

MINUTES of the June 22, 2015 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Shelly Schulze-Assistant Solid Waste Manager, Randy Weinkauf-River View Construction, Terry Taylor-Landfill Operator, Erik Lietz-Ayres, Ryan Simco-Ayres and Jerry Martell-MDS.

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 4/20/2015 MEETING

Motion by Steele to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0

3. Budget Report

The May budget report was reviewed with the Committee members. The Department's cash balance at the end of May was \$287,063.

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

The last four year to date waste volume graphs were handed out and discussed. Leachate is at an average year. Higher then 2012 and about half of 2013 & 2014. Waste volumes have been dropping since 2010 = 36,000 ton, 2011 = 33,511 ton, 2012 = 31,740 ton, 2013 = 30,663 ton, 2014 = 32,515 ton. With the added waste we are getting from Fort McCoy we are on track in 2015 to be back at 2011 tonnages. This is good news for the budget.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

a) General Activities, Leachate Report/Leachate Loading Pump.

The new pump is reinstalled and working.

b) Discussion, Bryon/Wyeville Landfill Relocation – Gail is working with the DNR Brownfields group to help get the permissions to do this Project.

c) Report on Special Waste Collection April 25th – Gail reported that the amount of hazardous material and the numbers of people using the Special Waste remains the same but the material being collected tends to be a lot less hazardous then in earlier years. The amount of old tires collected set a new record.

d) Discussion/Action on raising accepting fees on tires – The acceptance fee that we must pay to recycling tires has taken a large increase this Spring which made us short about \$5,000.00 on the tires collected by the Spring collection. Gail said we would need to charge \$175.00 per ton to cover our current costs or \$200. per ton if we wanted to be safe. Motion by Steele – second by Rasmussen to raise the tire price to \$200. per ton effective immediately. Motion carried 4 yes and 1 no.

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- e) Discussion on ground cover Ag Plastics – Gail is working with Organic Valley to come up with a uniformed message for charging for this plastic to be used in this seven county region. The main concern that we must address soon is keeping all citizens out of the landfill area and creating a different method of accepting this plastic. We will continue to accept the black and white silo bags and the stretch bale wrap at no charge because we have a market to recycle this plastic but we will charge for the ground cover plastic that does not have a recycling option.
- f) Discussion/Action Sparta Schools Earth Club Food Waste Project Donation – Motion by Steele – second by Las to donate \$1,000.00 to the Sparta Earth Club Food Waste Diversion Project. Motion carried 5-0. Everyone agreed that the food waste digester will be a great educational tool for the school to bring awareness to how much food is wasted in our country.
- g) Terry Taylor (Riverview's Landfill Operator) Request to address the Solid Waste Committee – Terry has counted 1,535 mattresses that came into the landfill this spring. He maintains that this is preventing him from getting greater compaction rates that would benefit River View and Monroe County. He also said River View is not getting credit for using sand for daily cover and he wants an increase in the Operations Contract amount because our tonnage is increasing creating more work for River View. After an extensive discussion Mr. Rasmussen suggested that Gail, Eric, Randy and Terry work this out because we all have skin in the game and to report back to the Solid Waste Committee. Jerry Martell said he would help because he knows what a pain mattresses are for a landfill operation and they cause him just as much grief.

6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

Transfer Facility Operation – Everything is working OK.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Gail met with Neil Bolton at the La Crosse Landfill annual meeting and asked what he sees as the most common factors needing improvement for the average landfill? Neil is a nationally-known landfill Consultant and his answer follows:

- a) Safety – Keep public away from the landfill and commercial haulers.
- b) Recirculate leachate internally and on the working face.
- c) Operate well maintained used equipment which allows the ability to have a larger machine.
- d) Use ADC in the place of purchased sand.
- e) Operate landfill compactor on a flat surface. Uses less fuel and is easier on the equipment and a lot safer mode of operation.
- f) Create a special unloading spot in the landfill for self-haul citizens or not accept waste from citizens but only licensed haulers.
- g) Mattresses are being replaced more often and becoming a larger problem in landfills because we do not have a financially feasible recycling option.

Most of these issues are already being addressed at the Monroe County Landfill.

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Mr. Olson suggested that we create a citizens dumping area at the landfill. Shelly commented from her four years of experience of managing the La Crosse Landfill's active citizens dumping area. Some of the concerns are as follows:

- a. The startup cost of dumpsters, truck and a large parking lot near the scale.
- b. Extra employees needed – very labor intensive.
- c. Dangers to citizens – very high liability
- d. Traffic control issues – on-site and off-site on Township and County roads.
- e. Constant training of citizen users of site.
- f. The legal issue of the Township Host agreement and the siting agreement with DNR only allowing licensed haulers to access the landfill

8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 20, 2015 at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville, Monroe County Wisconsin.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Luethe- second by Rasmussen to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0