



## District 3 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

October 2, 2023 | 7 p.m.  
Goddard District Conference Center  
315 S. Main, Goddard

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**Board Members in Attendance:** Sharon Ailslieger, Peter Cook, Cameron Dawson, Patrick Gaughan, Janice Manlove, Kevin McWhorter, Michael Mitchell, Stephanie Wise

**County Representatives:** Commissioner David Dennis, Director of Environmental Resources Susan Erlenwein

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### **1. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Call to Order – Chair Kevin McWhorter
  - i. Chair Kevin McWhorter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Chair Kevin McWhorter
  - i. Stephanie Wise motioned to approve meeting minutes from September 11, 2023, and Michael Mitchell seconded. **The D3 CAB approved the meeting minutes with a vote of 7-0.**

### **2. PUBLIC AGENDA**

- a. The public agenda allows members of the public to address the District 3 Citizens Advisory Board.
  - i. None

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Solid Waste Plan Update – Susan Erlenwein, Director of Environmental Resources
  - i. The state requires the Solid Waste Plan to be updated every 5 years
  - ii. Susan Erlenwein discussed Municipal Solid Waste and the number of waste haulers in the County
    1. Kevin McWhorter commented, that there are a couple of other reasons for the HOA to do group contracts other than price, safety and aesthetics – they can all get taken care of on the same day
    2. Susan Erlenwein stated that the haulers would like it if we pushed composting so they don't have to pick up bags
    3. Susan Erlenwein stated, you can ask your hauler for a smaller bin. They are required to have 2 sizes but don't have to tell you.
  - iii. 386,925 total tons of Municipal Solid Waste generated in 2022.
  - iv. 67,265 tons recycled in 2022 – want to increase this
    1. Education needed to let people know what they can put with the recycling to not ruin the batch.
    2. Green bins are for recycling
  - v. 13,101 tons of compost received at 2 locations in 2022
  - vi. 13,802 people participated in Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events or used the facility in 2022. 1,275,787 lbs of materials received.
    1. Janice Manlove asked, can chemicals labeled non-toxic go in the trash?
      - a. Susan Erlenwein replied, they don't like liquids to go in the trash. Better to take it to the HHW facility to be safe.
    2. Kevin McWhorter asked, is most hazardous waste in liquid form?

- a. Susan Erlenwein replied, most are, but could also be things like fertilizer or aerosols.
  - 3. Kevin McWhorter asked, as far as paint, if it is liquid it needs to go to HHW but if it is dry or hard it can go in the trash.
    - a. Susan Erlenwein answered, yes. We still mix and sell white, tan and gray paint in 5-gallon buckets for \$25.
  - 4. Patrick Gaughan asked, there is news about how what we recycle doesn't actually get recycled, can you speak to that?
    - a. Susan Erlenwein replied, there are a lot of rumors that everything just gets thrown away. That isn't true. Some does get trashed because of people putting the wrong stuff in.
    - b. Patrick Gaughan followed up, but if you are careful about what you recycle it does get recycled?
    - c. Susan Erlenwein answered, yes, that is correct.
  - 5. Kevin McWhorter commented residents in his HOA and neighborhood felt recycling was a waste of time because it all just went to the trash. Waste Connections organized a tour of the recycling facility in Hutchinson so they could see the operations.
  - 6. Kevin McWhorter asked if there is a local recycling center or only one in Hutchinson.
    - a. Susan Erlenwein answered, Pro Kansas Miller is local, but they are non-profit and sort everything by hand.
- vii. Swap and Shop, can buy without having to bring something in. County saved \$72,942 in 2022 by customers bringing in good chemicals that could be resold to other residents.
  - 1. Sharon Ailslieger asked, where is the Swap and Shop?
    - a. Susan Erlenwein answered, 801 Sillwell
- viii. HHW Remote Collection events collected 199,986 pounds of waste in 2022
  - 1. Try to do one in each Commission district and move them around
  - 2. Patrick Gaughan asked, what event can TVs and Electrical waste go to?
    - a. Susan Erlenwein answered, there will be an event in April 2024. The company that takes the waste is a zero-waste company. Nothing goes overseas.
- ix. In 2022, 187,420 tons of construction and demolition material were received and buried.
- x. Bulky Waste, coupons given out since 2012. The coupon is good for 1,000 lbs. 69,560 coupons issued since 2012.
  - 1. Kevin McWhorter asked, with the coupon, have you been able to track how much is being used there instead of the side of the road?
    - a. Susan Erlenwein answered, not fully.
  - 2. Peter Cook asked, how do you qualify for a coupon?
    - a. Susan Erlenwein answered that when the coupons are available, request one by entering an address into the online form.
- xi. Mulch storm debris and make it available for citizens.
- xii. Christmas tree recycling has 22 drop-off sites. 106,307 trees recycled since 2002 and mulch is available to citizens.
- xiii. Pay for the 911 illegal dumping signs.
  - 1. The county pays for the cleanup of illegal dumping in townships.
  - 2. Kevin McWhorter asked, what happens to tires?
    - a. Susan Erlenwein said we do a tire event every other year. The company that usually gets the tire bid grinds them for reuse. The state has grants available for people to buy the rubber for use.
  - 3. Kevin McWhorter asked, would you say there is a large amount of abandoned tires that end up being utilized that way?
    - a. Susan Erlenwein replied, yes. Trying to limit companies.
  - 4. Kevin McWhorter asked, what do businesses do with tires if they can't use your event?

