

# MINUTES of the April 16, 2012 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Larry McTaggart, Richard Yarrington, Mike Luethe and Carol Las

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Adam Hayden

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Sue Van Geertruy-Solid Waste Clerical Assistant, Fred Wegner (9:10)-Resident and Jerry Martell (9:15)-Modern Disposal.

**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 by Richard Yarrington to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2012 meeting, seconded by Mike Luethe. All ayes, motion carried.

## 3. CURRENT BILLS

Current bills are summarized as follows:

2012 Site II Cell 3	\$ 5,564.00
2012 Ridge II Operations	\$ 84,909.28
2012 Recycling	\$ 1,624.51
2012 Ridge I Closure / LTC	\$ 10.61
2012 HHW Clean Sweep	\$
2012 Sand Creek	\$
2012 Credit Card Charges	\$ 150.91
2012 Interdepartmental Transfers	\$ 1,007.19
2011 Ridge II Operations	\$
2011 Recycling	\$
2011 Ridge I Closure / LTC	\$
2011 Sand Creek	\$

Motion by Mike Luethe to approve the expenses as presented totaling \$ 93,266.50, seconded by Carol Las. All ayes, motion carried.

## 4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Financial & Waste Volume Reports- Gail went over the report. He explained about the tonnage coming from Fort McCoy. There was discussion about the facilities reserve fund and how it can be used and how money is placed in to it. Larry asked if the money could be removed from this account and while it can be used it has to come back to Solid Waste if and when we need it. Mike asked if we have enough to cover opening the new cell and Gail said that is already covered and we would also have enough to open a new landfill.

b) Discussion & Action, Land Appraisal- It is being worked on but there are no numbers yet.

c) Discussion, Truck Scale Issues- The state and LaCrosse Scale were supposed to be here today but no one has heard from John Pasko from the state. Not sure when they will be here.

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## **5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS**

- a) General Activities / Leachate Report- We are recirculating and very little is hauled. Jerry Martell of Modern Disposal Systems reported that he is continuing to recruit Jackson County garbage under his prior authorization by the Solid Waste Committee.
- b) Discussion, Litter Clean Up Report- Gail sent a letter to Gerke Excavating about the litter which was getting very bad. Friday someone showed up to begin clean up and one of the guys from their shop also came out to work on it. Hopefully they will continue to keep the area cleaned up as once it is done it is much easier to maintain. Gail shared pictures he took of the area.
- c) Gas Well Reports- Gail took all of them apart and measured the water. The end one is the only problem. Gail also discovered that the valves crank about 20 times before closing. Now that he knows that we can keep better control. We weren't controlling them prior to this discovery. This throttles the amount of suction and the percentage of methane goes down. Larry asked if the suction is boosted does it get more water and Gail replied yes. Mike asked if the belts were working better and Gail said yes he had been running them too tight. The suspected flooded gas well has thirteen feet of open working screen remaining to satisfy DNR gas removal requirements. At no time was our gas well field in danger of being out of compliance with DNR regulations. Just as information Gail shared that Gundersen Lutheran just invested 7 million in a digester in Dane County.

## **6. RECYCLING PROGRAM**

- a) Transfer Facility Operation- Everything is running smoothly.
- b) Recycling Dinner Meeting Report-The dinner meeting was discussed along with comments and questions that were made at the meeting. Overall it went very well and Mike commented on the young lady from the Earth Club who spoke and how professional and informative she was.
- c) Discussion, 4/28/2012 Special Waste Collection-All is on track for this event. Dynamic Recycling will be taking everything this time in appliances and electronics.
- d) Discussion & Action, Ag Plastic Recycling- Gail has been looking at some uses and we are continuing our efforts to find an outlet for the plastic we receive.

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

- a) Department Updates- About a week ago Jon Pauley from the Highway Department came and talked to Gail about picking up TV's etc. along the roads. Currently we charge the Highway Department \$10.00 per unit when they bring them here as we do with all Townships and Villages. Highway is asking for the fee to be waived as they are doing a service and are already paying wages for the men to pick them up. Gail feels that this fee could be waived in this instance. Discussion on how if we don't charge the Highway Department how can we justify charging the Townships and Villages. We pay for all services performed by the Highway Department. It is the feeling of the committee that we continue to charge the Highway Department and Gail should send a letter informing them of this decision.

Gail spoke with Peggy Thorsen at the last department head meeting and she mentioned she was looking for a lap top computer for her office. Gail shared that we have one we purchased for use with the flare. He is asking the committee, if possible, to loan it to the Justice Department with the stipulation that if and when we need to have it returned it will come back to us. The IT Department

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will program what it needs for Justice and then it will go to Peggy.

Gail would like the committee to decide which food pantry, the food collected at the dinner meeting should go to. There are many food pantries throughout Monroe County so he would like a decision from them. The committee chose Tomah Food Pantry and they will receive matching funds through another program.

- 1) Juneau County Solid Waste- Gail met with Adams and Juneau Counties about future tonnage and the closing of the Juneau County Landfill.

### **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be Monday, May 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville, Monroe County Wisconsin.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Mike Luethe seconded by Carol Las to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.