



Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair-Carol Las, Vice Chair-Mike Luethe (arrival 8:25 am), Mark Halverson, Paul Steele and Dan Olson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Solid Waste Manager-Gail Frie, Assistant Solid Waste Manager-Shelly Schulze, Randy Weinkauf-Owner, RiverView Construction, Terry Taylor-RiverView Construction-Heavy Equipment Operator.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:05 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 MEETING:** A motion was made by Las to approve the minutes of the July 2016 meeting (no August meeting held). The motion was seconded by Olson. Motion carried. 4-0, all ayes.
3. **2016 BUDGET REPORT**
 - The committee was presented with a recap of the financials. Cash Balance is \$431,035.00, Revenue is up over \$100,000.00 from last year, but leachate disposal will be costly this year due to heavy rain amounts. 2015-2016 increases in fees, such as asbestos and tires, 2016 fee agriculture plastics, and an increase in business customers and construction projects are some of the reasons for the increase. In regard to Ag Plastics, Las mentioned an article in a publication recently involving Green County collection of Ag Plastic by a company. Gail was familiar with this company and spoke with these people at one time but nothing developed. We had bailed plastic and no one would take. Gail hoping to meet with these people at the Vernon County Fair to get more information. Seems they are restricted to farm operations only.
 - From the budget form, the Facility Reserve is at \$229,978.00.
 - The Last Long Term Care payment will be \$95,000.00 and due this December.
 - The Last bond payment of approximately \$300,000.00 is due in 2017.
4. **DEPARTMENTAL AND LANDFILL OPERATIONS**
 - a. **General Activities/Tonnage/Revenue/Load/Leachate Report:** Went over graphs of totals for this year in comparison to the previous four years January through July, then January through August time frames. There are double tonnage reports due to no August committee meeting.
 - **Loads:** Incoming landfill loads are up 15.48% over last January-July, and up 14.69% January-August.
 - **Revenues:** Revenues are up 9.29% over last January-July, and up 12.87% for January-August.
 - **Tonnage:** Landfill tonnage was down -3.82% January-July, and up 10.14% January-August.
 - **Leachate:** There has been less than desirable hauling of leachate to the Sparta WWTP this year as wet as it has been. 2,300,941 gallons from January through July hauled to the Sparta WWTP, and 2,711,500 gallons hauled January through August. The hauler, Gerke, has been pulling the driver off from hauling leachate due to needing him at other locations. He hauled 64 loads in July and 45 in August. He is authorized to haul up to 4 loads per day or 84-88 loads per month as needed. Our contract is up next year. There is no set amount per contract, just 'as needed'. With the rainfall totals well above normal this summer, the landfill is saturated and we need to see this number increase. Gail sent a letter to Gerke this

morning to request the driver be put back on leachate hauling for the landfill. Until the filtration system is in place, we are limited with options.

b. OCTOBER SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION: The flyer for the October 1 Clean Sweep was handed out to the committee and discussed. Steele asked if we notified the media, and it was sent to all the local newspapers, along with a press release regarding another close call with two lithium batteries smoldering at the landfill.

c. DISCUSSION: APEX LEACHATE FILTRATION DEMO: The engineering study agreement was signed by the County Board Chairman, And Solid Waste Committee Chair Las, and approved by Corporate Counsel. Apex here this week to set up the equipment for the trial demo run and will be here for the last two weeks of September. This will be an excellent test with the leachate currently being quite strong with the rain we've been having.

d. DISCUSSION/ACTION: MINIMUM LANDFILL LOADS: Action requested on increasing the minimum load charge to \$10 per transaction. This will only affect landfill-bound loads, and will not affect banned from landfill items such as tires, electronics, and TVs. This will not start until the first of the year, with ample notice to all haulers/customers. Motion made by Luethe and seconded by Steele, motion carried, all ayes 5-0.

e. DISCUSSION: ASBESTOS INSPECTIONS: Discussion regarding the requirement of our job descriptions at the landfill to be WDHS asbestos inspector certified for County-wide asbestos inspections. Gail said he had always been certified in Vernon County. There seems to be less a need for inspections over the years for Volunteer Fire Departments doing house burns. The inspection certification, refreshers, inspections and sampling is costly and require travel time and absence from the office with only two on staff. Gail mentioned it did help this year to be able to assist the County at four County-owned buildings with asbestos sampling. Gail mentioned there was an issue with the WDNR inspection of a burn site this year. Having the landfill do the inspections puts the County at risk for liability. Shelly agreed that asbestos inspection should be the responsibility of the property owner and the property owner should be calling an asbestos certified contractor to do the work. At La Crosse County Solid Waste, she had certification, but it was solely for sampling asphalt shingles on site, because they were resold for reuse. The Inspector certification was needed to be able to prepare samples for a lab only, and it was determined in 2013 even that wasn't necessary because we were a County entity and not a private organization. Shelly stated the job descriptions should be changed for both management positions if we no longer do inspections. Chair Las will put the issue up before the personnel committee.

