

**Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District
Board of Directors Meeting**

June 20, 2023

Clermont County Administration Building – 101 E. Main Street, Batavia Ohio

Members in Attendance

Adams County	Clermont County
Kelly Jones	Bonnie Batchler
Barbara Moore	Claire Corcoran
Diane Ward	David Painter

Attendees:

Hannah Lubbers, Doug Snyder, Tom Eigel, Greg Bickford, Jennifer Haley; Clermont County
Dan Wickerham, Dee Edge; Adams Brown Recycling

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Mr. Painter.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Batchler moved to approve the minutes from the 03/20/2023 meeting. Ms. Ward seconded and the motion passed without dissent.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Lubbers reviewed the financial report.

- Ms. Lubbers noted that the expenses and revenue listed on the Cash Report is consistent.
- Ms. Lubbers explained that District received \$164,131.28 in reimbursement from the State Disaster Relief Program for the Goshen tornado clean-up expenses, and that check was deposited after the Cash Report was printed. The District incurred expenses of \$54,710.43 that were not reimbursed.
- Ms. Lubbers noted that the only large expenses that occurred since the last meeting were for the repair and refurbishing of two roll-off compactor containers for the Adams County recycling drop-off locations.

Ms. Corcoran moved to approve the financial report. Mr. Jones seconded and the motion passed without dissent.

3. RECYCLING DROP-OFF IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Lubbers requested authorization for the District to provide materials for concrete pads for the Pattison Park and Franklin Township recycling drop-off sites, not to exceed \$5,000 for each location, for a total cost of \$10,000.

- Ms. Lubbers explained that historically the District has partnered with various property owners that host the Districts drop-off sites to make site improvements as necessary.
- Ms. Lubbers stated that the Pattison Park location and the Franklin Township location have been identified as sites that would benefit from a concrete pad under the recycling containers.

Ms. Ward moved to authorize the District to provide materials for concrete pads for the Pattison Park and Franklin Township recycling drop-off sites, not to exceed \$5,000 for each location, for a total cost of \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corcoran and passed without dissent.

4. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director's Report was given by Ms. Lubbers:

USDA Compost and Food Waste Reduction Grant

Ms. Lubbers spoke about the USDA Compost and Food Waste Reduction Grant in partnership with Hamilton County.

- Last year, the District partnered with the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District to apply for USDA funding on behalf of Valley View for infrastructure improvements and equipment purchases in order to obtain licensing at their Milford composting facility. That the funding request was later denied by the USDA.
- This year, Hamilton County R3Source provided \$100,000 in match funding to join the partnership and expand the scope of the project to include the improvement of two additional composting sites in Hamilton County.
- If funded, this grant would help construct a haul road at the Valley View site in Milford, and provide funds towards the purchase of a screener and a skid-steer for their composting operations.
- The total funding for this project would be nearly \$500,000 with the District providing technical support.

USDA Rural Development Grant

Ms. Lubbers spoke about the USDA Rural Development Grant in partnership with Warren County.

- This grant funding has been awarded, and will be used to connect commercial and institutional food generators in Adams, Clermont, and Warren Counties to potential end users and processing facilities.
- The District has been working with CET, a consultant who is currently providing technical support for these services.

Association of Ohio Recyclers Grant

Mr. Snyder spoke about the Association of Ohio Recyclers Grant for a project in Adams County.

- Grant funding has been awarded in the amount of \$1,000 with no match required by the District. The District received \$500 in grant funding from this organization last year.
- These funds will be used for signage at various recycling drop-off locations in Adams County, including West Union, Peebles, and Manchester.

2023 OEPA Recycle Ohio Community and Litter Grant

Ms. Lubbers spoke about the 2023 Ohio EPA Recycle Ohio Community and Litter Grant.

- The District has been notified that it was awarded funding from the 2023 Ohio EPA Recycle Ohio Community and Litter Grant.
- A brief overview was given on how the requested grant funds would be used: \$38,250 will be used to hold two scrap tire collection events in 2023, as well as the Spring Litter Clean-up and Ohio River Sweep events in 2024. Grant funding would cover \$30,600 of the total costs and the District would contribute \$7,650 of funding.

