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DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

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**Blair County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 13, 2001
Blair County Courthouse
Room 2B**

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John Harker, chairman, called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance were: John Harker, Larry Carter, Bob Walker, Commissioners John Eichelberger and Donna GORITY, Dick Sutter, Dick Haines, Tom Ford, Jim Steiner, Roger Azzarello, Dan Caracciolo, Rick Cyman, and Bill Bravin. Also present were Blair County Solid Waste & Recycling staff members: Kris Howdysshell, Director; Michael Martin, Field Officer; and Jan Arnold, Fiscal Technician.

The September 25 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Bob Walker, and then seconded by Dan Caracciolo with all in approval of accepting the summary as read.

John called upon Kris to explain the December work session. Kris stated that the work session will be held on December 11th at 7 pm in Room 2B of the Courthouse addition. All members are invited to attend. This review session will be the planning component of the 10-year plan. The proposed 2002 meeting schedule is as follows: January 8, March 12, May 14, September 10, and November 19.

Larry Carter, Director for the City of Altoona Department of Planning & Community Development, was introduced as facilitator for the brainstorming portion of the meeting, "What steps need to be taken in order for Blair County to reach the Commonwealth Recycling goal of 35%?" All present were directed to note their ideas that were then compiled. They are as follows:

1. Educate general public on saving effect.
2. Financial incentives to municipalities to establish programs.
3. Incentives to commercial establishments who report recycling figures.
4. Creative uses of recycled materials within the County.
5. Tax credit to businesses that develop new products.
6. Create a campaign that focuses on recycling.
7. Specialize recycling to area – be area specific: communicate specialized recycling information by geographic area.
8. Stress environmental impacts on NOT recycling.

9. Make public aware of tires, batteries, used oil recyclers.
10. Use recycling bins as an initial draw to begin education process.
11. Reward haulers for recycling efforts.
12. Containers at every food service/vending machine.
13. Educate businesses re mandated communities' responsibilities.
14. Provide market for recyclable materials.
15. Focus on special events and related facilities, i.e. convention center.
16. Increase value of recyclable materials.
17. Solid reasons to recycle.
18. Package redesign initiative grants for products.
19. Identify people who don't recycle.
20. Reward individuals to recycle.
21. Require haulers to collect recyclables in rural areas.
22. Media blitz on recycling.
23. Make public aware of items made from recyclable materials.
24. Publicize in municipal newsletters.
25. Consider processing fee to process centers.
26. Make curbside recycling convenient – commingled preferred.
27. Encourage municipalities to contract collection services with central payment.
28. Continue to apply for state assistance.
29. Reward (homeowners for) backyard composting.
30. Capture backyard home composting figures.
31. Encourage school-age education efforts.
32. Use mulching mowers.
33. City, Township, and County governments being used as role models.
34. Continue using school contests in school districts.
35. Processing glass into cullet to use in place of #2RC.
36. Require all households to do curbside recycling. (See #21.)
37. Encourage municipalities to use chipper for Christmas Trees.
38. Lobby for State bottle bill.
39. Ban burning barrels.
40. Implement PAYT (Pay-As-You-Throw) garbage collection.
41. Maintain current level of recycling / no backsliding.
42. Feasibility of food waste composting through closed vessel.
43. Add catalogs and magazines.
44. Add clean-up day in the municipalities.
45. Better-organized newspaper available to farmers.
46. Use compost bins at every school for food waste – vermicomposting (worm bin composting), also.
47. County consider being a processing facility.
48. Visit each municipality establishing expanded recycling program.
49. "Create" a landfill shortage.
50. Look outside the area to see what may work here.
51. Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste recycling reuse.

52. Landfills for Pennsylvania residents only.
53. Create satellite compost facilities.
54. Public Service Announcements.
55. Develop and encourage industrial/commercial recycling and get reports.
56. Good "handy dandy" kitchen helps (information) for homeowners.
57. Keep it simple.
58. Promote waste minimization.
59. Promote reuse of items.
60. End subsidizing of virgin materials.
61. Require manufacturers to provide end-of-life recycling for their products.
62. Implement vehicle to capture processing facility data re licensing.
63. Increase municipal and county cooperation.
64. Increase number of materials recycled curbside.
65. Increase number of materials recycled at Blair County drop-off depots.
66. Organize collection of appliances and tires.
67. Increase drop-off recycling opportunities.
68. Better recycling programs at institutions.
69. Eliminate burning of recyclables.
70. Better enforcement at municipal level of curbside and commercial recycling.
71. Better enforcement of waste hauling laws at local and state level.
72. Identify funding sources to implement programs.

Everyone was asked to name their top five picks from the 72 stated. These will be compiled and reported at the next meeting.

Dick then began his report on the revisions. The review will be held in February and the plan's content will be discussed at the December 11th meeting. Donna suggested having the public and government officials review the plan following January 8 but before March 12.

Distributed were: a new membership list since Kris was named to the Board by the Commissioners to replace Joseph H. Reed, and a list of haulers and their collection areas.

The December work session will be held Tuesday, December 11, 7 pm, in Room 2B at the Courthouse. The next full meeting is scheduled for January 8.

Dan Caracciolo made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Steiner. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Arnold

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