



**Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board
Minutes
Wednesday, June 23, 2010
Metro Counties Intergovernmental Trust**

Members Present:

Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, Ramsey Co.
Commissioner Joseph Harris, Dakota Co.
Commissioner Jan Callison, Hennepin Co.
Commissioner Jim Kordiak, Anoka Co.
Commissioner Tom Workman, Carver Co.
Commissioner Jim Ische, Carver Co.

Commissioner Kathleen Gaylord, Dakota Co.
Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, Hennepin Co.
Commissioner Janice Rettman, Ramsey Co.
Commissioner Gary Kriesel, Washington Co.
Commissioner Lisa Weik, Washington Co.
Deputy Commissioner Tim Scherkenbach

Others Present:

Brad Fields, Anoka Co.
Mike Lein, Carver Co.
Jeff Harthun, Dakota Co.
Carl Michaud, Hennepin Co.
Zack Hansen, Ramsey Co.
Judy Hunter, Washington Co.
Dave Nuckols, Hennepin Co.
Pam Davis, Dakota Co.
Paul Smith, MPCA
Tina Patton, MPCA
David Cera, MPCA

Gary Pulford, MPCA
Scott Simmons, AMC
Ryan O'Gara, SKB
Kevin Tritz, SET
Don Chapdelaine, SKB
Wayne Hanson, GRE
Kevin Duchschere, Star Tribune
Barry Tilley, Capitol Hill Consultants, Inc.
Linda Gondringer, RRA
Joy Miciano, RRA
Samantha Werre, RRA

Agenda Item #1. Consent Items.

a. Minutes of the May 26, 2010 Meeting

Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Callison and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b. Checks and Claims

Commissioner Weik made a motion to approve the checks and claims as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaylord and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Agenda Item #2. Policy and Management.

a. Funding Agreement with MPCA and Related Issues: Resolution of SWMCB Approach

Commissioner Reinhardt gave a summary of the status of the MPCA/SWMCB funding agreement. She noted that the MPCA presented their decisions on funding to the SWMCB Executive Committee on June 16, 2010, which included:

- *"The MPCA will increase the amount of LRDG funds it currently sends to all seven counties each year, over and above the statutorily required 50% for LRDG programs (approximately an additional \$400,000). This element of increased funding will be linked to outcomes the MPCA expects to be achieved.*
- *"The MPCA expects to issue a single-source grant to the SWMCB for the remaining MLAA funds, approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000 per*

year for two years. As part of the grant application process, the MPCA will ask the SWMCB to prepare a response that includes a detailed workplan with specific tasks to achieve the outcomes."

- *"In planning for the next two years of solid waste management in the metro area, the MPCA has determined the need to focus on three main DRAFT objectives:*
 - 1. "Support county waste reduction and recycling programs*
 - 2. Promote regional solutions for solid waste management, and*
 - 3. Establish accountability for waste industry compliance (meaning no unprocessed waste delivered to landfills)."*

Commissioner Reinhardt called on the Executive Committee members and other board members to provide comment. The Commissioners' concerns included:

- Weakening of the regional approach to solid waste management, which has produced excellent programs and services over the past 20 years.
- Losing the efficiencies and cost benefits achieved through a regional approach.
- A delayed timeline and uncertain contractual agreements that could significantly impact SWMCB operations.
- Cumbersome administrative requirements.
- Not having the necessary tools to accomplish the MPCA's objectives.

Commissioner Reinhardt presented a resolution for consideration by the Board to set forth the SWMCB's approach to the funding agreement, which included the following resolving clauses:

- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SWMCB will continue to negotiate in good faith with the MPCA for a sole source funding agreement that meets mutually beneficial environmental outcomes and that the SWMCB requests expeditious negotiations in order to meet county and SWMCB budget planning schedules; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SWMCB will continue to collaborate with the MPCA on the development of the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan as detailed in the current Memorandum of Understanding between the MPCA and the SWMCB; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SWMCB redirect its current work related to the regional analysis of governance to developing a future funding, operations, and organizational plan that evaluates SWMCB's options, with or without MLAA funding, for consideration by the Board.

Commissioner Kordiak made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b. Financial Management

i. 2009 Year End Financial Report

Linda Gondringer, RRA, provided an overview of the 2009 year end financial report, which had been previously reviewed and discussed by the Executive Committee.

ii. 2010 Technical Budget Amendment

Linda Gondringer provided an overview of the 2010 technical budget amendment. Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve, by special resolution, the 2010 technical budget amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

c. Regional Analysis Policy Committee Update

Commissioner Harris provided an update on the work of the Regional Analysis Policy Committee. He noted that in light of the Board passing the resolution on the SWMCB approach to the funding agreement, the Committee's regional analysis work would be suspended, except for continued discussion on the Policy Plan.

Agenda Item #3. Communications and Outreach.

a. Agreements for Round 10 Community POWER Grants

Linda Gondringer, RRA, gave an overview of the Round 10 Community POWER grants and the approval process for executing the grants.

Commissioner Gaylord made a motion to authorize the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute agreements with the organizations listed below for a total amount not to exceed \$143,509.90. Individual agreements are as follows:

- **Anoka County Community Action Program-Child Care Resource & Referral (SWMCB Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Anoka County Community Action Program-Child Care Resource & Referral for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$11,550.00.
- **Minnesota 4-H Foundation (Anoka County 4-H) (SWMCB Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Minnesota 4-H Foundation (Anoka County 4-H) for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$11,999.60.
- **Carver-Scott Educational Cooperative (SWMCB Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Carver-Scott Educational Cooperative for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$5,829.00.
- **Minnesota 4-H Foundation (Dakota County 4-H) (SWMCB Funded)**

Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Minnesota 4-H Foundation (Dakota County 4-H) for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

- **Black Storytellers Alliance (SWMCB Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Minnesota Black Storytellers Alliance for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$11,999.00.
- **Center for Hmong Arts and Talent (SWMCB Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Center for Hmong Arts and Talent for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.
- **Stillwater Area Public Schools (SWMCB Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Stillwater Area Public Schools for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$11,760.00.
- **Paideia Academy (Dakota County Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Paideia Academy for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$10,570.00.
- **St. John Vianney Church (Dakota County Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with St. John Vianney Church for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$8,366.90.
- **Community Neighborhood Housing Services (Ramsey County Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Community Neighborhood Housing Services for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.
- **Saint Paul Public Schools Early Childhood Family Education (Ramsey County Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Saint Paul Public Schools Early Childhood Family Education for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.
- **Lao Family Community of Minnesota, Inc. (Ramsey County Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Lao Family Community of Minnesota, Inc. for a 2010

Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$11,436.00.

- **Summit University Planning Council (Ramsey County Funded)**
Authorization for the Chair to finalize negotiations and execute an agreement with Summit University Planning Council for a 2010 Community POWER grant for the term of August 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b. Green Gatherings Project Update

Zack Hansen, Ramsey County, gave an update on the Green Gatherings project.

Agenda Item #4. Other.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.