5. **MANAGERS REPORT:** We had another smoldering lithium ion battery issue in the landfill last month, which came in from the Fort, we are quite certain. Shelly and Terry were able to locate an address where the banned item came from wrapped around one of the batteries. Gail called to discuss with Fort management. They will educate their personnel on what cannot be thrown into waste dumpsters and show them photos of the items that were retrieved from the landfill.
6. **CLEAN SWEEP GRANT: DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Last week Frie received an email from Randy Nedrelo, the Special Waste Manager at the La Crosse County Solid Waste Department. It was outlining substantial reductions to the grant monies paid to outlying counties for hazardous waste collections in 2017. This short notice email notification leaves us little time to act. We either accept this reduction and cut back to one collection, do two collections and fund the second in-house (not budgeted), or attempt quickly to apply for our own grant in hopes of a larger grant. With the dollar amount share estimated at only \$5800.00 to Monroe for the year from La Crosse's joint partnership grant, Monroe County would have to cut back to one collection in 2017 and Frie said that is not desirable. Chair Las suggested we attempt writing our own grant so we could get a larger grant and still do two collections and Frie said we could but he'd have to act very quickly as there is little time. Frie had written grants for this in the past at Vernon County and they are not too difficult to get through. There is no guarantee we will get a larger amount ourselves, but it would be worth a try. This grant would be for Hazardous Waste Only (chemicals/paint). Olson asked why we couldn't just throw everything out in the landfill and forget about doing a clean sweep, Frie stated while it isn't catching 100% of banned wastes, every County should have a place to go with hazardous

materials and the citizens are used to our twice a year collection schedule. Hazardous waste going into landfill has been a national problem causing millions of dollars of remediation. Las agreed and stated "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". We see roughly 250 customers in 6 hours at our hazardous waste event. While the events are smaller than that of the first few years in terms of large quantity farm chemicals, they are still a beneficial service for the County. We accept banned items such as TVs, tires, and electronics year round the last full week of the month at the landfill (large quantities by appointment). Clean Sweep day is the ONLY day we can collect the hazardous chemical liquids and dry material, as well as paints and light bulbs.

Frie is checking with the Sheriff's Department to see if they take advantage of the medication grant as they assist us at the landfill at our collections with controlled medications. That is a separate grant (Controlled substances). With no further discussion, Las restated the discussion that the Monroe County Landfill will apply for a grant with the idea to have two clean sweeps in 2017 which will be revisited next year to see if it was beneficial to continue writing our own grant.

Paul Steele motion to approve, and Mark Halverson seconded the motion. 5-0, all ayes.

7. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** Next meeting date tentatively planned for 8:15 am, Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at the Solid Waste Office, Junco Road, Norwalk, WI. The meeting date and time is in conflict with another County committee meeting as it stands, but Halverson was checking to see if it would work for him as his committee has been making frequent changes. Olson requested of Las to see if the committee chairpersons couldn't sit down and iron out some set dates so these conflicts do not occur.
8. **PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - Randy Weinkauf of River View Construction requested the landfill get some good road base ordered for internal landfill road building to get the trucks dumping up on top of the landfill before winter. They would need some good 4-6" breaker rock. Discussion ensued about the possibility of getting demo block and brick from the Tee Pee Restaurant demolition. Gerke purchased the building to be raised and a new four story multipurpose building going up in its place per Steele. Frie to check with Gerke.
 - River View Construction Operator Terry Taylor discussed the sludge loads from the WWTP were very strong-smelling (high in ammonia content) the day they were delivered and had concerns for his health working around them as he said it was hard to breath around them. Gail explained the loads of sludge were ordered to the landfill by the DNR because of the small amounts of radioactivity and could not be land spread. It was a filtering material that caused the issue for the loads to be unfit for land spreading. The loads are now stockpiled undisturbed and the smell dissipated with a little rain as they dried out and crusted over. Taylor has been taking small loads from it until it is gone, leaving the rest undisturbed. Now that it has sat for a while no issue remains for the Operator per Taylor.
 - Paul Steele asked about our litter control. Who does it, when does it get done, etc. Frie explained that it is done as needed, and Weinkauf added he pays to have it done and has a local individual on call for any issues. Frie stated next spring, we have in the budget the building of ten more litter catcher units to be placed around the active site of the landfill.
 - Steele mention the newly seal-coated road is failing on a couple corners and asked if we shouldn't look into the warranty. Frie mentioned that while the rock is gone, the cracks are filled in and there would be no way to get the steady truck traffic to go easy on the corners without someone standing over the corners and patrolling them for a few days around the work being completed. Steele mentioned they used Fahrner who used a different material and their roads are great. Luethe stated re-rocking the road, in his opinion, just causes a dust storm and should not be considered.
9. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion by Las to adjourn and seconded by Olson at 9:15 am. All Ayes, motion carried. 5-0

Recorded by Shelly Schulze and draft approved by Gail Frie.