

MINUTES of the January 21, 2013 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Las, James Rasmussen, Christopher King, Dan Olson and Mike Lueth

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Sue Van Geertruy-Solid Waste Clerical Assistant, Jerry Martell-Modern Disposal, Richard Yarrington-Former Solid Waste Committee Member, and Fred Wegner-landowner

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 8:35 a.m. by Committee Chair Las at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville.

1. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments at this time.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion by Dan Olson to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012 meeting, seconded by Christopher King. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0

3. CURRENT BILLS, INTER DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS & VOUCHERS

Current bills are summarized as follows:

2012 Site II Cell 3	\$
2012 Ridge II Operations	\$ 56,833.73
2012 Recycling	\$ 3,164.52
2012 Ridge I Closure / LTC	\$ 2550.17
2012 HHW Clean Sweep	\$ 3,590.71
2012 Sand Creek	\$ 283.52
2012 Credit Card Charges	\$ 66.80
2012 Interdepartmental Transfers	\$

Motion by Mike Lueth to approve the expenses as presented totaling \$ 66,489.45, seconded by James Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

- a) Financial & Waste Volume Reports- December was a normal month while the rest of the year was down. Revenue for 2012 was down about 100k but savings in expenses offset this. Our cash balance (check book balance) is at 472,900k and 224 was transferred to the Facilities Reserve Fund. There is 692k in the Reserve fund now. This should help cover the Site I cap repair and 150k will be used on cell 4 construction. There is 450k left in the bond.
- b) Report on Landfill Compaction & Daily Cover- Gail has requested a density study. We will know more after we receive the results.
- c) Discussion & Action, Land Purchase Negotiation- The land purchase committee met and had extensive discussion about price. It was agreed to offer 250k which was up from 214k. The administrator and Corporation Counsel feel this covers the appraised price. Fred countered with a price of 323k. Discussion will continue. Fred does not feel Corporation Counsel should be involved in the negotiation process.

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- d) Discussion & Action, Signing Cropland Rental Contract- The committee has no problem with Gail signing the agreement. **Motion to approve Gail signing agreement formally by Mike Luethe, seconded by Christopher King. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0** Gail will sign and hand deliver to the dairy to introduce himself.
- e) Discussion, Wisconsin DNR Conference Request- This conference stems from a December 6, 2012 routine landfill inspection. Gail responded immediately to the concerns cited. On January 10, 2013 he received the request for conference. Gerke is to be in attendance also and the conference is in LaCrosse. Two of the major concerns is the open working area is too large and insufficient daily cover. There is also question about the Ag plastic pile. We may need to get a license. The one good thing that may come of the conference is a clarification of some of the points cited by the DNR and the limits they want to see. The date is set for January 24, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Erik will attend with Gail and Gail has officially requested Richard Gerke to be there also. Whatever the outcome the entire committee wants to see Richard at our next committee meeting to answer the questions they have about performance and to develop a plan to ensure future compliance with DNR Regulations.
- f) Discussion, Ridgeville I Cap Design- When the DNR conference is complete discussion will turn to cap design. It is an old landfill with steep slopes. The parties involved need to agree on which design will work the best. Gail would like to peel off the dirt layer and use plastic cap to divert water. Perforated pipe would be imbedded in glass to divert water. Some red sand was found out there and it can be used for this also. Using it would also be a cost savings. Work would be covered with the bid for cell construction. It would be two separate projects but covered under the same bid. Mike asked when we would start cell 4 and Gail feels possibly in March so we would have to advertise mid to late February.
- g) Discussion & Action, 2013 Construction Schedule- As soon as there is agreement on Site I cap design we will be advertising. This should be sometime in mid February.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

- a) General Activities / Leachate Report- Gail shared some history of leachate collection. In 2007-2008 over 2m gallons removed. 2010 1.6m gallons. 2011 with recirculation only 213,500k gallons and in 2012 74k gallons. After cell 4 is open this tonnage will increase to 500k or 1m. Gail gave a brief description of how the recirculation process works. Carol asked if our methane numbers have been consistent and Gail said they have been at 100 for the last couple years. Gail also said he had spoken with Kwik Trip about the gas and they want it cleaned and put in a pipeline. This would be cost prohibitive and they are not interested in doing anything on site.

6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

- a) Transfer Facility Operation- This operation is running smoothly.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Kwik Trip, Facilities Reserve \$224,190.42 & Electronics- We have made some changes to the office design. This is due in part to a recycling audit by the DNR that was not favorable to storing electronics outside. We have to store units in the building.

8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Wegner does not understand why Corporation Counsel is involved with the negotiation process

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and feels he should only be doing the paperwork. Dan said he received a call from a constituent asking why we are considering expanding when he feels we should not be in the landfill business. Both Gail and Jerry answered that our costs would double if we went to a private firm. There was general discussion on landfill use and the Juneau landfill.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be Friday, February 15, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville, Monroe County Wisconsin.

9. MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Dan Olson seconded by Christopher King to adjourn at 9:48 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0