

**MEETING NOTES**  
**Regional Solid Waste Plan Advisory Committee**  
**Steering Committee**

Date of Meeting: 1:30 PM, Tuesday, December 11, 2012  
Meeting Location: Lycoming County Resource Mgmt Services offices  
Meeting #: Steering Committee Meeting #8  
Attendees: Megan Lehman, Bob Huntington, Betsy Hack, Bob Aungst, Debbie Wolf  
Jason Yorks, Steve Tucker, Ellen Montis, Jack Pyers, Jesse Pyers  
Dave Minnear, Terry Keene

Counties Represented at Meeting: Columbia County  
Lycoming County  
Montour County  
Snyder County  
Union County

Stakeholders Present at Meeting: Solid Waste Committee

Members Not Present at Meeting: B&I Stakeholders  
Citizens  
Recycling  
Municipal

Meeting began at 1:30 PM.

The intent of this meeting was to confirm receipt of a sufficient number of Municipal Ratifications such that the requirements of Section 25 PA Code §272.242(c), have been achieved. Since this was a Regional Plan, the requirement was that each county be able to document that more than ½ of the municipalities, representing more than ½ of the county's population as determined by the most recent decennial census, had ratified the Plan.

Dave Minnear asked each County representative to state the number of municipal ratifications received and the population percent that those municipalities represented. It was noted that each County has exceeded the required number and population percent. Each County representative provided copies of the Ratification forms to Megan Lehman and she agreed to create an electronic copy for the Plan.

Each County representative then discussed the status of the County Commissioners' adoption of the plan. Dave and Terry Keene explained the final steps that would be required to complete the Plan Update, including the following items:

- Completion of County Ordinances, in the event that the current ordinance requires updating to reflect the specific changes in the new Plan.
- Completion of the Disposal Capacity Agreements, based on responses to the Solicitation of Interest (SOI) that had been initiated in 2011.
- Coordination with Mandated Municipalities in each County to confirm that they are abiding by the regulatory requirements.
- Discussion of Public Education issues, beyond what are currently being completed.

Some of these activities will be completed by the individual Counties, and others by the Steering Committee members.

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The remainder of the meeting was primarily focused on discussions of the future composition of the Regional Solid Waste Steering Committee following finalization of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. It was generally agreed that, given the fact that this will be a Regional Plan, a Steering Committee will be necessary to adequately represent the 5 Counties, and that the Committee should be composed of at least one representative from each County, preferably the County Recycling Coordinator or County Environmental Planner. In addition, it was agreed that an Advisory Committee, composed of interested residents, municipalities and businesses within the Region, should be included, to provide guidance and recommendations, although without voting privileges. Additional discussions regarding the future of the Regional Solid Waste Steering Committee will be coordinated by Megan following acceptance of the final version of the Plan by the PADEP.

Since this was the final RSWAC meeting for the Plan development, the last part of the meeting was a general discussion of the Plan development process, specifically the number of meetings held, the fact that the concept changed significantly from the beginning to the end of the project, and the final quality of the Plan. It was generally agreed that the Plan is a very good document, which will be functional for future efforts by the Steering Committee. There were several comments that there appeared to be too many meetings and the process took too long. However, there was also acknowledgement that, given the fact that it was a 5-county regional plan, numerous meetings were required to assure the receipt of input from the various stakeholders, and several participants noted that they had learned a lot by sitting in the meetings and hearing the comments by residents. These comments changed some preconceived notions and led to positive change in the Region.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Minnear  
Project Manager/CDI, LR Kimball