



SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 9, 2023

10:00 AM

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

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Voting Members Present

Chair Justin Brantley – City of Temple
Vice Chair Zoe Rascoe – Citizen Rep
Second Vice Chair Duane Herrera – Bell County*
Marcie Seele – City of Belton
Bill Parry – City of Gatesville

Mark Hyde – City of Harker Heights
Commissioner Johnny Wagner – Hamilton County
Commissioner Lewis Bridges – Lampasas County
Scott Edmonson – San Saba County
John Trigg – Private Business Representative

Additional Attendees

Kara Escajeda – City of Nolanville
Ryan Polster – City of Hamilton*
Kathryn Norris – City of Morgan’s Point Resort
Richard Creed – Clean Earth*

James McGill – CTCOG
Connie Quinto – CTCOG
Hope Geiger – CTCOG
Anita Janke – CTCOG

**Denotes online attendee*

1. **Call to Order:** Justin Brantley called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.
2. **Public Comments:** No comments were made by the public.
3. **Staff Update:** RSWMP Update; Other Updates; Air Quality.

James McGill provided the committee an update on the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) approval process. Mr. McGill stated that TCEQ was still moving through the proposed rulemaking process and that a formal public comment period and public hearing were scheduled for the March. Mr. McGill noted that TCEQ anticipated the rulemaking process to be finished in July. Mr. McGill informed that SWAC of some vacancies on TCEQ’s MSWRRAC committee and shared links to Recycling Resources from Take Care of Texas. Air Quality for the month of January was 45 ppb at the Temple station and 46 ppb at the Killeen station.

4. **Action Item:** Approval of the September 15, 2022 meeting minutes.

Bill Parry made a motion to approve the September 15, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Wagner; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Item: Regarding update on FY23 HHW Events.

James McGill provided an update on the survey results from the October 23 Temple HHW event. Justin Brantley added comments about the number of residents served and how collecting paint year round helped lower the cost of the event. Mr. McGill shared an update regarding the upcoming Spring HHW events in Hamilton, Lampasas County, Troy, and Killeen.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding the allocation of unused FY23 Implementation funding.

James McGill explained that following the allocation of FY23 Implementation funding at the September SWAC meeting staff discovered additional unused carryover funds from FY22 that needed to be allocated. Mr. McGill also noted that Bell County decided to return their awarded funding to the SWAC to be utilized by another HHW event. Mr. McGill stated that the total unallocated amount of FY23 funding, not including interest, stood at \$9,000.

The SWAC discussed several ideas for how to use the money and Justin Brantley shared that due to Temple's lower costs this year they did not need to receive increased funding. Bill Parry recommended that the \$9,000 be split evenly between Lampasas County, City of Troy, and City of Killeen to increase each of their total funding amounts to \$15,000.

- Lampasas County HHW Event – Increase funding by \$3,000
- City of Troy HHW Event – Increase funding by \$3,000
- City of Killeen HHW Event – Increase funding by \$3,000

Zoe Rascoe made a motion to allocated the unused FY23 Implementation funding to three events in the amounts listed above, seconded by Bill Parry; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding use of Implementation funds for the FY24-25 biennium.

Justin Brantley introduced this item and James McGill noted that staff was interested in whether or not the SWAC would like to explore expanding the list of eligible implementation projects so staff can research and provide recommendations on changes to the Project Application and develop a Scoring Guide.

The floor opened for discussion. Several SWAC members made comments on the various issues and needs that the region is facing as well as ideas for addressing those issues. Kara Escajeda recommended three technical studies to gather data and then determine the need for implementation projects addressing specific types of waste (tires, paint, etc.). Bill Parry requested information on how much money was allocated to Implementation projects over the past 5 years and what kinds of implementation projects those dollars were spent on. The SWAC came to a consensus that exploring new options for spending FY24-25 biennium Implementation dollars would be a useful exercise.

8. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding the creation of an Application and Scoring Guide Workgroup.

James McGill shared that following the previous discussion about potentially expanding the use of Implementation Funds during the next biennium staff recommends creating a Workgroup to develop a new Project Application and an accompanying Scoring Guide so the SWAC can effectively and accurately evaluate different kinds of projects that may be submitted in the future. Justin Brantley requested four to five individuals volunteer for the workgroup and clarified that the invitation extended to ex-officio members too.

Following a brief discussion Justin Brantley, Kara Escajeda, Jackelyn Ferrer-Perez, Kathryn Norris, and Marcie Seele volunteered to be a part of the working group.

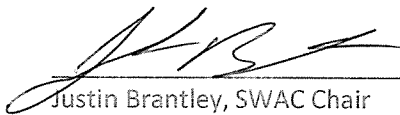
Commissioner Johnny Wagner made a motion to create an Application and Scoring Guide Workgroup comprised of the 5 individuals listed above, seconded by Commissioner Lewis Bridges; the motion passed unanimously.

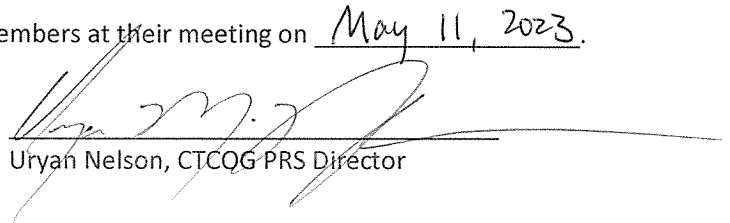
9. Member Comments: Commissioner Johnny Wagner thanked everyone for coming to the SWAC meetings to discuss important solid waste issues that are not the most glamorous things, but are very important to the residents of this region.

10. Next Meeting: May 11, 2023

11. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the SWAC members at their meeting on May 11, 2023.


Justin Brantley, SWAC Chair


Uryan Nelson, CTCQG PRS Director

