

Minutes of the
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Resource Recovery Committee Meeting
Virtual/GoToMeeting
Wednesday- May 5, 2021
2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101
San Antonio, Texas 78217

MEMBERS:

David McDaniel, Chairman, CoSA
Mike Mundell, New Braunfels, Vice Chair
David Barrera, Kerrville
Joshua Jones, Converse
Commissioner Paul Pfeil, Wilson County
Rick Tobolka, Kendall County
Byron Turner, Waste Management
John Raney, Pleasanton
Tim Pittman, CoSA
Reagan Givens, Kerr County
Jorge Cantu, C-6 Disposal
Fred Reyes, Frio County
Maggie Hernandez, Keep San Antonio Beautiful
Greg Behl, Texas Disposal

Alternates:

Daniella Valdez, Seguin
Billie Dorries, Bexar

GUESTS:

Matthew Pantuso, Texas State University
Haley Johnson, Texas State University
Molly Allred, Texas State University
Haley Tacker, Texas State University
Eric Alper, Texas State University
Heather Hansen, JBSA

AACOG STAFF:

Dr. Stella Garcia, Senior Director of Operations
Elizabeth Cook, Environmental Conservation Program Coordinator
Crystal Campos-Rosales, Communication Specialist
Shauna N. Duff, Administrative Assistant

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1. Meeting called to order. Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Mike Mundell at 2:36 p.m.
 2. Roll call. A quorum was achieved.
 3. Public Comments. There were no public comments.

4. Consider and act upon approval of the March 17, 2021 minutes.

Maggie Hernandez made a motion to approve the March 17, 2021 minutes. David Barrera made a second to the motion. The motion carried.

5. Update from the Environmental Conservation Program.

Elizabeth Cook reported on an update on the Environmental Conservation Program. Discussion included an update from Westward Environmental, Second Nature Compost Facility LLC. AACOG staff is still has not heard back in regards to the requested documentation from them. In regards to the South Central Texas Regional Environmental Task Force Representatives, Malcom Ferris and Stan Jordan are currently in the process of drafting potential bylaws and looking at the budget for consideration by RRC members as part of formalizing with AACOG. For the FY2020 Interlocal Agreement projects, seven (7) projects have been completed. FY2021 awarded grantees have already started their projects, and are expected to be completed by July 30, 2021. Site visits have already started and will continue over the next few months. Funding is still available under the implementation budget and Wilson County is currently in the process of applying for those additional funds. At the March 17, 2021 RRC meeting there was a discussion in regards to using Implementation funds to purchase MedSafe Receptacles. AACOG is currently putting the purchase of the MedSafe Receptacles on hold due to Wilson County applying for the remaining Implementation Funds. For the FY2022 & FY2023 biennium, AACOG staff has received calls from entities inquiring about grant applications. AACOG staff is currently waiting on the funding amount from TCEQ for the FY2022 & FY2023 biennium.

6. Update from TSU on the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) Results, Matthew Pantuso. TSU

Matthew Pantuso gave a report on the RSWMP. The purpose of Texas State Institute for Government Innovation is to facilitate discussion about goal setting. Matt presented results of the Previous Goals and Objectives Survey. The Resource Recovery Committee completed the survey with an overall grade of C+. The goal that TSU has is to figure out what work and what does not work in regards to the RSWMP. AACOG's Resource Recovery Committee will have an A+ versus a C+ on the RSWMP Goals and Objectives. TSU did a Gradebook in regards to the survey and the results were Goal 1 (Reduce waste generation/disposal and develop responsible waste disposal practices) received the lowest grade; Goal 3 (Maintain proper and safe disposal of remaining waste with adequate landfill capacities and promotion of the development of alternative technologies as economically feasible) received the highest grade and Goals 2 (Improve the recovery of landscape resources by halting illegal dumping and) and 4 (To utilize private and public financial resources to achieve optimum results in the best practices of integrated solid waste management in the AACOG region.) met in the middle.

7. Items of Interest by Members:

1. May Events and Workshops

Elizabeth reported on the events and workshops that are going on for the month of May. Discussion included the South Central Texas Regional Environmental Task Force will be having their quarterly meeting on Thursday, May,6th. On Tuesday, May 12th TCEQ will be hosting a Scrap Tire Workshop from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. On Thursday, May 20th Houston Galveston Area Council will be having a Solid Waste Workshop which is free to everyone.

8. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 30th, 2021

9. Adjournment. Chairman David McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.