

# MINUTES of the August 15, 2012 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, Richard Yarrington (8:10)-Former Solid Waste Committee Member and Fred Wegner (8:10)-Resident

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 8:05 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 James Rasmussen to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting, seconded by Mike Luethe. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0 1 absent**

## 3. CURRENT BILLS, INTER DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS & VOUCHERS

Current bills are summarized as follows:

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 2012 Site II Cell 3              | \$ 6,316.59  |
| 2012 Ridge II Operations         | \$ 34,840.80 |
| 2012 Recycling                   | \$ 838.56    |
| 2012 Ridge I Closure / LTC       | \$ 9,062.00  |
| 2012 HHW Clean Sweep             | \$           |
| 2012 Sand Creek                  | \$           |
| 2012 Credit Card Charges         | \$ 419.90    |
| 2012 Interdepartmental Transfers | \$ 213.12    |

**Motion by Mike Luethe to approve the expenses as presented totaling \$ 51,690.97, seconded by Christopher King. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0 1 absent**

## 4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Financial & Waste Volume Reports- Finances have been consistent with the only change being last month we had a low cash balance as a check was received late in the month and not credited until the following month. Our cash balance this month reflects that credit. Our tonnage for July is down 3 or 4 hundred ton. It was a very slow month due to the heat. We are still ok in comparison to last year. There were six loads of leachate. Gail is pumping on top as there is room. If it does start to rain we will have to haul.

b) Report on and Discussion Liability of Not Repairing Ridge I- This is on the agenda due to a question by Dan at our last meeting about what our liability is if we do nothing. Gail handed out a map with the area involved. To remove the waste, just from this area, would cost about 4 million. Gail had some handouts that the committee went over. He gave a brief history of what has already been done and those costs. He also shared the amount of paperwork involved with the monitoring of the wells. He explained that he met with the DNR and that we are waiting on a decision from them. He has budgeted for the plastic cap for 2013. The pumping of the three dog leg wells is taking out the

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contamination. If it shows the contamination is going down we may not need the cap. James asked about the contamination migrating down. Gail explained that it takes a couple years as it moves slowly. When the wells were dug they were dry so we are making progress. James asked if the levels decrease will the DNR adopt a wait and see attitude. Gail said if it is less they will look at it as they want to see progress. Mike asked if leachate was tested at the wastewater plant and Gail said no it wasn't needed.

- c) Discussion & Action, 2013 Budget- Gail has handed out a summary for the committee. The construction is in the budget along with the capping of Site I. We will be closing out the bond with the new construction. Our budget is pretty much the same as last year except for the 850k for construction and Gerke. Also included is 11k for a pick up or dozer. There was discussion about the pick up. Highway does not have any available. Suggestions were to talk to Forestry about theirs and send an e-mail to department heads to see if anyone had something available. Gail will e-mail department heads about this. **Motion by Christopher King to approve the 2013 budget as submitted, seconded by James Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0 1 absent**
- d) Disposal Options Comparisons, Cost Per Ton of Land Purchase-Gail explained the hand out and the cost per ton of the land purchase.

*Ridgeville III Landfill =18 yrs @ 35,000ton/yr=630,000 ton of capacity  
Extending disposal services through 2038 from the current closure date of 2020*

*37 cents per ton would allow a land purchase of \$233,100.00*

*\$2,800 per acre for the land with an additional \$65,100.00 value lost on the house. The current owner would retain ownership of the house but it would be required to be moved off site.*

*It would take .75% of the current \$49.00 tip fee to cover the land purchase with only Ridgeville III Landfill*

*Using our current debt payment of \$8.58 per tons times 630,000 tons represents a 5.4 million dollar potential revenue surplus with Ridgeville III.*

*With 280,000 ton remaining in Ridgeville II plus the new 630,000 tons from Ridgeville III equals 910,000 total ton of capacity or a 25 cents per ton cost of the land purchase which represents a .5% of the currents \$49.00 tip fee.*

Gail also shared the options study figures for tonnage. He spoke with Warren Shuros and he feels we do not need to redo the report. Gail also talked about the regional consortium and how all the landfills involved are due to close about the same time and that all the managers are reaching retirement age at the same time. Gail has also met with officials in Tomah and Sparta about landfill services and both communities support the landfill staying open and continuing to serve the counties needs. He shared some of the tipping fees at other landfills compared to ours.

