

Beaver County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting held on November 14, 2024 at the Brady's Run Ice Arena Observation Deck at 1:30 pm and adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Meeting attendees: Log in sheet and documentation of virtual attendees is attached to this summary

Housekeeping and Introduction of all of those in attendance both in person and virtually.

M. Nestor presented a power point presentation focused on the introductory portions of the plan, the topics covered as a part of the presentation:

Basis for the Demographic Data Discussed

Housing- What types and Numbers

Density- Urban and Rural

Geography

Governmental Structure

Local and Regional Economy

Personal Income

Observation for Discussion focused on future emphasis of programs – curbside programs vs. drop off

Economic Scale of Programs and Municipal Contracts

Summary of the Discussion of the Presentation:

Commissioner Jack Manning and M. Nestor discussed the socioeconomics of some of our communities including our growing Latino/Hispanic population and that there may be a future need to provide our outreach messages/educational materials in dual language.

V. Michaels asked of the group how we could collectively do more to reach the “millennial” generation as they statistically pose the current biggest challenge. M. Nestor, B. Naber agreed that the strategies need to be shifted to more social media. Staff and prioritizing those types of efforts can be challenging for environmental organizations.

B. Naber inquired of D. Distler regarding if there was a trend in the County for the development of multi-unit/apartment style housing. D. Distler explained that yes, those were observations made in the County's most recent Comprehensive plan update. M. Nestor added that style of development may pose challenges to recycling collection and encouraged the municipal managers at the meeting to closely examine their codes and ordinances.

J. Manning added that he would like to hear more from our municipalities concerning their goals for local recycling programs and how it can be supported moving forward and suggested reaching out to the Council of Governments.

Economy of Scale was discussed. J. Pflug inquired about the operation of the County's Recycling Center. B. Naber explained that her approach has been on a “per material” basis. Each item should be

considered as to how much it costs to properly handle and recycle. Some items are handled from the Center at no to low cost while others like special collections (HHW) have a significant cost that is deferred by the Board of Commissioners for anyone County wide who chooses to participate.

M. Nestor introduced the discussion topic that most of Beaver County could be serviced by curbside collection from a geographic stand point. M. Nestor inquired as to whether, the County would prioritize funding and continue use of drop off collection or shift strategies.

J. Manning, T. Cavanaugh, B. Dehart all expressed their community habit of frequently using drop off locations. B. Naber agreed that Beaver County has adopted a “drop off culture” over the years, and this is something that should be considered/examined as a part of the planning for the next 10 years.

B. Naber inquired of the participants what their biggest challenges are currently. T. Cavanaugh explained that their residents struggle with the material size restrictions on the yard waste bins, and B. Dehart conveyed that there are a lot of inquires about cost deferment for senior residents who do feel they produce less waste/recycling than other residents. As a whole, contamination of recyclable materials collected by both methods was indicated as a challenge.

J. McWilliams explained that special collection services (HHW, e-waste, door service) should always be given consideration when bidding municipal contracts.






B. Naber in cooperation with M. Nestor thanked everyone for their input and participation. Additionally, it was announced that the next meeting will be in late January or early February of 2025. Following the next meeting it is anticipated that the introductory chapters will be released for review and comment.

