



Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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MINUTES of the January 18, 2015 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Committee Chair Las at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk.

1. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None given.

2. MINUTES OF 12/14/2015 MEETING:

A motion was made by Steele to approve the minutes of the December 14th meeting. The motion was seconded by Las. All ayes, motion carried. 3-0

3. BUDGET REPORT:

The December budget report was reviewed with the Committee members. The Department's cash balance at the end of November was \$285,000.00. The Facility Reserve balance is \$172,161.00. Anything over \$250,000.00 after December expenses will get transferred into Facility Reserves.

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

A. Waste Volume Report

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS:

A. General Activities/Tonnage/Revenue/Load/Leachate Report: Went over graphs of totals for the year in comparison to the previous four years.

a. **Loads:** Incoming landfill loads are down 2.17%

b. **Revenues:** are up 26% in 2015.

c. **Leachate:** Gallons hauled are down due to a dryer year than 2014, however, we are hauling more heavily than normal now due to over 6" of rain first week of December. The increase in charges from the Waste Water Treatment Plant in 2014 and the possibility of an increase in the future, causes this expense to be a volatile budgeting item. As explained to the committee from the bar chart shown, had we had a wet year such as 2014, and with the increase in fees, we could look at having a shortfall in budgeted dollars for this expense of near \$90,000.00. In 2015, the budget was adjusted in December by \$30,000.00 to cover the additional disposal and hauling due to this late season rain.

6. WIRM CONFERENCE:

The Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference is being held in Oconomowoc February 24-26. Gail Frie is speaking at this conference with a group regarding the problems of mattresses in landfills. Mattresses do not compact well and take up valuable space in the landfill. Matt Runde of Runde Metal Recycling in Tomah, has a large grinder and plans to start accepting mattresses for a fee. He is contracting with out of area power plants to dispose of the fluff material as a fuel source. Currently, La Crosse County started charging \$15 per mattress January 1 of this year.

They also are charging the same for a box spring which is somewhat controversial as box springs are generally lightweight boards and compact well. Seven Rivers Recycling is the mattress recycler in La Crosse. Brian Tippetts, SWANA President, and also a General Manager/partner of Seven Rivers Recycling has voiced his concern to Monroe County for not having a price set per mattress/box spring. Gail told him he did not feel La Crosse County haulers that currently are permitted at Monroe County also, will start transporting mattresses and box springs mattresses in their loads to Monroe County due to La Crosse having a fee and Monroe not.

Committee members Carol Las and Paul Steele would like to attend two of the three days. We will need to know no later than February 10

7. MANAGERS REPORT

A. Fourth Quarter DNR payment: \$60,000+ was paid

B. Forestry Loan: \$66,000.00 of the \$109,000.00 loan for the Wegner property has been paid-to date from proceeds of the timber harvested.

C. Leachate Filtration Update: Gail discussed the lab reports from Davy Engineering, from the leachate filtration demonstration held November 12, 2015. The clarity levels at the second stage (filter number six) of filtering was far cleaner than parameters set by the WDNR for land-spreading. The WDNR code is clear that the filtrate substance could be landfilled since it originated there.

A contingency of professional people with interest in landfill operations will be approaching the WDNR on behalf of the State of Wisconsin Landfills to get a variance of the NR500 code to start filtering and land-spreading leachate. With limited disposal options, we need to be very proactive in finding alternatives to disposing of water in the landfill as this is one of the largest expenses to our operation with very limited disposal options. Consultants Erik Leitz, PE,+ of Ayres Associates (Monroe County) and Brian Kent, of SEH Associates (La Crosse County) plan to assist Landfill Manager Gail Frie, and the Apex manufacturer representatives (filtration equipment) in presenting the need for granting this variance as we have limited WWTP use, and may at some time lose the ability to haul to our only source, Sparta.

Chair Las suggested we look into asking Fort Mc Coy if we could haul any leachate to their WWTP. Gail will look into this option. La Crosse will take only on a dry year and Tomah and Elroy will not currently accept our leachate. We are running out of options.

D. Steele asked if the compactor on site was running. Gail said that it has been having issues but was running, we had an electrician rewire around a non-functioning motor. This comment led to a short discussion about the City of Tomah's announcement last meeting regarding running their own recycling route. Kirk Arrity affirmed Tomah's intent to start running their own recycling route with truck and stated the commercial route will be separated from the household route.

8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Las inquired to the status of the Byron/Wyeville landfill relocation. Nothing has been mentioned by either community. We do nothing further until contacted by the interested parties.

9. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Meeting to be held February 15, at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Solid Waste Department, 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk WI. Dan requested Shelly call committee Members the Thursday or Friday before and leave a reminder message on answering Machines. Some members do not see email notifications.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Steel to Adjourn with Las second at 9:30 a.m.