

MINUTES of the December 17, 2012 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Sue Van Geertruy-Solid Waste Clerical Assistant, Erik Lietz & Steve Bischoff-Ayres Associates, Richard Yarrington-Former Solid Waste Committee Member, Darrick Johnson-current land renter and Fred Wegner-landowner

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 8:35 a.m. by Committee Chair Carol 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 Christopher King to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2012 meeting, seconded by James Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0

3. CURRENT BILLS, INTER DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS & VOUCHERS

Current bills are summarized as follows:

2012 Site II Cell 3	\$ 4,984.30
2012 Ridge II Operations	\$ 78,877.78
2012 Recycling	\$ 3,957.96
2012 Ridge I Closure / LTC	\$ 546.52
2012 HHW Clean Sweep	\$ 1,035.77
2012 Sand Creek	\$
2012 Credit Card Charges	\$ 515.96
2012 Interdepartmental Transfers	\$ 1,257.37

Motion by Mike Luethe to approve the expenses as presented totaling \$ 91,175.66, seconded by Christopher King. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Financial & Waste Volume Reports- Our cash balance is at \$522,799 which is really good. We will have 1.9M in our long term care fund next year. Gail predicts that 150-250k will go into the facility reserve fund at the end of the year. Volumes are consistent but we are down about 10% from last year. There has been an increase in recycling tonnage.

b) Report on Landfill Compaction & Daily Cover- We received a letter from the DNR that we are out of compliance on our daily cover. Gail has spoken with Gerke about what to do to get us back in compliance. We are not where we need to be on compaction. Gail talked about what has been done to correct the situation. Mike asked who was at fault about the lack of shingle coverage and Gail said it was the operator.

c) Discussion & Action, Land Purchase Negotiation- DNR Forestry approved the loan. Carol questioned if it was only for the back 40 but Gail was unsure. Carol also asked if it was a 100% grant and Gail said it was a 0% loan. Carol gave some background on what has been done up till now.

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d) Discussion & Action, Posting Landfill Property-Gail would like to put up some no trespassing signs on the landfill. The neighbor has a go kart that he is riding around on and Gail feels we need to limit our liability. Chris said a no unauthorized vehicles sign might be better. Dan doesn't care for having off limits areas. Gail said the DNR enforces limited access and it is always open to hunters. James doesn't think the county would be liable if someone goes on the property to recreate. The feeling was that Gail should send a letter to the party in question. Richard Yarrington asked if the cap on Site I might be torn up. Mike Luethe questioned the liability if someone should cut or injure themselves while on the landfill property. Gail said the sign was recommended by the sheriffs department.

Motion by Christopher King to approve putting up No Unauthorized Vehicle Signs and to also send a letter to the party involved, seconded by Mike Luethe. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0

e) 9:00 a.m., Bid Opening & Award, Cropland Rental- At 9:00 a.m. bids were opened and read aloud. Results are as follows:

Ray Naumann / Chris Kuderer	\$161.50 per acre
Darrick Johnson	\$192.00 per acre
Mike Wegner	\$186.00 per acre
Hawk High Dairy LLC	\$256.00 per acre
Marc Alan Olson	\$205.00 per acre

Gail suggests accepting the high bid contingent on Corporation Counsel and the administrator to sign it. **Motion by Mike Luethe to accept the high bid from Hawk High Dairy at \$256.00 per acre.** Gail said we may have to pull out a few acres but he will go and talk to him about it. **Motion seconded by Christopher King. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0**

f) Discussion & Action, Intergovernmental Solid Waste Disposal Agreement/Resolution-Gail feels we need this agreement to protect ourselves. It was sent to Corporation Counsel and the Administrator in September of 2011. It is approved by Juneau and Adams Counties. Gail said the agreement is to accept waste from Juneau County after they close. He went over the contract. We helped Juneau out in 2010 and over a six month period received 469 tons. That is not a lot. Privates will handle most of their waste but some of the smaller municipalities will still use the landfill as a transfer station. Dan asked how much space would it eat up and Gail said it depends on compaction. Erik figured out that it would be about 650 cubic yards at average density. Dan asked the capacity of our landfill and it is 400k yards. Carol asked if it was a five year contract and it is and Gail stated that they have good garbage. He also stated that we can put anything we want in the contract. Dan asked if there were any expenses to us if we take it. Gail said the extra volume would reduce our costs but our fixed cost remain the same. He said it costs 5k to open the door every day. Dan asked if it were worth it to us and Gail said it will help keep us self funded and off the tax roll. Carol said she has the same concerns but as long as we have the option to limit amounts that helps. James said this will shorten the landfill life and feels that to bail out Juneau there needs to be an up charge. Gail thinks that would be an administrative nightmare. He also said in August the committee asked him to look at this. This contract is a legal vehicle to pursue proposals. Discussion on costs and pros and cons about doing this. **Motion by Christopher King to table this until 1. Charging a different rate is looked into and check with Corporation Counsel, 2. See what the outcome of the land purchase is and 3. Get Corporation Counsels approval of the contract, seconded by James Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0**

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Carol Las left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

a) General Activities / Leachate Report- Leachate was hauled last week and will be this week. The waste is saturated from the recirculation. We stop recirculating during the cold months.

6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

a) Transfer Facility Operation- The small compactor is working out great. Cashton is hauling direct to Sparta. It takes about six weeks to fill.

b) Discussion & Action, WIRMC Conference- Both Carol and Gail would like to attend. **Motion by Christopher King to approve Carol Las and Gail to attend the conference, seconded by James Rasmussen. All Ayes, motion carried 5-0**

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Gail explained that the DNR had been out and there are some enforcement issues to take care of. She did not like that some TV's were stored outside in boxes. Gail will speak to the neighbor who rents the shed about using part of it for storage of electronics. Mike asked what the concern was and Gail responded that apparently it is illegal to store items outdoors after they have been collected. Erik feels it requires behind fence storage.

Gail explained that we have an account that is past due. The amount is \$938.00 and we have done everything we can to collect. It was sent to Corporation Counsel in August. Gail is asking permission to write this off. Richard suggested using the tax intercept option.

James shared an article about compressed gas and the expanding market. Gail explained that landfill gas needs to be cleaned and the costs are very expensive.

8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Wegner stated that he is signing some papers today to deliver to all County Board members. He does not want any secrets about this and wants all members to know what is going on. Richard Yarrington urged the committee to look at the Juneau County proposal seriously and that our costs are fixed.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be Monday, January 21, 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 9:50 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0