

MINUTES of the October 22, 2012 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Las, James Rasmussen, Christopher King and Mike Luethe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Olson

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Sue Van Geertruy-Solid Waste Clerical Assistant, Erik Lietz-Ayres Associates, 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 Chris King to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting, seconded by James Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0

3. CURRENT BILLS, INTER DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS & VOUCHERS

Current bills are summarized as follows:

2012 Site II Cell 3	\$ 3,628.60
2012 Ridge II Operations	\$ 97,320.24
2012 Recycling	\$ 4,026.24
2012 Ridge I Closure / LTC	\$ 6,913.80
2012 HHW Clean Sweep	\$ 535.88
2012 Sand Creek	\$ 3,395.92
2012 Credit Card Charges	\$ 74.11
2012 Interdepartmental Transfers	\$ 81.06

Motion by Mike Luethe to approve the expenses as presented totaling \$ 115,975.85, seconded by Chris King. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Financial & Waste Volume Reports- Our cash balance is at \$578,509.00 and we are right on track with our finances. Volumes are of a concern. They were good in August but it was a horrible September. We are 700 ton down for the year. James asked if there was a drop in consumer daily usage and Gail stated that while this may be true we have had some major differences from last year. Roofing has been down and last year there was storm damage. Not as much work is being done due to the economy and also the Fort is not doing anything. Gail said we are right where we need to be and that haulers have been slow in general.

b) Discussion & Action, Information Packet for County Board Members Supporting the Long Term Landfill Operation Beyond the Current Landfill- No discussion at this time.

c) Report on Landfill Compaction- Gail reworked the entire landfill and fixed the cap on the North Slope. Steve Dougherty from Gerke is doing a density report and calculations. Mike asked if the job was getting done in the landfill now and we are hopeful that it is.

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- d) Discussion & Action, Stewardship Grant & Interest Free Loan for Land Purchase- Carol spoke with Chad Ziegler about this. She asked him about the criteria we would have to meet, can we qualify and who would be in charge. Gail has spoken with Chad and neither feels the 50% grant would work. We should move toward the interest free loan. As to use and control we only need the front 20 acres. Forestry would control the back 40. We need access to the monitoring wells and the recent sale of some acreage needs easement. The split would be on the 40 line. Different types of financing were discussed. Forestry has some monies available that we could pay back the following year. Mike questioned if when Fred sold the 40 was an easement included and it is. The easement has been in existence for years.
- e) Discussion & Action, Land Purchase Negotiation- Carol shared that a meeting was held on the 11th. Four people were there, herself, Jim Kuhn, Cathy Schmit and Chad Ziegler. Andy Kaftan was not present. They had initial discussion about this and Fred Wegner is scheduled to meet with Andy Kaftan this Thursday. No decisions were made at the meeting.
- f) Discussion & Action, Review & Suggest Updates to Committee Composition and Duties- This was left on so the committee had some time to look at the duties and make any additions or changes. Gail said the code follows the state statutes. No discussion.
- g) Discussion & Action, Land Rent Bids-We will get the ads in the paper right away and they run for two weeks. Mike feels the bids will be good this time. Richard added that we might want to discuss the length of the lease. It is at 5 years now but he thinks we may want to think about a 3 year contract. Erik also shared that we wanted to reserve some of the clay from the top for construction and we should take that into consideration. Gail said we will replace to soil back to original or best possible. Erik felt if we take the clay that area should be deducted from the contract. Bids will be back by the December meeting and we can approve at that meeting. Construction will be bid right away in January. Bidding early gets us the best price. Our operations contract is due in September so that process will be started late spring. Erik said it should be awarded sometime in July.
- h) Discussion & Action, Out of County Waste- No discussion.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

- a) General Activities / Leachate Report- Gail explained the leachate report. James had some questions on the two other companies that haul leachate and Gail and Erik explained why they were needed.
- b) Discussion Ridgeville I Repairs- Gail explained the repairs and what was done. We were able to rent a bulldozer from the Highway Department to complete the repairs with no outside assistance.

6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

- a) Transfer Facility Operation- Running smoothly.
- b) Report on Recycling Compactor & Loading Dock- Work has been completed and while the bulldozer was here Gail did some other work. He got some gravel very cheap from a reclaimed parking lot so he made a loading dock at the same time as the compactor approach work.
- c) Report on Hazardous Waste Clean Up- While not as busy as our spring clean up this one was very successful. We collected 125# of Penta & dioxin, 300# of poison solids, 400# of poison liquid, 125#

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non-controlled medication and lots of drugs. Total costs are unknown and tires will be expensive due to the recent rains.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Gail did some brainstorming with a friend, Bart Sexton. They discussed planting poplar trees on Site I and Bart suggests looking at irrigating with leachate over the plastic cover. It would be a drip irrigation system that is solar generated. Chris questioned the contamination if any involved with that and Erik explained it would have to be contained. Minnesota allows leachate recirculation with some treatment on hayfields. Gail will speak to the DNR about this. Gail also shared that he found a company in Canada that rebuilds compactors for reasonable prices. He cited a few of the machines available now for price comparison.

8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Yarrington would like us to continue to push land negotiations to get this settled so we know where we're at.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be Monday, November 19, 2012 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 Chris King seconded by Carol Las to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0