

MINUTES of the July 18, 2012 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Las, Dan Olson (arrived 8:40), James Rasmussen and Mike Luethe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher King

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Sue Van Geertruy-Solid Waste Clerical Assistant, Andy Kaftan(8:50)-Corporation Counsel, Richard Yarrington(8:38)-Former Solid Waste Committee Member, Fred Wegner(8:38)-Resident, Jerry Martell(10:37)-Modern Disposal, Gene Treu (9:00)-County Board Supervisor, Al Hoff(8:40)-County Conservationist, Chad Ziegler(9:05)-Forestry & Parks Administrator and Brian Buswell(9:45)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 8:34 a.m. by Committee Chair Las at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville.

1. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No one present to comment

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion by Mike Luethe to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting, seconded by James Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 3-0-2

Dan Olson entered the meeting

3. CURRENT BILLS, INTER DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS & VOUCHERS

Current bills are summarized as follows:

2012 Site II Cell 3	\$ 7,321.11
2012 Ridge II Operations	\$ 95,452.70
2012 Recycling	\$ 301.68
2012 Ridge I Closure / LTC	\$ 5,932.90
2012 HHW Clean Sweep	\$ 3,973.10
2012 Sand Creek	\$
2012 Credit Card Charges	\$ 25.28
2012 Interdepartmental Transfers	\$

Motion by Mike Luethe to approve the expenses as presented totaling \$ 113,006.77, seconded by Dan Olson. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0-1

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Financial & Waste Volume Reports- All looks ok. Volumes are on track.

b) Report on LaCrosse County Landfill MSW Shredder Demonstration- Gail took a pick up load of Ag plastic to this meeting to run through the shredder. In forward all that happened was it made long strings of plastic, but in reverse it shredded into smaller pieces. Carol questioned it running forward and backward. Gail explained this shredder will chip up concrete but is not designed for Ag plastic.

c) Discussion & Action, Line Item Transfer- This item handled during voucher approval. Discussion and explanation on the need for transfer. **Motion to approve line item transfer made by Mike Luethe, seconded by James Rasmussen. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0-1**

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- d) Discussion & Possible Action, Out of County Waste- No new requests at this time.
- e) Discussion Committee Information by ipad or Mail- Sue requested this be on the agenda as we were told the county is going paperless and all information should be sent by ipad. Discussion on personal preferences. Mike prefers mail as he does not have an ipad. James prefers mail. Dan would prefer mail and ipad until he sees how this works with the ipad and Carol prefers mail and ipad.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

- a) General Activities / Leachate Report- There was no leachate in June except from Site I. We recirculate regularly. The density survey was done on Thursday and Gail will have the report next month.
- b) Discussion & Action, Ridgeville I Remediation- Gail passed out copies of the map showing the area we are discussing. He met with the DNR in the landfill to discuss options. He reminded us about the eight point letter from the DNR. The shaded area is where the three dog leg wells are. They are pumped about every ten days. Each well produces 300 gallons. The middle well is the contaminated one. Gail explained how the water for the last fifteen years runs to the center well. The contamination has been there since 1995. Gail asked the DNR if we put a plastic cover on it would they forgo the eight points. They took the information back to Madison to discuss. He showed them how what they want us to do is unrealistic and had GPS sample locations to prove how much clay was already on the cover. Gail wants to cover approximately 2.4 acres with plastic. He explained that he wants to include this in the 2013 budget but he is not ready to sign off on what needs to be done. If we can get it dry it may fix itself. It would be approximately 250k to fix and we could include this in the 2013 budget as a possibility. We have the money to pay for it and do cell IV. Dan asked what the cost of the 300 gallons a week costs and Gail said a few hundred dollars. The big cost is what the DNR wants us to do. Dan asked what we are spending the 50 to 80k we now budget for Site I on. Gail explained what it is used for such as mowing, cap repair and monitoring. James had some questions about the leachate and whether it is used to help decompose the garbage, which it is, if we could take the water from the three wells and put it in the leachate system for Site II. Gail told us the contamination could contaminate Site II and then it would be a problem. James asked if there were different contaminations and Gail responded yes. Gail also stated that we know where the contamination is and until you know that you can't do anything. There was discussion on the history and on the EPA changes. Dan asked when all this ends and Gail said we need three years of sampling that sets a downward trend. We stirred it up so contamination was up, then it dropped and now it is the same. We need a three year history. Carol asked when we should hear back from the DNR and Gail said this summer.
- c) Discussion & Action, Monitoring Well Road Repairs- Gail talked to the Taylor's who own the adjoining land and they requested the work be done by Dean Zellmer as he has done work for them in the past and knows the area. Gail also took Dean back there to show him what needs to be done. He has a 450 dozer and the cost would be about 1500 to 2000 dollars. If we rent the highway dozer it would really move things along. Gail said with permission to go ahead he would also do item 6b at the same time. The large cement blocks will cost about 1k and it would take 8-10 loads of gravel. **Motion by Dan Olson to approve Monitoring Well Road Repairs and Reworking the Compactor Site to accommodate a 40yd dumpster, seconded by James Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried.**