Beaver Co. SWAC Committee

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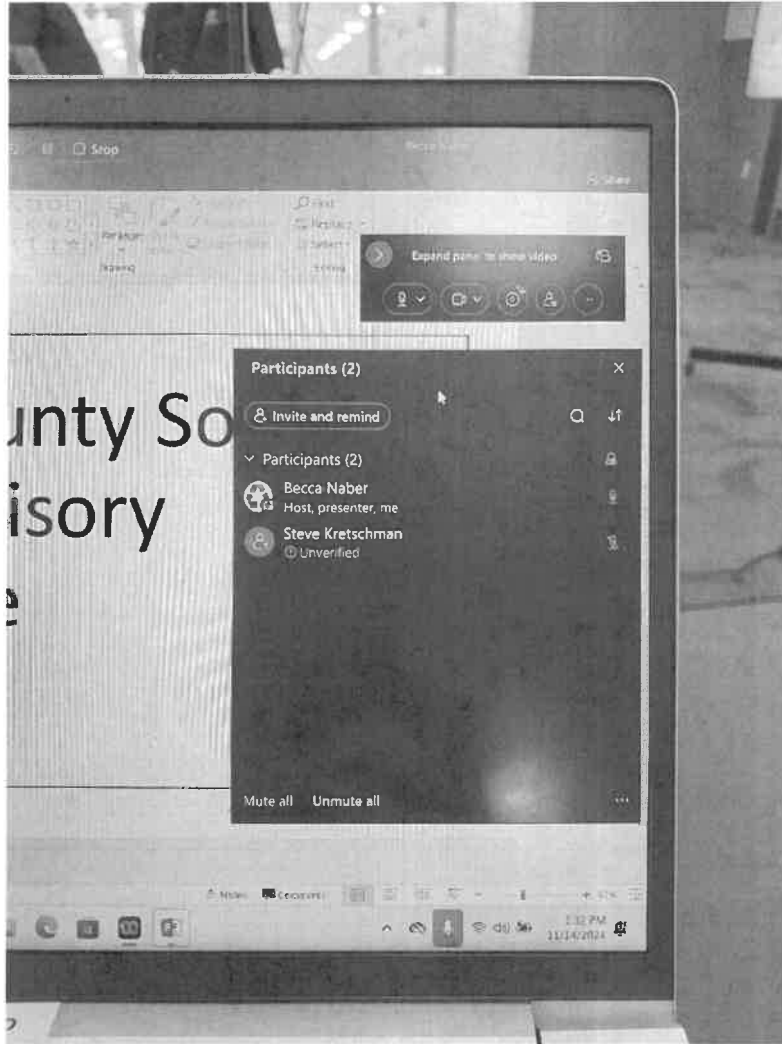
Meeting Start Time: 1:30 PM

Meeting End Time: 3:30 PM

Please Sign/Initial or Indicate Attended Virtually:	Name	Organization, Agency or Office	Address	City, State, Zip Code
	Commissioner Jack Manning	Beaver County Commissioner	810 3rd Street	Beaver, PA 15009
	Jeff Pflug, District Manager	Beaver Conservation District	156 Cowpath Road	Aliquippa, PA 15001
	Bryan Dehart, Township Manager	Brighton Township	1300 Brighton Road	Beaver, PA 15009
	Charles Jones	City of Beaver Falls	715 15th Street	Beaver Falls, PA 15010
	Mario Leone	Ambridge Borough	600 11th Street	Ambridge, PA 15003
	Joseph J. Brunner Jr.	Joseph J. Brunner Inc.	211 Brunner Lane	Zelienople, PA 16063
	Travis Cavanaugh, Borough Manager	Economy Borough	2856 Conway Wallrose Road	Baden, PA 15005
	Vicky Michaels, Executive Director	Independence Conservancy	PO Box 248	Industry, PA 15052
	Susan Boser, Educator	Penn State Cooperative Extension	1000 3rd Street, Suite 3	Beaver, PA 15009
	Josh Francis	Bills Tree Service	118 Thornedale Drive	Beaver Falls, PA 15010
	Cory Dollear, Operations Manager	Republic Services	73A Noblestown Road	Carnegie, PA 15106
	Jim Wilson	Freedom Conway Recycling LLC	2001 Crows Run Road	Conway, PA 15027
	Joe McWilliams Doug Vogel	Vogel Disposal	121 Brickyard Road	Mars, PA 16046
	Elizabeth (Liz) Bertha	Seneca Landfill/Vogel Holding Co.	PO Box 1080	Mars, PA 16047
	Becca Naber	Beaver Co. Sustainability and Waste Management	469 Constitution Blvd.	New Brighton, PA 15066
	Matt Quigley	Beaver Co. Sust. & WM.		

Attendees

	Ed Kelleher	Bridgewater Borough	199 Boundry Lane	Bridgewater, PA 15009
<i>Not Done</i>	<i>Dan Distler</i>	<i>BC Planning and Redevelopment</i>	<i>810 Third street</i>	<i>Beaver, PA 15009</i>
<i>Virtual</i>	<i>Steve Kestman</i>	<i>Public Works Patterson</i>		



Documentation of virtual attendance. Beaver Co. SWAC Meeting Held November 14, 2024

Author's Note: The representative from BVP Styrenics has stepped down from the SWAC Committee.

Joe McWilliams (Valley Waste) attended on behalf of Valley/Vogel Waste