

# MINUTES of the March 18, 2013 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carol Las, Dan Olson, James Rasmussen, Christopher King and Mike Lueth (4:25)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Sue Van Geertruy-Solid Waste Clerical Assistant, Erik Lietz-Ayres Associates, Jerry Martell -Modern Disposal, Richard Yarrington-Former Solid Waste Committee Member, Steve Dougherty-Gerke Excavating and Fred Wegner-landowner

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 4:10 p.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 February 15, 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	\$15,000.00
2012 Ridge II Operations	\$ 6,227.80
2013 Ridge II Operations	\$ 50,066.99
2013 Recycling	\$ 2,526.82
2012 Ridge I Closure / LTC	\$
2013 Ridge I Closure / LTC	\$ 13,612.73
2013 HHW Clean Sweep	\$
2013 Sand Creek	\$ 2,804.73
2013 Credit Card Charges	\$ 259.26
2012 Interdepartmental Transfers	\$

There were some questions about leachate treatment. Cost, what is contained in it etc. Gail explained along with Erik.

**Motion by Dan Olson to approve the expenses as presented totaling \$ 90,498.33, seconded by James Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0**

Mike Lueth joined the meeting at 4:25.

## 4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

- Financial & Waste Volume Reports- The debt service payment has been paid. Our cash balance is at \$154,697. We have \$692,855 in our Facilities Reserve Fund. Carol asked how much we can have in there and Gail answered 2 million. Our volumes are down mainly due to the weather. Dan asked how the weather affects garbage and Gail and Jerry explained that there is no work going on. Contractors are waiting for construction and demolition to start. Roll off business is way down. Jerry said he has only had one roll off driver in Sparta all winter which is very unusual. Once the weather breaks he feels it will start to really get busy.
- Report on, DNR Conference- Gail sent in a response and his first monthly report. They conducted a

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landfill inspection. Our new landfill operator (Jeff) is doing a great job.

- c) Report on Ridgeville I Cap Design & Cell IV Construction Bids- The construction bids have been sent to the newspapers and are on our website.
- d) Discussion & Action, Land Purchase Negotiation / Possible Resolution- Andy called just before this meeting and said that counter offer 7 has been accepted. The only problem with counter offer 6 was the timing for County Board meeting. Regarding funding, Gail spoke with Chad and Andy. This committee has to agree to accept the counter offer. All of the monies would come out of our Facilities Reserve Fund to give Chad time to get the Loan. When those funds come in they will replace some of the monies removed from the Facilities Reserve, There was discussion about the taxes and how they are paid. We would pay the 2013 taxes as a condition of the agreement. The committee will meet ½ hour before the County Board meeting to go over the resolution. Today all of this will be done in two motions. One to approve the contract and one to approve the Facilities Reserve Fund. Dan asked what will happen to the house and Gail explained it will be storage and that the garage can be used to store electronics throughout the year. The land is mainly a buffer for the landfill but the well is also important. We only control the well if we own the property. Discussion on what the well could be used for or if it should be closed. Mike suggested contacting the fire department as they could use it as a hydrant. It would also be advantageous for us to have a water supply that close in case of fire. **Motion by Dan Olson to accept counter offer seven, between Monroe County and Fredrick Wegner, for 57.7 acres, physical address 2563 Junco Road, seconded by James Rasmussen.** Discussion. **All ayes, motion carried. 5-0** \$260,000 will come out of the Facilities Reserve to pay in full and in 30 days the \$109,000 loan will be returned to the Fund to give us a cushion of 100k. We need County Board approval to remove the funds. Asked about closing costs Gail explained that Andy is doing most of the work so there is no cost there and the title insurance will be about \$125.00 roughly. **Motion by Carol Las to move forward to remove \$260k from the Facilities Reserve Fund and approve the monies from Forestry to go back into the Facilities Reserve, seconded by Chris King.** James asked if it would be spelled out in the resolution that the money from Forestry will go back into the Facilities Reserve and Gail responded yes. **All ayes, motion carried. 5-0**
- e) Discussion & Action, Out of County Request for Permission to Use Landfill- Gail explained that he received a request from a small company in Hillsboro to bring waste here once the Juneau County Landfill closes. He explained the reasoning for their request. Costs, distance and that most of the loads are mixed between Juneau and Monroe Counties. It would amount to about 1-2 loads per week. This is just general household waste. Dan asked about the rates between us and Vernon County. Vernon is \$57 and we are \$49. Dan suggests we charge them the higher rate. Gail said he posed this question to Andy some time ago but has received no answer. We can also put this on hold as the Juneau Landfill is not set to close until July. Also we are governed by Interstate Commerce rules. Chris questioned why Interstate Commerce is involved and Jerry explained. There was discussion about the amount of tonnage and whether it would be good for our landfill. Dan is concerned that it will just fill our landfill sooner but we also need the tonnage to cover our fixed costs. Jerry also stated the Foth study that was done depended on a certain amount of out of county waste. Adams County will be taking most of the waste from Juneau. Dan said there is no competition for garbage but Jerry said there is. All landfills are looking for more waste. Private landfills particularly will recruit companies to haul waste to their landfills. Jerry said he could haul his waste elsewhere and get a good price but once the public landfills close the price goes up. According to Interstate