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d) Discussion & Action, Landfill Gas Project History and Future Options- Gene Treu requested that this item be taken care of first after returning from closed session. Dan asked for Gail to contact the bidders. They feel the landfill gas is at 100 scfm. When it goes to 125-130 the methane content drops. We would be back to our original guarantee of the first time. Right now we would not score high on the present timetable. Now it is just wait and see. We do need something in the records for Alliant to keep our ART tariff in place. By the end of the year we will do bids to see if there is any interest and to find out if our new leachate lines are working. James asked what the ART Tariff was. Gail explained that it is a nine cent payment average for energy produced. Others do want this tariff rate. We have to prove we are interested or let it go away. Dan stated that he is interested in the County generating any revenue by contracting out to a private company that pays us for kilowatts. He is not interested in a county owned project. Gail has tracked down two transport trailers and found a propane tank. Thoughts of trucking the gas to LaCrosse was mulled over but it won't work as our BTU's are too low and the carbon dioxide is too high. It wouldn't be worth it. Carol recognized Gene Treu and he requested to have Brian Buswell speak. Carol agreed but limited Brian to one time. Brian suggests contacting Gundersen Lutheran, if we have RFP's done by someone, and talking to Corey Zarecki. Corey has looked at all the options and could shed light on our options. Now, there is an issue with the gas flow and if it increases then we have options. Second, that Alliant gets rid of the fiber optics and use T1 line or wireless. Third, compressed gas was looked at but didn't dive into as a gas cleaning skid is needed and too costly. Carol said we will continue to research this and that Gail is very good at keeping tabs on things. Gail said the project is still on hold but not dead. Gene asked if there was a sunset on the tariff. That is unknown.

Gene Treu and Brian Buswell left the meeting. (10:53)

e) Discussion & Action, 2013 Draft Budget- Gail passed out draft copies of the budget. It includes cell construction and Site I repairs. Some construction purchases have been made ahead of time. Contracted services is up due to the Gerke contract. Gail is going under the assumption that we will continue to pay the compaction bonus all the time. Finance had an issue with this as the bonus was not budgeted for. Carol asked if we could put something together to run this ourselves and Gail said it would be during the bid process. Gail also said if we are not going to continue the landfill there is no need to buy equipment. Carol stated we should take something to the County Board to stay open past our closure date. Dan said a simple budget is a budget. We need to know the cost of tonnage in and trucking it elsewhere. Richard added that when the present site is full we still have expansion capability and expansion is better if we acquire Fred's property. There is 250k budgeted for Site I cover and also 60k for a pick up and dozer. That would be a 30k-30k split between operations and recycling. Gail said we just need an older pick up. We used to have one but now don't and his car has been damaged by driving all over the landfill. Gail also has a tank and pump so he could pump the dog leg wells and deposit it in the leachate tank for Site I. The budget is a rough draft budget as we would love to have. Last year we were cut to the bare bones which is not good. The 60k for the dozer and truck could be knocked down. Bottom line this budget is 2,729,345.00 which is 950k more than last year. It is balanced with revenues as follows:

