**Legislative Committee Meeting Notes**

**Meeting Date:** 9:00 A.M, September 6, 2019  
**Location:** Ola Babcock Miller Building, Des Moines  
**Members Present:** John Foster, Cindy Turkle, Bill Rowland, Hal Morton, Rick Hurt, Lori Dicks, Mary Wittry, and Bill Schmidt.  
**Members on Phone:** Karmin McShane, Joe Horney, Jim Obradovich, and Jim Barnes.

Committee Chair Foster started the meeting with introductions of those in person and on the phone.  
Legislative Liaison Obradovich provided a brief recap of the 2019 session discussing the various bills addressing the bottle redemption program and the passage of a bill reducing the regulatory requirements for pyrolysis facilities utilizing plastic wastes. Discussion ensued among the members focused on strategy effectiveness. Members expressed concern with lack of communication from DNR regarding this bill.

Obradovich provided an outlook on the 2020 session. Overall, he anticipates not a lot of initiatives to be advanced due to the 2020 election cycle. He expects efforts to continue with the Bottle and Can redemption law changes due to efforts to date and the potential change in the house with the coming elections. Discussion ensued with general consensus to remain with the previously adopted policy statement with a positive slant and potentially include product steward reference.

Obradivich discussed dwindling SWAP Grant funding. Discussion ensued highlighting lack of transparency with the process, role of the review committee as DNR funded projects not recommended by the committee, effectiveness of funding outcomes and equity of funding, providing funds to areas not paying into the program. Consensus is to form a better picture of the Vision Iowa process as the DNR's intent is to review programs to focus more towards a sustainable material management program, which requires a legislative and rule change. Foster will work to determine Vision implementation schedule and discuss at future meetings.

Obradivich identified the need to address disposal issues associated with the expansion of the Renewable Energy portfolio in Iowa. Specifically, how the disposal of wind mill blades escalated in the last six months as an issue by DNR. Waste Management’s Jim Barnes added to the discussion by providing details on the acceptance criteria and process Waste Management utilizes for landfilling. Morton suggested establishing mono-fills specifically for this waste as it poses little environmental hazard. Discussion concluded with the direction to continue to research issue for disposal options and policy development.
Foster opened the discussion to other topics of concern. The discussion revolved around product stewardship terminology be introduced, Vision process status, need to address organic infrastructure and collection improvements to increase diversion opportunities and the need to provide additional resources for addressing solid waste issues. These topics will be added to future agendas.

Foster recapped the meeting indicating he will review the 2019 Legislative Priorities and modify per the discussion and send out for review for the next meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for November 1. Adoption by the Board is anticipated for December 6th meeting. Meeting adjured at 10:00.