



***Northeast Georgia Regional
Solid Waste Management Authority***
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AUTHORITY MEETING

May 8, 2019

Meeting Minutes

I. Quorum Established

II. Financial Report

- a. *Invoices approved for reimbursement of administrative costs for Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
2nd Quarter: October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
3rd Quarter: January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019*

III. Introduction of New Members

- a. *Athens-Clarke County
Patrick Davenport*
- b. *Madison County
Mary Beth Dial
Alan Lapczynski*

IV. General Discussion

- a. *Any future solid waste facility site visit interests are to be directed to NEGRCA Admin for scheduling*
- b. *Members to review NEGRSWMA By-Laws, any comments to be addressed at August 14 meeting*
- c. *Interest in creating an updated Regional Solid Waste Management Plan*
 - i. *Members to review 2010 Solid Waste Management Short-Term Work Program Update and present comments at August 14 meeting*
 - ii. *NEGRCA discussed as potential contract for developing Plan*
- d. *Recycling / Amnesty Opportunities*
 - i. *Increasing participation of Tire Amnesty events is needed within member counties
EPD grant process was stated as user friendly with two recommendations of (1) beginning your grant application at least 6 months in advance of your event schedule, and (2) applying for a larger amount than you anticipate receiving. Participating counties reported high turnout at their amnesty events.
EPD Grant Application Webpage: <https://epd.georgia.gov/scrap-and-used-tires>*
- e. *Several Counties have been experiencing an increase of used paint being brought to facilities. This coincides with an increase in development in Athens-Clarke, Jackson, Barrow, and Walton Counties. Expanding county paint recycling programs may be a necessary program to compensate.*
- f. *Upcoming County Events / Initiatives:*
 - i. *Jackson County
Hosted Recycling Day in April
Turnout of 600 tires and large volume of paint*



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ii. *Athens-Clarke*

Compost operations switched to Aerated Static Compost Piles

Athens Landfill and CHaRM will begin offering residential food waste drop off for composting, commercial pickups may be offered also

SWANA Fall Conference & Annual Business Meeting: November 18-20, 2019 @ Jekyll Island Club Hotel

Exploring options for updating Athens-Clarke MRF through SPLOST funding

iii. *Barrow:*

Positive turnout for Keep Barrow Beautiful Spring cleanup event

Experienced a high volume of metal and paint

iv. *Madison*

Hosted Spring Education Summit at Transfer Facility for local schools

May 18, 2019 Spring Into Recycling Event

Tire Amnesty Event in June, 2019

v. *Walton*

Tire Amnesty / Document Destruction Event June 1 – June 8, 2019

Experiencing a large increase in overall volume of recycled material

Recycling Center hosted field trips for local schools during week of Earth Day

Host annual public school paper waste competition

vi. *Elbert:*

Keep Elbert County Beautiful highly involved volunteers in county beautification initiatives

vii. *Oconee:*

Beginning partnership with University of North Georgia for GIS mapping of park tree canopy

Completed a beautification project for road widening, funded by IDA

Total of 761 trees planted (80% native)

g. *Next Meeting August 14, 2019 (Time TBD)*

i. *Guest Speaker: Brad Martin, REPUBLIC Services*

2. **Public Comment**

a. *None*

3. **Adjournment**

For any additional information on the meeting and upcoming opportunities please contact Mark Beatty at (706) 369-5650 or mbeatty@negrc.org.