



# Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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## COMMITTEE MINUTES April 12, 2016

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

**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 8:45 am)

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:37 am by Committee Chair Las at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk.

### 1. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None given.

### 2. MINUTES OF 03/22/16 MEETING

A motion was made by Steele to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0

### 3. BUDGET REPORT

- A draft of the March 31, 2016 budget worksheet report was reviewed with the Committee members.
- The Department's cash balance at the end of March differs from that of finance department's total of 139,535.00. Our records show a higher balance. Finance is looking at the issue.
- The Facility Reserve balance is \$172,323.00.
- 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 \$2,224,614.00. According to the current spreadsheet, we should making our last long term care payment December of 2016.

### 4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

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

- **Loads:** Incoming landfill loads are up 10% over last January-March.
- **Revenues:** Revenues are up 14+% over last January-March.
- **Tonnage:** Landfill tonnage is up 16% January-March.
- **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 was hauling road-legal half loads. Road ban off Friday April 8. 103,529 gallons hauled January through March 2015: 995,765 gallons hauled this year.

### 5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

- **SPRING CLEAN UP/CLEAN SWEEP 2016:** Contacted Editor Steve Rodeo of the Sparta Herald. Press release regarding Lithium Ion batteries/dangers. He will run close to the Spring clean-up for additional advertising of the clean sweep.
- **HAZARDOUS WASTE FROM MUNICIPALITIES (EARLY DELIVERIES)-** The early collection of paints and chemicals from our townships has been discontinued, as per La Crosse County Deputy Director Randy Nedrelo's letter dated 12.11.2015, La Crosse is

charging all customers as Very Small Quantity Generators for wastes over 220 lbs. due to grant reductions in 2016. They expect manifests now for all quantities in excess of 220 lbs.

- **EROSION ISSUES ON BORDERING PROPERTY:** There is a slight erosion issue onto neighboring property own by Linear. Gail's plan is to clean out and repair with a spillway and riprap rock. This correction, will also allow for a sedimentation pond, as it is directly behind the white shed that will contain the leachate filtration system that is planned.
- **DENSITY STUDY:** RiverView qualified for the 20% bonus on the recent density study, according to Ayres. Compaction rate was near 2,000 lbs/cu.yard.
- **RECYCLING COMPACTOR:** Discussion/Action. Gail talked to the County Lawyer, Andy Kaftan, regarding the condition of the recycling compactor on site. The cost to run three phase is estimated to be \$42-50,000. Kaftan said we should not be operating the recycling compactor for the benefit of only a few customers. The department's activities must benefit all of Monroe County's citizens. We also have a large liability operating the compactor on-site, and would be very expensive to rebuild it to make it fully operational. He suggested dismantling it and/or selling it.  
Board member Steele was under the impression that Modern Disposal Systems should accept Tomah's recycling for free, as they do some other townships. Jerry Martell from MDS explained that Tomah decided to do their own recycling collection without giving MDS a change to negotiate a new contract. He said that Tomah will be required to pay \$12.50 per ton to cover the cost of MDS accepting their recyclables. Martell further explained that these Townships are steady customers purchasing other services from MDS, and the recycling was part of their agreement for service. Gail explained that the Monroe County Recycling subsidy program is designed to help pay for the transportation from Monroe County to the end market. It does not cover any of the costs associated with MDS accepting these materials or reloading and compacting them into a walking floor semi-trailer. Chairperson Las entertained we make a decision on the continued use, or discontinuation of the recycling compactor on site at the landfill. The motion was made by Leuthe to discontinue the use of the compactor. It was seconded by Rasmussen. Three ayes, one nay, with Steele voting against. Motion Carried. 3-1
- **RIDGE III STUDY:** Looking into having Warren Shuros of Foth Infrastructure update our 2007 study, as Aga Razi has not been able to complete this as planned. We had a board approval for \$9,000.00 to complete this study.

**6. SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next meeting date planned for 8:30 am, Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Solid Waste Office, Junco Road, Norwalk, WI.

**7. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

**8. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion by Lueth to adjourn and seconded by Steele.