2022 OEPA Recycle Ohio Community and Litter Grant

Ms. Lubbers spoke about the 2022 Ohio EPA Recycle Ohio Community and Litter Grant that was awarded last year.

- The outdoor recycling containers that were purchased with these funds last fall have been installed in various parks in Clermont County, as well as the Lions Club Park in Adams County.
- Litter collection events were successfully held in 2022 using these funds.

Tire Collection Events

Ms. Lubbers spoke about two tire collection events that are being held in 2023.

- The Clermont County tire collection event will be held on Friday September 8 and Saturday September 9 at a location yet to be determined.
- The Adams County tire collection event will be held on Wednesday October 18 at the AWAR transfer station.

Litter Events: Spring Litter Clean-up and Ohio River Sweep

Ms. Lubbers gave an update on upcoming litter clean-up events being held at several locations in Adams County and Clermont County.

- The Adams County Ohio River Sweep events were held this past weekend.
- The Clermont County Ohio River Sweep event is scheduled for this coming Saturday June 24, 2023 at four locations: Moscow, Neville, Chilo, and New Richmond.

Recycling / Waste Disposal Outreach Materials

Ms. Lubbers gave a brief presentation on the District's outreach material, to be distributed at various public events in Adams County and Clermont County.

- A 4.75" tall x 8.5" wide color magnet is being made to distribute in Adams County. It features pictures of recyclables that are accepted at the public drop-off locations, as well as a listing of the nine non-school public drop-off locations.
- A brochure is being made to distribute in Clermont County. It features a listing of all of the District's public recycling drop-off locations, as well as information about proper disposal outlets for other items.

Solid Waste Plan

Ms. Lubbers gave an update on the District's solid waste plan.

- The process was started in May, and the District is currently working with a consultant, GT Environmental.
- The District Policy Advisory Committee has been assembled and the first meeting will be in August on a date yet to be determined.
- District programs and the capacity for waste within the District are currently being inventoried.

Pollution Prevention Internship Program

Ms. Lubbers gave an update on the Pollution Prevention Internship Program.

- The District has partnered with Milacron to host an intern for this 12 week program.
- Lauren Clark was selected as the pollution prevention intern and the District will be covering 75% of her salary.
- The District will be receiving weekly reports on this project with a presentation scheduled on August 4th.

School Waste Reduction Program

Ms. Lubbers gave a summary of the end-of-year school supply recycling program, which collects usable school supplies from teachers and students at the end of the school year.

- This year 13 schools participated in the program, up from the 5 schools that participated last year.
- It took an entire day for 12 people to sort the materials.
- Over 1,248 pounds of usable school supplies were diverted from the landfill and donated to various organizations including the Wyler Boys and Girls Club, CNE Cares, and the Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub.

Ohio Senate Bill 119

Ms. Lubbers gave a summary of Ohio Senate Bill 119 and how it could impact the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District if passed.

- A hearing is scheduled today at 4:00pm in front of the Agricultural / Natural Resources Committee.
- This Bill stems from an issue in Seneca County in northwest Ohio, regarding Sunny Farms landfill. 90% of the waste received by the landfill is pulverized construction and demolition debris coming from out-of-state. This type of material has less fees associated with it, which impacts local funding for various departments in that area.
- The current draft of the bill contains an option for solid waste districts to implement a tiered structure for fees regarding construction and demolition debris, which would not impact the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District at this time.
- The current draft of the bill also contains language regarding the dissolution process of a joint solid waste management district. This new proposal outlines new procedures that allows a County that is collectively generating more than 75% of the annual revenue to adopt a resolution to withdraw from the district in 180 days. The current dissolution process is 20 months.
- Ms. Lubbers stated her objection to this Bill as proposed, and asked the Board for guidance regarding their stance on this proposal. After some discussion, Ms. Lubbers requested that the Board consider passing a motion authorizing her to submit testimony as an interested party on behalf of the District.

Ms. Moore moved to authorize Ms. Lubbers to provide written testimony as an interested party at this afternoons hearing on Ohio Senate Bill 119, on behalf of the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corcoran and passed without dissent.

