

MINUTES of the February 23, 2015 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Las, Dan Olson, Paul Steele, James Rasmussen and Mike Luethe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Randy Weinkauff-River View Construction, Terry Taylor-Landfill Operator, Kirk Arity-Tomah Public Works Director, Erik Lietz-Ayres Associates.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 8:35 a.m. by Committee Chair Las at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, and Town of Ridgeville.

1. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2. MINUTES OF 11-18-2014 MEETING

Motion by Luethe to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Steele. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0

3. Budget Report

Gail went through the end of year 2014 report. We ended the year with a positive cash flow balance that will allow for a \$168,000. transfer into the Facilities Reserve Fund.

The January budget report was in the Committee members books.

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) We have a \$270,000.00 Bond payment due March first which will totally use up our cash balance. January waste volumes are low but on track for the season. We hauled eighteen loads of leachate in January before the leachate loading pump destroyed itself. This was the original pump and had loaded nearly 25,000,000 gallons so was due for replacement. The pump alone will cost \$10,000. and is on order.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

a) General Activities, With less snow so far this winter we have had less leachate to haul.

b) Discussion and Action, Two Line Item Transfers are needed to keep all the Solid Waste, Recycling and Site I budgets within their 2014 Budget amounts. The entire operation finish 2014 within budget. Motion by Olson – second by Rasmussen to approve the two line item transfers. Motion carried, 5-0.

c) Discussion, Pole Building-

The new pole building is completed and we are working on getting electricity hooked up.

d) Discussion & Action, Solid Waste Disposal Options Evaluation, This was presented last meeting and after a short discussion a motion was made by Luethe – second by Steele to approve up to \$9,000.00 for this Study. Motion carried, 5-0.

e) Discussion & Action, Contracting Out the Daily Management/Office Operations of the Solid Waste Department-Possible Resolution, It was decided that items e & f would be handled as one

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discussion.

- f) Discussion & Action, New Assistant Solid Waste Manager Position-Possible Resolution. Ken Kittleson the Personnel joined the discussion at this time and presented a Resolution that would go to the Personnel Committee if the Solid Waste Committee approved. After an extensive discussion about the pros and cons of each option a motion was made by Rasmussen – second by Lueth to hire an Assistant Solid Waste Manager who could work into the Manager’s position upon the current manager’s retirement. Motion carried, 5-0.

6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

- a) Transfer Facility Operation - No report was given.

7. MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Munis Software – Gail reported that the new software has lessened the bookkeeping work load. He also reported that the Governor’s budget would again cut the Monroe County Recycling Grant by about \$32,000. for 2015. This places the Recycling Grant at less than 50% of what it was before Walker was elected with the amount taxed for Recycling remains the same.

8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Kirk Arity expressed concern that Modern at Tomah would not accept the recycling that the City will collect and he would have to bring them to the Landfill’s recycling compactor. Gail will work with Modern to facilitate this change of collection.

9. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 16, 2015 at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville, Monroe County Wisconsin.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Olson, second Rasmussen to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0