

SCRAP TIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 6, 2012
 10:00am - 12:00pm
 Lansing, Constitution Hall, Atrium North
 Rachel Carson Conference Room

MEETING SUMMARY

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Welcome by Rhonda Oyer and introduction of participants.

Liane Shekter Smith welcomed participants and informed the group that the budget was passed without issue. It should be signed soon. Things are quiet and stable at this point. It was noted that other groups are working to inform legislators the benefits of synthetic turf. This information will be shared with the group via e-mail.

Rhonda noted the December 7, 2011 meeting summary is on the website.

Rhonda discussed the STAC appointments and reviewed the charge of the group as written in Part 169. Rhonda has contacted all appointees who have not been active to gauge their interest. It has been discussed in the past that smaller haulers are not represented in the group. Suggestions for other members:

- Auto dismantling industry

- Automotive Recyclers Association
- Randy Whipple- Randy's Auto Salvage
- Randy Slip- Randy's Recycling 269-208-5772
- Smaller haulers:
 - Larry Pohl- Larry's Tire
 - Justin Yell (?)- Express Tire Recycling

Discussion of Rubber Pavement Workshop:

Group members discussed the presentations of the Rubber Pavement Workshop. Some members do not believe the Rubber Pavement Association are appropriate to have at the table. It was asked if the presentation was his opinion, or the opinion of the entire Association. It was noted that wood mulch producers are not present, as well as natural turf and other industries that are being displaced by tire material usage. It was suggested that we work more closely with MDOT to advance usage of tire material in asphalt to get around the Rubber Pavement Association. Members would like to see a breakdown of the members by industry to see where the representation falls. Rhonda will put together a list of active individuals by industry representation, and also create an "advisory" section. Rhonda will send out a list for comments before recommendations are made to the Director.

Scrap Tire Cleanup and Market Development Grants:

Outstanding projects: A couple of projects that did not get finished last year, need through the end August of this year. There were 52 approved grants this year, 37 community cleanups and 15 individuals. There are 2 sites that are still looking for processors- there are issues with labor costs. It was asked if more funding would be moved over to the Market Development program. Right now \$500,000 is set aside for Market Development and \$3,000,000 is set aside for cleanup. As we won't be using the full amount for cleanups this year, we are looking at using more in Market Development funding. The Department received 12 Market Development Letters of Interest (LOI) that were asked to submit full applications. Of these 12 we received 9 applications. It was noted that the national outlook is uncertain as far as crumb rubber production. It is believed if sustainable markets are not created in the next 18 months the market may be "corrected." It was suggested that we shift how we offer grants to just offering money to recruiting meaningful grants that will create sustainable markets. Michigan is one of the few states that still have a Market Development grant program. A member asked about the viability of pyrolysis. Michael Blumenthal gave an overview of the pyrolysis market- that it does work, it can happen but it has not been commercially viable up to this point. It was asked that grants be considered for new plastic/rubber compounds. Also, it was asked to give consideration for schools to get new fields/tracks similarly to using tire materials in roads. Other states requiring reports back on injuries, number of days they were able to play, etc when funding is received for playgrounds, tracks, fields, etc. There has been some issue in other states with not having comparative

data- schools should have these records.

Update on biomass fuels issue and TDF:

EPA has listed TDF in proposed rules as fuel (as opposed to solid waste.) The EPA is supposed to wrap up the rules process in July, however it is expected that this will be drawn out for quite a while longer (rules approval, lawsuits, etc).

Follow up on Retreader discussion:

We tried to find a list of retreaders based on NAICS(?) code. There is a shortage of casings in the US. People are driving on their tires for longer so the casings are not able to be retreaded

Follow up on illegal haulers/operators:

Memo will be going out with Rhonda's signature (distributed) to a list of tire retailers developed by District to remind requirements of Part 169. It was suggested that this be sent out every few years. The Michigan Retailers Association is willing to consider something for their newsletter. The letters will hopefully go out by the end of June. It was noted that this is good groundwork but enforcement is really needed. It was also suggested that we talk with the State Police to inform them of the requirements. Suggestions were made to propose amendments to increase penalties, make falsifying documents a felony, etc.

Discussion of Triennial Report to Legislature- due December 29, 2012.

We were hoping to have a draft by now, but we don't. It will be similar to the last report.

Follow up on discussion of draft of potential Legislative changes to Part 169:

A draft document was distributed outlining proposed changes to Part 169. Page 11: Section 324.16909a(1) wording should be changed to "Including a vehicle that has not been recognized as belonging to a registered business..

Page 9: Include the ability to use money for enforcement purposes such as purchasing cameras.

Next meeting dates are Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm in the Rachel Carson Conference Room.