- e) Discussion & Action, Permission to Research Regional Waste Disposal Options-Gail is requesting permission to take the lead at a regional meeting with other landfills to become more official. They would discuss the advantages of working together. A written outline of where landfills are headed

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could be created. He feels this would be good for the county and also for the other counties involved. **Motion by Mike Luethe to approve Gail moving forward with this seconded by Carol Las. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0 1 absent**

f) Discussion & Action, Application for Stewardship Grant & Interest Free Loan for Land Purchase- Gail is requesting permission to do this. Chad told him the paperwork needed to be started. We need to get the administrator to appoint a negotiating committee. Richard suggested that Chad be on that committee. It is up to the stakeholders group. Chad is confident we can get funding through the state forestry. Richard also said there is a land use acquisition fund. **Motion by Mike Luethe to approve Gail submitting the applications.** Carol mentioned how difficult this process has been. Gail said we need a vote on the big picture from the County Board to do all the things needed. Carol asked if Erik could put something together about comparison to other landfills and what buffers they have. Gail agreed this would be good information to have. He will have Erik do something low cost. There was discussion about who should be on the negotiating committee and it was agreed the less involved the better. Probably should be the administrator, Chad and a member of the Solid Waste Committee. James also feels Gail should be there not as a negotiator but to be able to answer questions. **Mike's motion was seconded by Christopher King. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0 1 absent**

g) Discussion & Action, Out of County Waste, Juneau County Building Demo- Gail was asked to do an asbestos inspection on a property in Elroy. This building will be torn down. It is a nightmare site as another building is very close to it. They would like to haul this waste here. Gail said there wouldn't be much just the roof and floors. **Motion by Christopher King to approve accepting this waste, seconded by James Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried 4-0 1 absent**

A 10 minute break was taken

## 5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

a) General Activities / Leachate Report- Covered under 4a.

b) Report on and Discussion, Landfill Density Study- Gail gave a brief history of the contract and past studies. At the time of the new contract Gerke picked 1500 pounds per cy as the designated compaction rate. A couple times this was not achieved but we allowed them to fix it with no deduction. The last time they exceeded this compaction to 1700 pounds per cy. They received a 10% compaction bonus. This time the compaction rate was less than 1200 pounds per cy. This could be a 40% reduction but Gail spoke with them as it is very important that this fixed. He talked to them about a 20% reduction but this has to be reworked and he will not pay for another survey so the deduction would be for six months when we are due for the next study. At the end of the six months the study will go back a full year. Gail told the committee about his meeting with Gerke and that they had asked what he would do if they just pulled out. Carol asked who determines the deduction and Gail explained that it is in the contract. Mike asked why the north slope was not shaped correctly and Gail explained the difficulty involved in this. Chris said that there should be wording in the contract that if there is a penalty it has to be fixed. Mike stated that once the waste is at the top it is easier to compact. Gail said that if this had continued it would have cost us 1.5 million dollars. James complimented Gail that he did a good job remedying this situation and that we should do the contract the way we want it. Adams County's last compaction was 1844 pounds per cy. Gail will see if he can get some numbers from them about their costs as they run their own landfill. It was also suggested that a performance bond for lost income due to loss of compaction also be included in the contract.

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## **6. RECYCLING PROGRAM**

a) Transfer Facility Operation- Running smoothly.

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

We were contacted by Magnum Radio about a special advertising for the sports season. It is much less than what we used to pay for ads and with our hazardous waste clean up coming it would be a good way to get some advertising. He also mentioned that he spoke with the landfill manager in Eau Claire and they have a GPS on their compactor that tells them the compaction rate. If the light doesn't come on the operator stays compacting until it does. Mike asked about bids for the land and we will put this on the next meeting agenda. James asked to go back to the density study for a moment and asked if it was possible for Gail to do a report on the life of the landfill at the 1500, 1600 and 1700 pounds per cy so the committee has some information to make decisions. Gail said he would put something together. Mike asked if we can request how big a compactor we want in the contract. We can put anything we want and Gail has spoken to some companies and suggested they lease the compactor with service contract to make their fixed costs easier to determine for bidding.

## **8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard said the administrator needs to be pushed to go forward with negotiating a price for land purchase. This has gone on for months and there has been no progress. We need to reach a price settlement and go to the County Board. Gail will set up a meeting with the stakeholders. James asked if we are in a position to negotiate and Gail answered yes with County Board approval. Fred asked about the appraisal he had done and how to handle it. Gail said to wait till they were at the negotiating table. Carol asked if we could get on the September County Board agenda for expansion and purchase together. Gail wants to do it asap to handle any budget ramifications. Some of the land has been sold and there are 62 acres left.

## **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville, Monroe County Wisconsin.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

**Motion by Christopher King seconded by Carol Las to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0 1 absent**