



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

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**AUTHORITY MEETING**

**E.H. Culpepper Conference Room**

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission  
305 Research Drive, Athens GA 30605  
May 10, 2023

**MINUTES**

*(Approved 8/9/23)*

- I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
  - a. Call to order at 1:10 p.m.
  - b. Quorum not established
- II. Introduction of Visitors and New Members
  - a. Clint Canon, City of Winder (Visitor)
  - b. M. Gerard Brewer, City of Winder (Visitor)
  - c. Matt Dolan, Newton County Solid Waste Management Authority (Visitor)
- III. Financial Report
  - a. NEGR Solid Waste Authority account balance = \$33,748.24
  - b. No current invoices
- IV. General Discussion
  - a. Regional Tonnage Reports
    - i. Were unable to be produced by today's meeting and will be available in August
  - b. SWMP Work Program
    - i. Postponed
  - c. Biofuels and Upcoming Regional Projects
    - i. Potential upcoming industry potential for biofuels via poultry waste (hydrogen production)
    - ii. Walton County is considering a new privately owned and operated transfer station and recycling facility adjacent to the Walton C&D Landfill. Walton County submitted a Development of Regional Impact review request on behalf of Harvest Recycling, LLC. The final DRI report was published on May 1, 2023. Local officials will consider approval of the project at a later date.
  - d. Upcoming Grants
    - i. EPD announced that they will be offering \$3.5 million in Solid Waste Trust Fund (SWTF) Grant funding in Fy24
    - ii. There is a new Tires Products Grant coming available in Summer 2023 and will offer \$1 million for projects that incorporate scrap tire-derived products into paving, trail, and playground surfaces.



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- iii. The second round of the Recycling and Waste Diversion (RWD) grant program will be offered in late fall/early winter and anticipates offering \$2 million for FY24.

**e. Member County News, Events, and Initiatives**

- i. Oglethorpe County – Oglethorpe C&D Landfill expansion approved for short-term needs. This expansion will temporarily provide space for continued operations while the County works on EPD approval for a larger expansion permit.
- ii. Madison – Keep Madison County Beautiful Spring Tire Amnesty event is currently happening. KMCB received about 400 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at their annual summit at the Madison County Recycling Center. KMCB hosted an annual document shredding and medication disposal event and received 1,800 lbs. of shredded material and 25 lbs. of medication.
- iii. Winder – City of Winder is currently working on updating their solid waste contract for hauling services.
- iv. Greene – Recently updated county-wide contract for curbside collection hauling services.
- v. Elbert – Raised rates for tipping fees at the Elbert County Transfer Station and subsequently experienced raised rates from their private hauler. Elbert County is considering an inert waste landfill operation.
- vi. Morgan – County incorporated upgrades to various transfer stations in the form of compactor equipment.
- vii. Athens-Clarke County – 2024 SWANA Rodeo is occurring on May 17<sup>th</sup> and will be offering truck operator training. June 17-23 is Waste & Recycler Workers Week. SWANA Landfill School is happening on July 17-21. SWANA Annual Conference will be held on November 14-16 on Jekyll Island. The U.S. Compost Council is hoping to establish a presence in Georgia through SWANA and GRC.

**V. Public Comment**

- a. None

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. Adjourned at 2:25 p.m.