- a. Susan Erlenwein answered that our website is a recycling guide that lists companies that will take for a fee.
    - b. Commissioner Dennis commented that he objected that the businesses charging a fee to take the old tires and then coming to us to dispose of them for free.
  - 5. Peter Cook asked, do rims get recycled?
    - a. Susan Erlenwein answered, yes as metal.
- xiv. Over 1,199,237 tires collected since 2000 at the Tire Collection events.
- xv. 2,477,987 pounds of electronic waste collected since 2009 at Electronic Waste Collection Events. Have only done 4 events.
- xvi. The Solid Waste Fee on your property tax bill pays for all of this. About \$8.50 per household.
- xvii. Questions
  - 1. Peter Cook asked if composting facilities are business or government-run.
    - a. Susan Erlenwein answered, there is 1 government facility and 1 business and both charge.
    - b. Peter Cook followed up, can only Sedgwick County residents use it?
    - c. Susan Erlenwein replied, because they charge, they'll take from anyone.
  - 2. Kevin McWhorter asked, you mentioned that there are not enough state inspectors, do we know why the legislature hasn't expanded?
    - a. Susan Erlenwein replied that they don't pay well. They've been a training ground to go to the private sector for better pay.
    - b. Kevin McWhorter asked, so they have enough positions, just not enough people to fill?
    - c. Susan Erlenwein answered, correct.
- b. Discussion of future meeting agenda items
  - i. Kevin McWhorter stated that this was covered extensively last month.
  - ii. The November meeting is a tour of Sedgwick County Zoo

#### **4. BOARD AGENDA**

- a. Janice Manlove stated, I missed Legislative Platform last month and hope Medicaid expansion might be considered for it. Does it cost Sedgwick County out of the budget because we don't have Medicaid Expansion?
  - i. Commissioner Dennis answered, I don't know if we can quantify what it would cost us one way or the other. The problem we face is the legislature will throw away anything that has Medicaid Expansion on it. So we can't afford to place it on our agenda and risk having the whole thing tossed. I'm not opposed to Medicaid Expansion.
- b. Janice Manlove stated, it's great that Sedgwick County is funding 30 extra polling places. Are they going to be able to staff them?
  - i. Commissioner Dennis answered, the Election Commissioner said this is what she wants and we gave her what she asked for. I want her to be successful.
  - ii. Stephanie Wise asked if it is just a form of communication changing (about why people don't vote). Some people prefer electronic communication and don't always check their mail.
  - iii. Commissioner Dennis responded that for Bond issues, it's the one requesting the vote pays for everything including advertising.
  - iv. Commissioner Dennis spoke briefly on mail-in ballots.
- c. Commissioner Dennis updated the board on recent events
  - i. LAVTR & CCRS – starting 2024 Legislative Agenda process is starting. Legislature talking about dropping the law to not send the money back and adding a 4% cap on property tax increase. This will hurt everyone. Let's shift the discussion to changing the formula so that the state can reduce its taxes instead of local entities.
  - ii. MHSAC Legislative Priorities – want Medicaid expansion on the platform
    - 1. Patrick Gaughan stated that the Governor's top priority is Medicaid expansion. Any way to support her without being thrown out?

2. Kevin McWhorter shared thoughts about who is really in power
- iii. Nonstop air service from ICT to DC starting in January 2024. Hoping for more nonstop locations.
- iv. Zoobilee was successful
- v. Wild Lights at the Zoo starting in November
- vi. Veteran's Day Parade, Veterans get into Exploration Place for free that day
- vii. Air Force Birthday
- viii. 184<sup>th</sup> tour at McConnell
- ix. ICT Summit
- x. Exploration Place Expansion
- xi. Veteran's Treatment Court
- xii. Spirit 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- d. Janice Manlove asked, the land you bought at McAuthor and Meridian, what is going in there?
  - i. Commissioner Dennis replied, we were going to put in an Emergency Management facility but we didn't get the grant to build it. We bought the land because the year before we didn't get the grant because we didn't have a place to put it. Now that we have the land, still didn't get the land.
- e. Sat on the Air Force Selection Committee for 3 different electeds
- f. November 4 HHW collection event

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Monday, November 6, 2023, 6 p.m.**,  
at Sedgwick County Zoo, 5555 W. Zoo Blvd, Wichita, KS*