\$1,666,000.00	Landfill Fees	\$ 448,845.00	Facilities Reserve Funds
\$ 140,000.00	Recycling Grant	\$ 500.00	Interest
\$ 20,000.00	Clean Sweep	\$ 4,000.00	Land Rent
\$ 450,000.00	Bond Monies		

Mike said this is the last year for the land contract and we'll have to bid it out. The budget is the only

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numbers we have control of. Carol said we need a vehicle here and Gail said it didn't have to be new. Dan suggested talking to Jack about one of his pick ups to see if he is getting rid of any.

6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

- a) Transfer Facility Operation- Running smoothly.
- b) Discussion & Action, Reworking Compactor Site to Accommodate 40yd Dumpster- Covered with 5c.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Department Updates- Gail had the committee look over the options and opportunities update letter. He would like to send it to all stakeholders and the County Board members asap. Dan asked about waste hauler trucks that go past his house and where they are going. Gail explained that they could be going to LaCrosse but can also go to their own landfills. Studies show it costs less to come here. There was discussion about privately owned landfills and how the tipping fees work. LaCrosse County tip fees also discussed along with the costs at the incinerator.

Jerry Martell entered the meeting. (10:37)

Gail said he could contact Warren Shuros to see if the financials are still ok. Dan asked how this is done in other counties. Gail explained how each county is different. Jerry said that counties that closed their landfills are dealing with escalating disposal costs. Once closed you are at the mercy of the big guys. Discussion. Eau Claire closed their landfill about 10 years ago and all their waste goes to Seven Mile Landfill.

- b) Approximately 10:30a.m. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to §19.85(1)(e) to Review Adjoining Land Appraisal & Possible Purchase- This item moved ahead to accommodate Corporation Counsel Schedule. **At 8:58 a.m. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session made by Carol Las, seconded by James Rasmussen. Roll call vote, Las-yes, Rasmussen-yes, Olson-yes, Luethe-yes. Motion carried. 4-0-1**
- c) Approximately 11:00a.m. Motion to Reconvene into Open Session Pursuant to §19.85(2) to Consider Action on Recommendations During Closed Session to be Presented to the Full County Board- **At 9:40 a.m. Motion to adjourn closed session and return to open session made by Mike Luethe, seconded by Carol Las. Roll call vote, Las-yes, Rasmussen-yes, Olson-yes, Luethe-yes. Motion carried. 4-0-1**

Ziegler, Hoff and Kaftan left the meeting.
Brian Buswell entered the meeting.

Carol said that no decisions were made and nothing was voted on during closed session. Gail stated that during closed session he was told to 1. Update the Solid Waste Options Report to determine if the information is still good and not outdated. 2. Work with Tina and Cathy on cost structure and offer an opinion on the value of the back forty. 3. Check with the realtor to see if the back parcel is still for sale. 4. Check costs of potential exposure if the property is not purchased and 5. Check with Chad to see if the first 20 can be removed from MFL.

8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

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Carol called for any comments and Fred said he does not go along with this closed session. He told us if we had been in open session he could have let us know the back forty is already sold. He said "he doesn't like this private crap." He continued that Corporation Counsel said all could be allowed to sit in and that the committee made the wrong decision. Dan felt Fred was a little in our face and used a sale of property analogy to explain. He continued that the appraisals were done and we wouldn't take each others word and that this is not a cover up. He feels having the seller in the closed session is a conflict of interest. Richard asked what was the purpose of the closed session, to evaluate or discuss price. This could have been in open session.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville, Monroe County Wisconsin.

James said he would like to ask about meeting times. Specifically the time that takes away from work. He wondered if he could be informed if meetings were expected to be very lengthy, could we let him know in advance. Jerry asked that in regards to the landfill what direction to go is the committee feeling. We also need to compare the budget to the cost of hauling it out.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Dan Olson seconded by Mike Luethe to adjourn at 11:04 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.