

MINUTES of the January 19, 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.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 8:35 a.m. by Vice Committee Chair Luethe 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 Steele to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0

3. Budget Report

The December budget report was in the Committee members books. Gail pointed out that even with some line items over budget we will still end the year within budget and on a positive note.

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Financial & Waste Volume Reports- 2014 was a very expensive year for the Solid Waste Dept but Gail still thinks we should end the year with \$200,000. Plus as a Cash Balance or Check book. He has not been able to locate the exact number using the Munis Software Program. Chair Las arrived at 8:50 and took over the meeting.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

a) General Activities / Leachate Report- Solid waste tonnage entering the landfill in 2014 was down over 10% from 2013. This is the current trend with recycling tonnage increasing as landfill tonnage decreases. No leachate was hauled in December since the landfill was pumped dry the end of November. We still hauled 1,459 tons more leachate in 2014 then what was hauled in the record breaking year before.

b) Discussion and Action, Leachate Recirculating Proposal-River View Construction
Randy Weinkauff was willing to send us a 3,000 gallon water truck equipped to surface apply leachate to the working face or active area of the landfill. He said Lincoln County is able to evaporate about 1,000,000 gallons a year using this method. Doing this would also help increase landfill compaction. Gail said that we could pay \$70.00 a load if he operated the truck and would expect to pay at least \$85.00 if Terry from River View operated it. Gail feels that even if 50% of the leachate came back through the system we would still be paying less than we are now. Using some common sense on selecting only good weather days to do this should help take some of the load off of the Sparta Wastewater Treatment Plant and save the landfill about \$25,000.00 in 2015. Weinkauff stated that he was willing to accept these prices on a trial bases until we see how it works for both sides. Motion by Steele – second by Rasmussen to accept this trial proposal. All ayes, Motion carried. 5-0

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c) Discussion, Pole Building-

Cleary Buildings has been working on our building for over a month with the frame and 30% of the tin completed. We purchased this building to be constructed in 2014 because not providing a building for River View Construction equipment put Monroe County in violation of our Landfill Operations Contract.

d) Discussion & Action, Preliminary Process of Siting Ridgeville III-

Gail reported that the preliminary work of expanding Ridgeville II or siting the next landfill is in the 2015 budget and he had started the work. We have made the request to DNR for an ISI which is a site inspection to determine if we have an acceptable site for a larger landfill. Motion by Steele – second by Rasmussen to approve moving forward with the preliminary process of expanding Ridgeville II or siting another landfill. All ayes, Motion carried. 5-0

e) Discussion, Public Information Sharing Meetings on Solid Waste Issues-

Gail would like to host public open house meetings around Monroe County to start the discussion and present information about the long term future of Landfill and Recycling Programs. Rasmussen suggested that some of the Senior Services Meal Sites would be a good location for these meetings.

f) Discussion & Action, WIRM Conference February 25-27,2015-

Gail is going to this conference and mentioned that any committee members going had to get their reservations in soon.

g) Discussion & Action, Solid Waste Disposal Options Evaluation-

The committee discussed the Adams County Solid Waste Disposal Options Study of Adams County that was just done by Aga Razvi. Monroe County had a similar study done by Foth in 2007 to support borrowing 2.5 million dollars to keep the landfill operating. Gail said we need a study now to justify expanding the landfill and to prove that we can do it without borrowing any money. Motion by Steele - second by Luethe to have Gail work with Razvi to develop a work plan and get a cost range for the Disposal Options Study. All ayes, Motion carried. 5-0

h) Discussion & Action, Line Item Transfer & Budget Adjustment - none available at this time

6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

a) Transfer Facility Operation- we getting by pretty well this winter.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Munis Software – We are planning to have the Munis software working on the Solid Waste Departments computers soon.

8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

9. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, February 23, 2015 at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville, Monroe County Wisconsin.

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10. MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Luethe, second Olson to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0