5. AWAR TRANSFER STATION & TREFZ ROAD SITE – OHIO EPA INSPECTION

Ms. Lubbers gave an update regarding a recent surprise Ohio EPA inspection at the AWAR transfer station and a dumpsite on Trefz Road, and two technical assistance letters received by the Ohio EPA.

DUMPSITE ON TREFZ ROAD

- A technical assistance letter was received regarding a dumpsite located along Trefz Road, east of the entrance to the AWAR transfer station. No violations were issued. This property is owned by the Adams County Commissioners, and is part of the parcel that contains the AWAR transfer station.
- Ms. Lubbers and Mr. Snyder visited the dumpsite and determined that no recent dumping has occurred, and this was a documented dumpsite that has existed since before the AWAR transfer station was opened.
- It will be difficult to clean up this dumpsite due to the sloped terrain and 50' ravine. Any attempted clean-up efforts will have to occur during the winter when the vegetation is

gone. In addition, equipment will have to be mobilized to pull the items from the ravine to the roadside for hauling.

- A response letter from the District was drafted to the Ohio EPA stating that a clean-up event for that site would be organized.

AWAR TRANSFER STATION

- The transfer station has been operating since 2004 and has not been inspected by Ohio EPA until April 25, 2023.
- A technical assistance letter was received regarding issues found at the AWAR transfer station, however no violations were issued.
- It was noted that the Ohio EPA sees that facility as a valuable resource to Adams County, and they recognized that the facility mitigates illegal dumping in the area.
- In order to remain exempt from OEPA licensing, the facility may not have more than 50 cubic yards of solid waste on the property at any given time. At the time of the inspection, there were more than 50 cubic yards of material at the facility. This included a 42 yard compactor container that was partially full, as well as two 30 yard roll-off containers that contained solid waste. Since the inspection, one of the 30 yard roll-off containers has been removed and the other is only being used in emergency situations.
- The facility had been operating under the assumed exemption from scrap tire regulations as a government agency holding a clean-up event. However, since the facility is accepting tires year-round that exemption does not apply. The District is evaluating other options, including becoming a licensed tire storage or processing facility.

After much discussion, it was determined that the District would do its best to clean up and better organize the AWAR transfer station facility, and continue to evaluate options on how to maintain compliance with the OEPA regulations.

6. ADAMS COUNTY EDUCATION REPORT

AWAR Transfer Station & Education/Outreach Report: Adams County

Ms. Edge gave an update on various environmental education projects in Adams County.

- The Recycle Right handouts were updated to include the location of the Adams County public recycling drop-off sites.
- Ms. Edge participated the Kindergarten Agricultural Day at the Adams County Fairgrounds in late-April. Over 200 kindergarteners attended.
- The Scioto Brush Creek Sweep occurred in May, where 47 tires were removed from a 2 mile span of the creek.
- With the assistance of Jody Gray from Rome, a total of 3 smaller Ohio River Sweep “season” events occurred in Adams County in June with good results.

- Advertisements for recycling services continue to be placed in the business section of the Adams County Peoples Defender newspaper.
- The Green Machine display will be in place at the Adams County Fair, to be held from July 9th to July 15th.

Mr. Wickerham gave an update about the AWAR transfer station at Adams County recycling.

- Jared Shoemaker has been hired as the new attendant at the AWAR transfer station
- The buy-back operation at the AWAR transfer station has been trending up slightly.
- The amount of recyclables from the public drop-off boxes in Adams County is consistent with last year's numbers.
- The first quarter of 2023 saw 2,015 customers at the AWAR transfer station, compared to 2,059 customers the first quarter of 2022 and 2,780 customers during the first quarter of 2021.
- During the first quarter of 2023, 145 tons of trash were disposed of at the AWAR transfer station, compared to 132 tons during the first quarter of 2022 and 184 tons during the first quarter of 2021.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

No public input was received.

8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

The next board meeting of the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, August 28, 2023 at the Adams County Government Building in West Union, Ohio.

Ms. Batchler moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corcoran and passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM.