

MINUTES of the January 16, 2012 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry McTaggart, Richard Yarrington, Mike Luethe, Carol Las and Adam Hayden

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Sue Van Geertruy-Solid Waste Clerical Assistant, Jerry Martell-Modern Disposal, Fred Wegner-Resident.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 9:00 a.m. by Committee Chair Larry McTaggart at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville.

1. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred commented on the odor this morning and it was explained that the leachate tank was open for pumping.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion by Richard Yarrington to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2011 meeting, seconded by Adam Hayden. All ayes, motion carried.

3. CURRENT BILLS

Current bills are summarized as follows:

2011 Site II Cell 3	\$ 11,953.72
2011 Ridge II Operations	\$ 22,711.98
2011 Recycling	\$
2011 Ridge I Closure / LTC	\$ 13,944.57
2011 HHW Clean Sweep	\$ 55.77
2011 Sand Creek	\$
2011 Credit Card Charges	\$ 65.82
2011 Interdepartmental Transfers	\$ 144.62
2012 Ridge II Operations	\$ 27,775.62
2012 Recycling	\$ 1,023.20

There was lengthy discussion about how records are kept and the length of time they need to be stored. Records are now stored, for this facility, in file cabinets or boxed in the garage. Suggestions about how better to save records spanned from safes to scanning in the information and storing on USB thumb drives, to having a county wide storage. Larry feels records should be stored in a safer manner. Discussion about monitoring in general but especially on Site I. Leachate disposal costs and amounts are a concern. Gail explained the things we are doing to control costs and told about the leachate lines to be run.

Motion by Mike Luethe to approve the bills as presented totaling \$ 77,675.30, seconded by Adam Hayden. All ayes, motion carried.

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Financial & Waste Volume Reports- Cash balance at the end of December was \$254,573 which means that \$4,573 will be transferred to the facilities reserve fund. Leachate ran about 40k over and the recycling grant was reduced along with the gas project at 130k. Most of this was budgeted for but we are ok after the transfer. Gail feels 2012 will be a tough year, our revenue may be down and leachate costs may rise. We budgeted 100k for leachate which is slightly more than last year but there are too many variables involved to have a firm number in mind. We did not request

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reimbursement from the LTC funds as last year we were warned that too many expenses would deplete the fund and we may have replenish the LTC account. Discussion centered around installing a head well at Site I to pull off any contamination. The site was constructed before the sub title D requirements so we watch it very carefully. Gail wants to install the well so that perforated pipe is used and gravel around it much further up than usual to pull as much as possible. They committee talked about the bond money, how much is left and if there is enough to construct the next cell. Gail feels there is enough and that it may be bid at the end of this year for 2013 construction. Carol commented that there has been a reduction in the amount of garbage going into landfills. Gail said overall in Wisconsin volumes are down 15%. Diverting recyclables and hazardous waste is working. If tonnage continues to decline we would have to look at our operators' contract as it might not be feasible to continue it. Gail is working on a long range plan for the landfill. Conversely the recycling tonnage is up. Jerry is shipping 22 tons per day. Jerry also commented that shingles are pulled out of the waste stream and ground. Discussion about the value of recyclables. Jerry shared that there is no processing facility in the U.S. and it all goes overseas. We have no control over the market. Larry asked if it would be practical to stockpile the material but the volume is too great. Jerry has tied in with John's Recycling. They have enough volume that they can demand a good price. Jerry also shared that many of the townships have gone to compactor boxes for their recyclables instead of the roll offs due to the sheer volume. Larry asked about documenting the amounts and putting it out for public knowledge. Carol said that different avenues of communication could be used such as the internet, a newsletter, facebook, blogs etc. to let people know. Jerry said the recycling dinner meetings were very good and that he received a lot of good feedback about them. All the townships and municipalities attended these events and much information was shared. He said these were a very good forum and would like to see us continue them. Possibility of resuming dinners will be on next months agenda.

- b) Discussion & Action, Resolution to Request Permission to Research Feasibility of a Land Acquisition- Gail handed out copies of the resolution drafted by Richard and also e-mailed copies to the administrator, Tina the finance director and Corporation Counsel. He has not heard anything back from any of them. Copies of the updated offer were looked at and it is determined that this is a starting point. We are only asking for permission to discuss this with other department heads. The offer now from Mr. Wegner is 485k. Richard drafted this resolution but it does not give authorization to purchase. This is only to look at financing options and the feasibility of purchase. Carol asked if this is approved by us does it then need to go to Property & Purchasing. The resolution is only for permission to work with other departments and Andy Kaftan for finance options and with Forestry involvement and to show the advantages of purchasing, to the landfill. Gail said a payment in lieu of taxes could be made to the township for their loss of revenue on taxes. Motion by Carol Las to approve the resolution and to move forward to explore all options of purchase of the Wegner property, seconded by Richard Yarrington. Adam asked if this had been reviewed by Corporation Counsel and Gail said it was sent to him along with the Administrator and Finance director and he has heard nothing back from any of them. Gail asked who was going to take this resolution to the County Clerk and Richard responded that either he or Larry could deliver it to the County Clerk and from there it goes to the County Board as there is no fiscal note. Adam read the county board rules covering this and he is fine as long as it is within the rules. Larry said there will be obstacles but this is a decent plan and that county wide there is no procedure for this. Call for the vote. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0 Richard stated that we will need a list of pros for the investigation which we are still trying to determine. He feels we will need to get something to the County Board for their review.

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c) Discussion & Possible Action, Out of County Waste- No new requests.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

a) General Activities / Leachate Report – Everything is running smoothly. Discussion handled during the bills.

b) Discussion & Action, Accept Bid, Landfill Filter Sand- Gail has had extensive talks with the DNR about using ground tires. A consultant study he examined determined that tires used in the bottom was not the best as it compresses. The DNR promotes its use but more in the closing of a cell than in the construction. If tires are used in the bottom the DNR requires a protective layer which is not needed if used on top. They feel if there is a problem the bottom can't be fixed but the top can. Bids from last meeting were gone over. The Lenorud bid is \$11.50 per yard, it was \$10.50 in 2008. Bids were from Gerke in the amount of \$12.53 per ton and Lenorud at \$8.65 per ton. Motion by Carol Las to accept the Lenorud bid, seconded by Mike Lueth. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0

c) Discussion & Action, Alliant Interconnection Agreement Clarification to Retain the ART Payment Rates- This item is on because we were not going to budget any monies for Landfill Gas. Gail did budget \$11,250 in case we want to pick up a Kish request and ask for cost of the study. We would have to have Kish's permission to use their figures. This is just to assure that there is money in the budget. Richard said they also need clarification in regards to the induction engine. Gail said the next step is to get committee approval to talk to Kish and Larry said it is not needed now. He explained the process for bidders and said we need to have the induction specifications and that Alliant would have to look at each engine individually. Carol questioned what happened to the guaranteed price? Gail responded that it is still there as long as we move forward. We have to retain the ART tariff. There was discussion on energy alternatives and the consequences of the Walker administration. Larry said we need to move Gundersen Lutheran from a particular engine and to look at others. Gail or Larry will talk to Kish.

6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

a) Transfer Facility Operation- Jerry is going to start accepting recyclables at his Sparta Facility. He could use the trailer that is here for that purpose. We have two compactor boxes in Juneau County. When they are finished we want our boxes back and we could put cement blocks and fill enough to use the compactor box. If we do this we could also use it for the ag plastic. Discussion on the advantages and disadvantages. This will be left for Gail and Jerry to work out. There is no expense except to set it up. When we do this Gail would also like to erect a loading dock.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Department Updates- Leachate recirculation lines will be going in. He is trying to get a load of ag plastic shipped. The first load went to Texas and this one will go to California. They are both test loads. They would pay for the baling and trucking costs. Gail is doing his best to see it is not exported. Texas guarantees the process is here but he is more comfortable with the California Company. This is a statewide initiative. Gail is also looking in to the possibility of sorting loads of wood. He will report back with his findings. We have no grinder person lined up and we would sort with the magnet to keep the metal out. Gail will be attending the conference in Warrens and Larry said he would like to go also. There was extensive discussion about the Warrens conference and it's impact on our community.

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- 1) Leachate Lines-discussed previously
- 2) Ag plastic-discussed previously

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be Monday, February 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville, Monroe County Wisconsin.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Adam Hayden seconded by Richard Yarrington to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.