



***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  
November 9, 2022

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
  - a. Call to order at 1:04 p.m.
  - b. Quorum not established
  
- II. Introduction of Visitors
  - a. David, CompostNow
  
- III. Financial Report
  - a. Invoice 063022 - SWA: \$1,583.92
    - i. Tabled
  - b. NEGR Solid Waste Authority account balance = \$35,332.16.
  
- IV. General Discussion
  - a. CompostNow
    - i. David Paull, Chief Impact Officer
    - ii. Presented information regarding the CompostNow approach to organics diversion programs
    - iii. Presentation provided for Board members to review
  
  - b. NEGRSWMA Grant Strategy
    - i. NEGR to send Board a list of potential grant strategies to gather input and determine best options for future grant opportunities.



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c. Member County News, Events, and Initiatives

- i. Oconee County – just completed a month-long tire amnesty collection event. Also, hosted a Rivers Alive event that was successful, though water levels did not allow river access.
- ii. Greene County – Novelis (aluminum recycler) is undergoing a major expansion project that is approximately 60% complete. Board members expressed interest in organizing another site visit to the Novelis facility once complete. A proposal of exploring gasification was presented by a Greene County Board member and urged the Board to explore the topic further.
- iii. Elbert County – experiencing issues with large corporations disposing of construction and demolition waste that is improperly segregated. KECB is looking into starting a tire amnesty program again. Rivers Alive event was hosted and experienced the most volunteers ever (15 total). KECB partnered with the local 4-H group to educate and add curriculum to children for recycling and solid waste management. KECB worked with 4-H to host a Trick-or-Trash event to collect and recycle candy wrappers. The Elbert County High School Special Education class started a recycling program at the school and received three rolling carts for collection as a donation.
- iv. Madison County – Tire amnesty was held and the County as hauled five tractor trailer loads from what was collected at the event. KMCB is set to host a document shredding and medication collection event this coming weekend.
- v. Clarke – Experiencing a 30% increase in volume at the ACC Landfill. Several issues with out-of-county haulers and residents bringing waste to the landfill. The landfill has been filling quicker than originally estimated due to the increase in waste flow. The ACC MRF just received a new bailer for their equipment lineup.
  - **Fall Events:** America Recycles Day (ARD) on November 15<sup>th</sup>; SWANA Fall Conference at St. Simmons, GA on November 14-16

V. Public Comment

- a. None

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.