

MINUTES of the February 15, 2013 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, Jerry Martell (8:55)-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 Christopher King to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2013 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	\$ 1,515.38
2012 Ridge II Operations	\$ 6,469.40
2013 Ridge II Operations	\$ 36,043.20
2013 Recycling	\$ 2,570.66
2012 Ridge I Closure / LTC	\$ 926.89
2013 Ridge I Closure / LTC	\$ 799.74
2013 HHW Clean Sweep	\$
2013 Sand Creek	\$
2013 Credit Card Charges	\$ 598.58
2012 Interdepartmental Transfers	\$ 757.46

James had some questions about how mileage is tracked. Gail and Sue explained.

Motion by Mike Luethe to approve the expenses as presented totaling \$ 49,681.31, seconded by Christopher King. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Financial & Waste Volume Reports- Gail explained the financials. Our cash balance is at 372k. Recycling will be in the red until we receive the grant money. Volumes for January are slow but recycling is up. Discussion on recycling totals comparison. Gail explained that Pat Mulvaney from the Sparta paper requested an update on the department and Gail will focus on recycling. Jerry told us he ships about three and a half loads each week and looks to have it be four loads for 2013. They haul an average of 20 tons. Markets are still down but we are doing well. Jerry explained that some facilities are being charged up to \$40.00 per ton to dump recycling but we are still getting something for ours.

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- b) Report on, DNR Conference- Gail passed out the follow up letter from the conference. The operator was replaced last Friday. The new operator is compacting the side slopes and has the open area down to 10k feet. He is covering daily. Discussion on the open area and how much space we lost during the past two years.
- c) Report on Density Study- Gail passed out copies of the study. The operator has been compacting nine hours per day. The compaction is at 1528cy. The last study was at 1042cy. Had we stayed at that compaction our landfill life would have been done in 2018. As it is now we could run until 2022. Discussion on compaction and the bonus payment vs. the deduction. Erik explained the bonus and deduct percentages and said the main point is the change in the life of the landfill. Gail also said the he is confident of our continued compaction with the new operator and that the haulers are very happy with him also.
- d) Report on Landfill Cell Capacities- Discussion on the overall cost of cell construction. Gail explained how the tip fee is used. Some goes to operations while a portion goes to the DNR. The plan shows the landfill would be full at 2020 but that is now 2022. After 2017 all our fixed costs are done. The bond is not paid until 2017 but proceeds will be gone this year.
- e) Report on Ridgeville I Cap Design & Cell IV Construction Bids- At the meeting with the DNR it was agreed that plastic cap would be the ultimate repair for Site I. We have sand on site that we can use. Erik explained the covering and building phases. He has been getting soil reports together and found some sand in the clay. This is similar to our daily cover. Gail said if we receive some good bids we can over excavate that to use for daily cover. Erik said the DNR was very agreeable and appreciative of our efforts. They also discussed additional geologic information, the Site I problems and the pumping plan. There was general discussion on the best way to do the pumping and if it could be pumped in to a tank to use for recirculation on the current landfill. Gail explained the work involved and because we have all materials on site it would be a nice project for a contractor. Discussion of the boulders found the last time and that it will be addressed in the new contract.
- f) Discussion & Action, Land Purchase Negotiation / Possible Resolution- Gail said he didn't know much. Fred has counter offered but we are at a standstill. Fred would like to strip the house of some items and the renter is no longer an issue. Gail questioned if it was proper for the committee to make a recommendation to the negotiating team. Discussion on how the land would be purchased and Gail explained the funding. We are not asking the county for any money. Motion by Chris King to recommend that we accept the 260k counter offer, allow Fred to strip the house and to continue to not have any renters. Discussion continued. James said he would like to have the realtor counter with a specific list of what Fred wants and have everyone here next meeting. The motion failed for lack of a second.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

- a) General Activities / Leachate Report- There were 33 loads of leachate hauled last month.

6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

- a) Transfer Facility Operation- This operation is running smoothly. One more load of recycling has been hauled. That is the second load since the smaller compactor was put in to use.

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7. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Landfill Gas Possibilities-Gail spoke with a consultant. There is no possibility for use. SEH has looked in to this and due to cost of cleaning the gas it is not feasible. SEH worked with LaCrosse County on there's.

Gail spoke with the new cropland renter and asked about taking our 5 acres from the contract for use to excavate clay and sand. The renter is agreeable to this and would like more acreage taken out to use for manure spreading. This could be a win / win for both of us. Discussion on the uses of the land, what can be done and protection of the land in general. Reclamation of the land was also discussed.

Work has begun on the landfill operations contract. LaCrosse County spent 50k on their bid doc and all bids received were thrown out as the document is too technical. Gail has gone through there document and pulled some ideas we can use for ours. Bidding the contract in house was discussed. It takes about four months to have a new position approved. Discussion of the process and salary for a new position and contract points.

8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Martell said he appreciated that the committee let him talk spontaneously through the meeting. Richard Yarrington asked about the tonnages in the different cells and construction costs of the three cells.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be Monday, March 18, 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 Christopher King seconded by Mike Luethe to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0