Summaries.

James McGill informed the SWAC of the upcoming Killeen HHW event on May 15<sup>th</sup> and Milam County Tire Event scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McGill stated that the February Gatesville HHW event and April Bell County Tire Event were both a success. Mr. McGill shared data on where attendees were from, items brought, and previous attendance gathered from surveys taken at the event. Duane Herrera and Bill Parry both shared that they were pleased with their events.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding FY21 Earned Interest and Remaining Implementation Funds.

James McGill informed the group that CTCOG had earned interest on solid waste funds in FY21 and also had additional unallocated implementation funds available for spending. Mr. McGill explained that the leftover implementation funds had to be expended by the end of the fiscal year, but the earned interest funds could be rolled over to the following fiscal year. Mr. McGill shared a list of ideas for how SWAC could use these extra funds. Mr. McGill stated that CTCOG was extending the FY20-21 contract 90 days through November 2021 to give our contractor more time to work on the RSWMP update, this would allow funds to be allocated towards Temple's October HHW event. The floor opened for discussion.

Uryan Nelson asked if the earned interest could be compounded in future years. Mr. McGill said the funds could be rolled over but would have to be used in FY22. Bill Parry suggested giving the additional funds to Temple for their October HHW event. Justin Brantley suggested putting funds toward projects addressing recommendations from the RSWMP update. David Williams mentioned that Kempner is interested in hosting a bulk trash event and asked if funds could be put towards that. Zoe Rascoe asked if the item could be tabled and brought back at the next meeting in June, so committee members would have time to consult with their respective leadership regarding options for use of these funds. Mr. McGill said the item could be moved and stated that if anyone wants to request funds for a new event that the entity provide a short description of their proposed event to the SWAC for review prior to allocation.

Justin Brantley made a motion to table the allocation of FY21 earned interest and remaining implementation funds to the next SWAC meeting, seconded by Mark Hyde; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding use of FY22-23 Solid Waste Funds.

Zoe Rascoe provided a recap of how the SWAC utilized Solid Waste Funds in the past and explained that this item is to provide notice to TCEQ of how CTCOG will use implementation funds for the next biennium.

Bill Parry shared that while he likes HHW events, his only concern is if an idea or project comes out of the RSWMP update that the SWAC might want to put funds toward instead of HHW events. James McGill stated that TCEQ is still finalizing contract documents for the upcoming biennium and there is still some uncertainty as to how much funding will be available. Mr. McGill also noted that until funds are allocated, the SWAC could pivot and dedicate funding towards another kind of project if they wanted. Kendra Coufal asked if there would be possible project ideas from our consultant by the June meeting that the group could consider. Mr. McGill stated that AZB would be presenting draft goals and possibly action items for SWAC review at that meeting.

Bill Parry made a motion to spend FY22-23 solid waste funds on HHW events, seconded by Duane Herrera; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Call for Applications for FY22 HHW Events.

James McGill stated that the draft application for FY22 HHW events is available in the packet for review and requested comments on the application and timeline for the FY22 Call.

Zoe Rascoe said that she appreciates the longer timeline to allow entities time to submit and work with their local meeting schedules. Mr. McGill shared when the upcoming SWAC meeting dates were currently scheduled and that a 45 day time period would fit in between the June and August meetings. Ms. Rascoe stated that the application could be finalized at the June meeting and the timeline sounded good.

Justin Brantley made a motion to accept applications for FY22 HHW Events between July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, seconded by Duane Herrera; the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding Scrap Tire Resolution.

James McGill shared with the SWAC that staff, with the help of Kara Escajeda, had drafted a resolution regarding the issue of scrap tires in the region and the continuation of the committee's commitment to fighting the problem. Justin Brantley shared a recent example from Temple of how they had recently sent 7 trailers of stockpiled scrap tires to Liberty Tire for recycling.

Bill Parry made a motion to approve the Scrap Tire Resolution, seconded by Mark Hyde; the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding SUSTEX Case Study on the Centex Sustainable Communities Partnership.

Zoe Rascoe explained that a case study on the Centex Sustainable Communities Partnership had recently be presented at the SUSTEX Conference and Kara Escajeda wanted to share that with the group for their awareness and review. Timi Dutchuk provided an overview of what the case study looked at and what the major goals of the partnership are. Ms. Dutchuk also shared that the Partnership had recently hosted an event to re-sign the MOA between each of the communities and recognize an environmental ambassador from each community and they plan on that becoming an annual event.

## 11. Member Comments:

James McGill and Kendra Coufal shared that CTCOG is moving back towards working in the office and that meetings over the summer could start returning to being in-person and/or have a hybrid format.

- **12. Next Meeting:** Tentatively June 24, 2021
- **13. Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by	the SWAC members at their meeting on June 23, 2021
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Zoe Rascoe, SWAC Chair	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG PRS Director