

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY BOARD
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

On Monday, October 4, 2010, the Environmental Policy Board (EPB) met in the Mississippi River Conference Room at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive N.W., Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Michael Max
 Board Member John Freeburg
 Board Member Bob Bentz
 Board Member Trent Hassett
 Board Member Kathleen Riley-Daniels
 Board Member Thomas Stodola

Members Absent: Board Member John Enstrom

Also Present: Environmental Coordinator Chris Anderson
 Councilmember Jeff Wise

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Max called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Board Member Hassett and seconded by Board Member Riley-Daniels to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Max, Board Members Freeburg, Hassett, Riley-Daniels, Stodola and Bentz. Voting No: None. Absent: Board Member Enstrom.

APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Board Member Riley-Daniels and seconded by Board Member Freeburg to approve the regular meeting minutes dated August 2, 2010 as submitted.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Max, Board Members Freeburg, Hassett, Riley-Daniels, Stodola and Bentz. Voting No: None. Absent: Board Member Enstrom

POLICY BOARD BUSINESS

Case #1: Yard Waste Drop-Off Site

Environmental Coordinator Anderson presented the staff report and reiterated the concern of how this type of a program would be funded.

Discussion ensued about the two conceptual options, one being a full compost site and one being more of a yard waste drop off site.

General consensus of the Board was that if this were to be exclusively a public operation, than it would certainly need to be looked at as just a drop off site rather than a true compost site.

Some of the thoughts that the Board had were:

- Look into a possible curbside option where during a specified time in the fall, residents could purchase stickers (or something similar) and then set out bags of yard waste for collection.
- Either in place of the fall recycling event or sometime after that event, hold a yard waste collection event over a weekend or a couple of week nights.
- Explore possible joint services opportunities with surrounding communities.
- Explore possible private/public partnership.
- Research if utilizing any of the SCORE funding is a possibility to fund a collection event.

Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that he will try and research these ideas and will report back to the Board.

BOARD/STAFF INPUT

Board Member Freeburg distributed an article from the LA Times titled “Building with Wolves: Their reintroduction into Yellowstone has helped restore an entire ecosystem lost when the creatures were exterminated decades ago”.

Environmental Coordinator Anderson informed the Board that a site in The COR has been awarded the VA Clinic and that the developer would like to break ground yet this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Board Member Riley-Daniels and seconded by Board Member Freeburg to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Anderson
Environmental Coordinator