



Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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MINUTES of the March 22, 2016 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair – Carol Las, Paul Steele, James Rasmussen and Dan Olson (arrived 4:36 pm).

Absent: Mike Luethe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Shelly Schulze-Assistant Solid Waste Manager, Terry Taylor-Landfill Operator, River View Construction, Kirk Arity-Tomah Public Works Director, Jerry Martell-Owner, Modern Disposal Systems (arrived 4:40 pm)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm 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 February 15, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Las. All ayes, motion carried. 3-0

3. BUDGET REPORT

- A draft of the March 07, 2016 budget worksheet report was reviewed with the Committee members.
- The Department's cash balance at the end of January was \$201,226.00 which was determined from past records as the budget analysis was incomplete due to year-end not being finalized by finance department.
- The Facility Reserve balance is \$172,161.00.
- Frie reported one payment remaining of approximately \$300,000.00 on our \$2,500,000.00 bond (4% interest) which will be paid in full at the end of February 2017.
- LTC is at \$2,224,113.00. According to the current spreadsheet, we should making our last long term care payment December of 2016.

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS/LANDFILL OPERATIONS

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

- **Loads:** Incoming landfill loads are up 20+% over last January.
- **Revenues:** Revenues are up 19+% over last January.
- **Tonnage:** Landfill tonnage is up 21%
- **Leachate:** There has been continual hauling of leachate this year verses last year, with a shut down during road bans last year. We pay by the gallon so Gerke is hauling road-legal half loads. 103,529 gallons hauled in January and February 2015: 694,588 hauled this year.

5. MANAGERS REPORT

- **Leachate:** Gail reported the Foth Study done regarding the landfill operations Ridge II missed the mark on leachate expense: We haul roughly \$250,000 and they only had \$70,000 estimated.
- **Leachate Irrigation/Filtration:** We are hoping to go forth with the leachate irrigation system and have it up and running by April of 2017. At level 9 filtration, the estimated cost is \$1.3 million with maintenance around forty thousand per year.
 - At level 3 or 6, it can be land-spread over 30 acres at a time
 - We would like to get a Department of Agricultural variance to use the 12 acre

landfill footprint, which would allow for a higher level nutrient loading rate. If not, the level 9 pure filtration will allow for a simple discharge of clear water back onto an infiltration pond.

- Questions arose as to where the solids go and DNR allows for concentrates to go back from whence they came...into the landfill.
- TCLP (metals testing) will be monitored two times per year.
- Estimated \$40,000 per year in operations/maintenance on system
- **Press Release re: La Crosse County/Clean Sweep changes and importance of recycling electronics:** Getting with Tomah radio station to announce clean sweep, and put out a public service announcement regarding dangers of lithium ion batteries causing fire/ and keeping small electronics out of garbage.
- **WIRM Conference report:** Gail attended and reported to board key issues discussed at the conference. Gail was also a speaker at this event regarding mattress recycling. While many states have mattress recycling programs, mattresses are not banned from landfills. Many mattresses are not safe to demanufacture due to health/contamination issues. Some states have a fee on the purchase of new mattresses, similar to the Wisconsin electronics program, to defray recycling costs.
 - The digester class was a disappointment. At an elementary level. Was hoping to have a more in-depth presentation.
- **Geological Data:** Ayres will be staking out the new landfill for geological boring in the next few weeks. Boring may not be too expensive if we can utilize data from phase II.
- **Earth Fair:** Shelly gathered information on La Crosse's Earth Fair and suggested to Gail Monroe County get one started, in conjunction with Sparta Schools, ahead of our Annual Spring Clean Sweep. This would alleviate the quantity of TV and electronics brought in during the event as we are short staffed. We ended up with a near full semi load of tvs and electronics at the fall clean up. Having the Electronics Recycling/Earth Fair ahead of our Clean Sweep event in April will also cut down on the traffic in Ridgeville during our Hazard Chemicals event. Gail talked with Joe Cook of Sparta Schools, Ecological Advisor, and he expressed interested and enthusiasm in doing this next year. Business sponsorship would be key in making this an annual event. The students gain community service credit for this function.
- **La Crosse Scale** replaced links. Damage occurs from quick start/stops on scale. Will look at purchasing a used scale with La Crosse Scales assistance as this one is aging/wearing.

6. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Kirk Arrity of the City of Tomah wanted to mention again that his City of Tomah is set to go live with picking up their own recycling May 31, and wished to get together and discuss his options for recycling drop off.

7. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

No April meeting unless necessary due to changes in board members and elections.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Steele to adjourn and seconded by Olson.