

**ACCOMACK COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**February 13, 2024**

The Accomack County Solid Waste Committee met in the Public Works & Facilities Office on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**      **Committee Chairman Ron Wolff**  
**Honorable Robert Crockett- Accomack County Board of Supervisors**  
**Honorable Jeff Parks – Accomack County Board of Supervisors**  
**Marilyn Ailes- Waste Watchers**  
**Michael Smith**  
**Gaither Pugh III**

**Members Absent:**      **Terre Hendricks – Waste Watchers**

**Others Present:**      **Stewart Hall -Deputy County Administrator- Public Works & Facilities**  
**Greg Duncan - Deputy Director of Solid Waste**  
**Trystan Wagner - Recycling & Litter Control Specialist**  
**Mark Stapleton – Waste Watchers (Prospective)**

**Others Absent:**      **Dawn McGuire – Departmental Administrative Coordinator**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Ron Wolff called the meeting to order with introductions.

**Consideration of Minutes – November 8, 2023**

The Honorable Robert Crockett made a motion to accept the November 8, 2023 amended minutes as new committee member Gaither Pugh III was added to the present list. The Honorable Jeff Parks seconded the motion. The motion was carried with one abstention, Terre Hendricks.

**The vote on the motion: ALL Ayes**

**Old Business & Updates**

Trystan passed around some recycling statistics and stated not a lot has changed and the probation program has been slow. A discussion ensued.

Stewart stated that there is a requirement from DEQ that we update our Solid Waste Management Plan every five years. He passed around copies and gave a shout out of appreciation to Gaither for his donation of time to work on this plan for us. Stewart named the various components that are included in the plan. Gaither mentioned the Table of Contents was made easier to read. Mike asked a question - What is the projected population, what is going to happen here? Gaither responded by saying the population was projected at 33,000 and would go down over the next 20 years.

Stewart discussed the landfill cells that are listed in the Solid Waste Management Plan and stated that Cell 6A was closed recently. Stewart stated that we have 40 plus years of space if we need it. Ron asked the question is it cheaper to haul trash away versus putting it in the landfill. A discussion ensued.

Stewart asked if the recycling company had inspected the waxed container samples. Greg stated they sent them a long time ago and they responded back to him that they were not acceptable. Gaither inquired about how the recyclables are being handled when they leave Accomack. Stewart stated that they are transported to Salisbury for sorting and if there is too much contamination we could be dropped as a customer. Gaither stated it would help if a written plan was put together on recycling. The Honorable Jeff Parks suggested it would be nice to have something on the website that people could go to for information. As Chairman, Ron stated that Gaither, Jeff, and Mike could form a new recycling committee to write this recycling plan. Greg stated that he and Trystan would be resources. A discussion ensued.

### New Business & Other

Stewart stated that County roads are horrendous right now. He also stated that the Board supported us going out for additional in-house labor and unfortunately we got nowhere with that. He stated that we had one full-time person and one part-time person, with the part-time person resigning shortly after starting. He stated that we had five vacancies to fill and it just wasn't happening. Stewart stated that he was brainstorming with the County Administrator and County Attorney on ideas and local organizations, such as Waste Watchers, came to mind. He also stated that we have churches and other organizations which might be interested. A lengthy discussion ensued.

### Adjournment

The Honorable Robert Crockett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Smith seconded the motion. The motion was carried with one abstention, Terre Hendricks.

The vote on the motion: ALL Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

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Chairman Ron Wolff

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Date