



# Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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## MINUTES of the July 20, 2015 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dan Olson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Shelly Schulze-Assistant Solid Waste Manager, Randy Weinkauff-River View Construction, Terry Taylor-Landfill Operator, Erik Lietz-Ayres, Kirk Arity-Tomah Public Works Director and Jerry Martell-MDS.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 10:10 a.m. by Committee Chair Las at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk.

### 1. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### 2. MINUTES OF 4/20/2015 MEETING

Motion by Rasmussen to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Luethe. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0

### 3. Budget Report

The June budget report was reviewed with the Committee members. The Department's cash balance at the end of June was \$146,259. Gail said this was down mainly due to payments of about \$250,000. to WI DNR in the last two Months.

## DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Landfill tonnages. The four year to date Landfill Tonnage Comparison was in the Committee's books. 2015 tons year to date is up 8% in tons and 9% in revenue. Gail also gave out a 12 year history comparison of Household Recycling Tonnages verses Total Landfill Tonnages. It shows Recycling Tonnages doubling in 12 years while Landfill Tonnages remain the same. We know Household Solid Waste is down considerable but we have been replacing the lost revenue with waste coming from Fort McCoy and some out of Jackson County. Household waste is just a small part of total landfill tonnage.

### 4. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

a) General Activities, The Leachate Report graph show that leachate hauling is increasing with 132 loads year to date. In June we hauled 64 loads which is double the amount in May.

b) Discussion, Bryon/Wyeville Landfill Relocation Project. Motion by Luethe to limit the out of pocket expense to the Solid Waste Department to \$8,000.00. After much discussion Steele made a motion to have the Solid Waste Department move forward with the Investigation Phase but limiting the out of pocket expenses to the department to \$5,000.00 and this is contingent on the Solid Waste Department being reimbursed by Riverside Cranberries if the Relocation Project does not move forward. Luethe rescinded his motion and made a second to Steele's motion. Motion carried 4-0. The main concern

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expressed by Committee members was not taking on any liability expense and not using public money to benefit an individual business. Gail will create a rough draft work plan for the Investigation Phase for the next meeting and to take to the August County Board meeting.

- c) Discussion/Action: Dual-purpose electronic storage/safety shelter-(Fred's house). Shelly and Gail explained the benefits to converting the basement of Fred's house into electronics storage facility and using the dismantled building materials to construct a storm shelter within the poured cement wall basement. This work would be done in winter as time permits. Motion by Steele to approve – second by Las – Motion carried 4-0.
- d) Discussion: Scale issues-new slow signs alongside scale. We just had our scale checked out by La Crosse Scale and they said the scale is showing excessive wear caused by trucks entering the scale at an unacceptable rate of speed. We have talked to the drivers and they are slowing down.
- e) Discussion/Action: Credit Card approval needed for department incidentals. Motion by Rasmussen – second by Las to approve a credit card for Shelly with a \$1,000.00 limit. Motion carried 4-0.

## **5. Recycling Program**

- a) Transfer Facility Operation – The recycling markets remain very low and we may use up all of the available grant money to pay our Recycling Subsidy agreement. This will lower or eliminated payments to participating municipalities of excess Recycling Grant monies. In 2016 the Recycling Grant will be reduced another 22% down to about \$98,000.00. This will not cover our expenses if market prices remain low and we may be forced to use some landfill revenue to support Recycling in 2016.

## **6. Manager's Report**

- a) County Fair Display-Recycling: The display is ready and Gail can deliver it on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> after 5:00.
- b) Mattress Report: Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> Gail is attending a mattress grinding demonstration at a local landfill. This landfill grinds their demo wood and mattresses to save landfill space.

Gail is working on the 2016 budget. We have the two large expenses of starting the Feasibility Study for the new landfill and the possible investment of onsite leachate treatment equipment to try and fit into this budget. The budget must be ready for the next Solid Waste Committee meeting.

## **7. Period of Public Comment**

Randy Weinkauf asked if we could get gravel in the new building before winter.

Jerry Martel asked if we could do more to help prevent flat tires on his trucks. He said he had seven new tires with the sidewalls cut in the last month.

## **8. Set Meeting Date**

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting was set for August 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Solid Waste Administrative Building, 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk...

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion by Luethe – second by Rasmussen to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.