

CHESTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting — East Caln

September 27, 2012

1. **Call to Order.** Bob Schoenberger, Chairman, called the September 27, 2012 *Regular Meeting* of the Chester County Solid Waste Authority to order at 5:30 p.m.

Authority Members Present

Bob Schoenberger
Peter Knipe
Vince Carosella
William H. Shirk
Peter Marroletti
Carmen Battavio

Authority Members Absent

Ramsey G. DiLibero

Management and Staff Present

Robert A. Watts
James M. Gorney

Solicitor

Vincent M. Pompo, Esquire

2. **Chairman's Announcements/Public Comments.**

The Chairman had no announcements.

3. **Meeting Minutes** Mr. Marroletti moved and Mr. Carosella seconded that the minutes of the August 23, 2012 *Work Session Meeting* and the August 30, 2012 *Regular Session Meeting* be approved. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Watts said he wanted to discuss two items before getting to the agenda items. The first thing was that Dawn Nichols had contacted the USDA's Wildlife Services again this year to help CCSWA to reduce the number of gulls over wintering at Lanchester. Mr. Watts said he had contacted the Conestoga and Western Berks Landfills to see if they were interested in being part of a regional approach to gull control. Mr. Watts said officials at the Western Berks Landfill never returned his calls and that the Conestoga Landfill recently declined to participate. Mr. Watts said he had hoped to hire one of the USDA employees full time this winter to split their time among the three landfills. Since they have declined he is planning to have CCSWA hire the US Fish & Wildlife half time this winter.

Mr. Watts said there has been increasing number of buzzards at Lanchester this summer. Mr. Watts said he had been harassing them himself each morning and at the end of the day for a few weeks. Mr. Watts said he was successful in reducing the number of buzzards at Lanchester, but it seems as though we had the unintended consequence of

driving some of them to a neighbor's property. Mr. Watts said Ms. Nichols has been working with the neighbors to harass the buzzards and will get the USDA involved if she is not successful in two weeks of moving them from the neighbor's property. The buzzards are a federally protected bird.

The second item Mr. Watts said he wanted to update the Board on was this Tuesday the Chester County Commissioners approved the minor update to Chester County's Solid Waste Plan. The update consisted of changes in two tables that were shared with the Board last month. One table was removing one landfill from the backup facilities list because it had closed and adding another. The second table was adding newly mandated (due to the 2010 census) municipalities to the list.

C. Solid Waste News: Mr. Watts said the first article in the section this week was a letter to the editor of the *Intelligencer Journal* whose author was complaining about the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's (LCSWMA) recent charter change. The author claimed the Authority was, "attempting to bypass this law . . . to fund its own pet projects." Also included in this section was a copy of LCSWMA's response to these charges. The second article in this section this week was a copy of a Penn State/USGS Report on Pharmaceuticals, Hormones in Wastewater. This report concluded that most of the pharmaceuticals found in wastewater in PA was from human sources from public sewage treatment plants and septic systems. The last new article this week was a press release by PennDOT that this year's Great American Cleanup of PA collected more than 3 million pounds of waste this year. Lanchester accepted waste from local cleanup efforts again this year at no charge.

D. Thank You Letters: Mr. Watts said added to this section this week was a letter from the Coatesville Area Public Library thanking the Board for the recent donation of \$5,000.

I. Wildlife Habitat Council Recertification: Mr. Watts said this section contained a copy of a letter sent to Ms. Nichols. The letter was notifying Ms. Nichols that the CCSWA application for recertification under their Wildlife at Work program was approved. The letter went on to say that the CCSWA team had done such a good job that they were adding an extra year to the usual two year recertification term.

J. Letter From Governor Corbett: Mr. Watts said this section contained a copy of a August 21, 2012 letter from the Governor. Mr. Watts said the letter was likely a result of CCSWA awarding a multi-million dollar project for a portion of the Area E Landfill Expansion work. The letter included a ten question survey from the Department of Community and Economic Development. Mr. Watts said this section also included his draft responses to the questions and a letter that was drafted by our solar developer for his signature. The Board instructed Mr. Watts to send the responses and letter back to the Governor as drafted.

6. Facility Engineer's Report

D. 2012 LFG System Expansion – SCS Proposal: Mr. Carosella moved and Mr. Shirk seconded approving SCS Engineers proposal for 2012 LFG collection system design and bidding assistance for an estimated budget of \$14,900. The vote was unanimous.

E. Alternate Cover Demonstration Design Phase-Cost Proposal Summary: Mr. Watts said the proposals were still under review and will defer this item to next month.

9. Business Manager's Report

C. August 2012 Financial Statement: Mr. Gorney presented the Financials for August 2012 stating that we had a gain of \$335,396 for the month. Retained Earnings are at \$49,874,100. The funds invested totaled \$43,673,496.76 at month end. The interest earned in August 2012 was at a rate of 0.29% below the 0.40% in July 2012. Mr. Knipe made a motion to accept the August 2012 Financials as presented; Mr. Battavio seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

D. August 2012 Vendor Check Register Report: The Vendor Check Register was presented to the Board. The checks for August 2012 totaled \$1,893,043.50. Mr. Carosella made a motion to accept the Check Register Report as presented; Mr. Marroletti seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

E. Large Dollar Check Approvals: Mr. Gorney presented the September 2012 Large Dollar invoices totaling \$100,978.82, consisting of the attached schedule 10E1. Mr. Battavio made a motion to accept the Large Dollar Invoices as presented; Mr. Carosella seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

I. Long Range Financial Forecast: Mr. Gorney presented a revision of the Long Range Financial Forecast. The major changes are a retiming of the Area E construction schedule and pricing changes. The plan indicates the project will be completed without external financing.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the proposed Agreements at 5:50 p.m. and returned to Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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