

# MINUTES of the March 19, 2012 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Larry McTaggart, Richard Yarrington, Mike Luethe and Adam Hayden

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carol Las-excused

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Sue Van Geertruy-Solid Waste Clerical Assistant and Fred Wegner-Resident.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 9:00 a.m. by Committee Chair Larry McTaggart at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville.

## 1. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No one addressed the committee.

## 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion made by Richard Yarrington to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting, seconded by Adam Hayden. All ayes, motion carried.

## 3. CURRENT BILLS

Current bills are summarized as follows:

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| 2012 Site II Cell 3              | \$ 13,250.00 |
| 2012 Ridge II Operations         | \$ 33,977.99 |
| 2012 Recycling                   | \$ 581.63    |
| 2012 Ridge I Closure / LTC       | \$ 1,681.37  |
| 2012 HHW Clean Sweep             | \$           |
| 2012 Sand Creek                  | \$           |
| 2012 Credit Card Charges         | \$ 291.05    |
| 2012 Interdepartmental Transfers | \$ 50.30     |
| 2011 Ridge II Operations         | \$           |
| 2011 Recycling                   | \$           |
| 2011 Ridge I Closure / LTC       | \$           |
| 2011 Sand Creek                  | \$ 244.10    |

Motion by Mike Luethe to approve the expenses as presented totaling \$ 50,076.44, seconded by Adam Hayden. All ayes, motion carried.

## 4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Financial & Waste Volume Reports- 471k for cash balance so it looks good. 240k transferred out for bond payment leaves 231k actual. We are starting the year very well. Waste volumes look unusual due to the amount of leachate being down 1500 tons. The leachate recirculation line has already paid for itself. All bills are caught up.

b) Discussion & Action, Land Appraisal- A meeting was held here and there was very good discussion. Attending were Gail, Andy Kaftan, Cathy Schmit, Gene Treu, Chad Ziegler, Kevin Schilling and Al Hoff. Appraisers were discussed and the only one in Monroe County that would appraise land was Greg Wandschneider. Gail read the letter sent to Mr. Wandschneider outlining what was needed and that it would be done in two appraisals. Cost for two appraisals should be about six or seven hundred. The appraisal will be sent to Corporation Counsel. Richard asked if the appraisal was

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needed for the DNR approval for cost share and Gail responded yes. Larry asked what our next step is. We would go to the County Board for approval on negotiations. There was general discussion about the next steps to proceed with negotiations and about financing. Motion by Richard Yarrington to approve Greg Wandschneider to do appraisals using up to \$750.00, seconded by Adam Hayden. All ayes, motion carried.

- c) Report on & Discussion, Truck Scale Issues- The WDATCP which monitors weights and measures representative, John Pasko, was out to test the scale in January. He found some discrepancies and Gail argued with him that the result was in the customers favor but it didn't matter. LaCrosse Scale was called to come out and correct. After their maintenance WDATCP came out again and was very unhappy with the readings he found. He wrote it all up and said he had to report this to the County Administrator and Chairman. LaCrosse Scale had to be called out again and when they came they found nothing wrong with the scale and even tested every load cell separately. Everything was fine. LaCrosse Scale contacted Mr. Pasko and when he returns LaCrosse Scale will have their representative here at the same time. Richard questioned if the scale was regulated by a spring but Larry said it was all electronic. Gail will keep the committee apprised of the situation.

## **5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS**

- a) General Activities / Leachate Report – Everything is running smoothly and leachate is down to nothing. It was mentioned that at the recent conference many people are looking in to ways to deal with leachate. Gail said a wetland treatment is good and Richard inquired if there was a site at the bottom of the valley that could be utilized for a pond. Gail said it would be better up here. Fred Wegner said that there is about five acres that could be leveled which already has cattails and an old creek bed. SES has done a design and plan for wetlands and Gail would look at it in the design of the new landfill. He also said that wetlands are the best for treatment.
- b) Discussion & Action, Gas Well Pump Purchase- Erik found a smaller full size pump. This one is 3 1/2 x 21 and guaranteed for use in leachate. It is 1/2 h.p. Cost is \$1,566.00 for the pump and \$393.00 for the controller. Richard asked about the capacity per minute and Gail responded seven gallons at 190 ft. Pumping into the recirculation lines would be best. When Ayres is next here for monitoring they and Gail will be checking all the wells to see which have water. We could pump in to the open cell. We may have to get a trailer for the tank. Motion by Richard Yarrington to approve purchase of the pump and the controller, seconded by Mike Luethe. All ayes, motion carried.
- c) Discussion & Action, Connecting New Leachate Lines to Gas Collection System- When this was bid we knew materials would be extra but it is a bigger number than thought. Gail would like approval for this expense. Motion by Adam Hayden to approve expenses incurred with connecting the leachate lines to the gas system, seconded by Richard Yarrington. All ayes, motion carried.

## **6. RECYCLING PROGRAM**

- a) Transfer Facility Operation- Everything is running smoothly.
- b) Discussion & Action, Recycling Dinner Meeting-We have about 100 attending so far. A forester from Lambert Forest Products will present information on wood waste recycling. The Earth Club will have a short presentation on their trip and what is going on with them. Dean Swenson will report on education in the schools and the Magic of Recycling Show. Erik Lietz from Ayres will have a presentation and Jerry Martell will update recycling tonnages and issues. Reservations have been

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called in so we are set to go.

- c) Discussion & Action, 4/28/2012 Special Waste Collection, Radio Ads, Bobcat Rental- We need to approve ads for our Spring Clean Sweep and rental of a bobcat for use during the sweep and a little before and after. Motion by Mike Luethe to approve the cost of ads and bobcat rental, seconded by Richard Yarrington. All ayes, motion carried.
  
- d) Discussion & Action, Ag Plastic Recycling- Our last load went to Bristol Indiana. They claim it was dirty but we thought it was pretty clean. This company, which is run by Amish, is used to receiving post consumer plastic. Ours is dirtier than that and our bales weigh 4000 lbs. Gail has spoken with Ashish about fuel and trucking costs which will kill us. He wants to meet with us to site a property for a processing facility here in the Midwest. Cost basis was discussed which is basically the equipment and that is about 28 million. All of the surrounding counties want something built but the costs are terrible. Larry explained the process and said it is much like a distillery process. All the processors are serious about siting a Midwest facility. Ed at the Winona Attrition Mill has a huge hammermill. It eats anything. He is doing some testing to see if it will chop it into 2 inch pieces. Discussion on gas prices and diesel prices going down. Hank Koch is working with Xcel for the incinerator. If the plastic gets to a 2 inch square and is mixed with sawdust it could be used as fuel. Cassville may also be interested in that. We hope to have more information by next Sunday. Larry stressed that no matter the outcome it is important we continue to accept the plastic.

## **7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a) Department Updates- Mike DiMaggio retired as the Dane County Solid Waste Manager. When we go to bidding for the operations contract he would be willing to help us with our spreadsheets to bid an in house operation.

## **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be Monday, April 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville, Monroe County Wisconsin.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion made by Richard Yarrington seconded by Adam Hayden to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.