

**Minutes of the Parks & Environment Advisory Board
Meeting March 5th, 2025, at the Canale Training Center**

In attendance:

Officers Present - Stephen Fiedler, Co-Chairperson

Members Present - Dick Colby, Emma Witt, Dan Crum, Belinda Chester

Members Absent - Alex Perri, Co-Chairperson, Joe Ambrose, Velecia Bush, Lisa March

Commissioner Representative - Andrew Parker -absent

County Staff - Greg Brookins, D.H.P.W.- present

Secretary - Eric Husta, D.D.P.R. – present

Guests: Matt Denafu, President, ACUA, several members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM and a flag salute was conducted.

Old Business:

None

Guest Speaker: Matt Denafu, President, Atlantic County Utility Authority

Matt gave a comprehensive overview of the ACUA which included its history, current status, and expansion options moving forward. He presented three options for the ACUA which included expansion, waste conversion, and waste transfer. There is a current application for expansion, pending approval, that will take the landfill's potential fill date from 2029 to 2037.

Matt also provided insight on the ACUA's extensive gas collection and testing procedures, noting the pronounced increase in the number of wells (sites) where gases are collected around the landfill. There are daily tests for hydrogen sulfide and quarterly tests for methane.

He finished his presentation with an interesting discussion regarding alternatives to burying landfill materials including incineration, gasification, and multi-stream recycling. There were many questions and the group spent considerable time discussing viable alternatives, including Georgia Pacific's Juno sorting facility in Toledo, Oregon. This facility was cited as a great example of the latest technology used to sort waste streams and recover a significant amount of materials that would have otherwise found their way into a landfill.

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Round Table Discussion:

None due to the length of the presentation and inclement weather.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Our next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 2nd, at 7PM at the Canale Training Center in EHT.

cc: Dennis Levinson, County Executive
Jerry DelRosso, County Administrator
Richard Dase, Chairman - Board of County Commissioners
Andrew Parker, Board of County Commissioners – PEAB Representative
Greg Brookins, Department Head Public Works
All Advisory Board Members