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Commerce rules you can not charge another county anything above the gate fee but they can remove the discounts. Jerry said if his rates go up he has to charge more to cover those costs, which are passed on to the customers.

- f) Discussion & Action, Line Item Transfers- The committee looked over the transfers. **Motion by Dan Olson to approve line item transfers, seconded by Chris King. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0** Transfers are attached to these minutes.

## 5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

- a) General Activities / Leachate Report- Due to seasonal weight restrictions we are only hauling 1/2 loads now.
- b) Discussion & Action, Landfill Operations Contract- Erik and Gail have been working on this. They think we should open bids in mid May. This gives the bidders time to get equipment and makes it fairer. Gail wants to bid as a county run project. Because we wouldn't charge ourselves a bond we would have to be 10 – 15% cheaper. We wouldn't want to be accused of taking work away from private business. Most counties run their own landfill. When we have the bid ready Gail wants to have Mike DiMaggio –retired Dane County Solid Waste Manager go over it to make sure all areas are covered and that nothing has been forgotten. Mike has done many of these over the years and would be an excellent resource. Gail has also found a variety of equipment available but doesn't want to wait too long or it may be gone.

## 6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

- a) Transfer Facility Operation- This operation is running smoothly.
- b) Discussion Shingle Recycling- Tim Jones the VP of Mathy was here and proposes shingle recycling. if we accept clean shingles, meaning no paper, wood or tin, and that we load them, he will send a truck to pick them up. They need to be really clean and Gail isn't sure we can guarantee that. Richard asked if they take them unground and they do. He also asked if there would be a special rate for this and Gail said only after we are convinced the shingles are acceptable to Mathy.
- c) Discussion & Possible Action, Spring Special Waste Collection- Everyone has a copy of the spring flyer. Gail asked the committee to look it over and see if they wanted any changes or had any questions.

## 7. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Landfill Gas Possibilities- Discussed earlier. Discussion evaporation of leachate. Gail also shared the South Carolina is being sued over landfill odor.

## 8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard is glad the committee is moving forward on the land purchase. He would also like to know what the total tonnage is for all cells under Site II.

## SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be Monday, April 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 Mike Luethe seconded by Chris King to adjourn at 5:33 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.**

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# REQUEST FOR LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Office Use Only

Department: Solid Waste  
 Budget Year Amended: 2012

No. _____
Date: _____

	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Transfer Amount</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>YTD Expenditures</u>
<b>From Account</b>	69.482.53630.299	Contracted Services	\$ 2,645.00	\$ 398,568.00	\$ 394,107.13
	69.483.53633.299	Contracted Services	\$ 660.00	\$ 68,554.00	\$ 59,774.75
	69.486.53636.201	Monitoring	\$ 280.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,561.04
	<b>Total Transfer</b>		<b>\$ 3,585.00</b>		

<b>To Account</b>	69.482.53630.150	Fringe Benefits	\$ 635.00	\$ 26,168.00	\$ 26,800.70
	69.482.53630.215	Engineering	\$ 2,010.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 27,005.78
	69.483.53633.150	Fringe Benefits	\$ 630.00	\$ 17,446.00	\$ 18,075.48
	69.483.53633.225	Telephone	\$ 30.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 926.91
	69.486.53636.220	Utilities	\$ 280.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 527.62
	<b>Total Transfer</b>		<b>\$ 3,585.00</b>		

<b>Explanation for Transfer:</b>
Reallocation of budget items based on the actual expenses

Department Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_ *Gail Lee*

Governing Committee Approval \_\_\_\_\_ *[Signature]*

Send to County Clerk's Office

FINANCE COMMITTEE Approval given on : \_\_\_\_\_  
Date