



Jackson County Solid Waste and Recycling Plan - Minutes

February 6, 2024, 10:00 AM

In-person and Virtual (Zoom)

In attendance

Nel Batrell, Jackson County Board; Lauren Becker, City of Carbondale Sustainability Coordinator; Kelsey Bowe, Greater Egypt; Tyler Carpenter, Greater Egypt; Jane Cogie, Carbondale Sustainability Commissioner; Blake Fox, Republic Services; Kerri Gale, JCHD; Loren Gray, CRC Recycling; Bart Hagston, Jackson County Health Department (JCHD); Sarah Heyer, Carbondale Sustainability Commissioner; Jessica Hubbard, JCHD; Jennifer Kenner, Republic Services; Angie Kuehl, JCHD; Sheila Koppert, CRC Recycling; Aimme Lemrise, SIUC Sustainability; Faith Miller, County Board; Chaya Rice, SIU Student

Staff with Greater Egypt opened the meeting with introductions of staff. The Solid Waste & Recycling Act was briefly discussed. The planning review was given which included meeting information from the first meeting in September 2023, requirements for the municipalities, and grant amendments.

The Municipal Questionnaire was discussed. This document is still needed from the following communities: Campbell Hill, Elkhville, Gorham Grad Tower, and Murphysboro. Respondents detailed current solid waste and recycling practices. Comments were also discussed. Comments suggested a need for waste programs for certain items and new bins needed for recycling. Grants for recycling and solid waste have historically been awarded by Illinois DCEO. Staff will look at other options and detail them in the plan.

Staff discussed the planning document. The plan will include six main chapters: Introduction and County Background, Regional Plan Updates, Waste Generation and Composition, Materials Management, Public Education and Outreach, and Management Measures. Greater Egypt is developing a regional map application with focus on displaying waste and recycling facilities. This will be released in April. Much of the data in the plan is from statewide agencies and JCHD. JCHD coordinates the recycling programs of all schools in the county.

Staff discussed the residential survey in detail. This will be made available in March for residents of the county. Comments and suggestions will go into the plan. Incentives were discussed to gain interest in the survey. The county also expects to conduct a hauler and school survey as well. One management measure that was discussed was the need for a composting facility. The future timeline was discussed. The surveys will likely be completed by May along with a draft release. The final review will take place in August with a planning deadline in September.

Staff with CRC Recycling discussed new developments at the former Southern Recycling Center. This includes the transition to accept newer recyclable such as household appliances, electronics, industrial, and post-industrial materials. It may be possible for the facility to recycle solar panels in the future.

Meeting adjourned.