

MINUTES of the March 16, 2015 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Las, Paul Steele, James Rasmussen and Mike Luethe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Olson

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Randy Weinkauff-River View Construction, Terry Taylor-Landfill Operator.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 8:30 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 2/23/2015 MEETING

Motion by Steele to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Rasmussem. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0

3. Budget Report

The February budget report was in the Committee members books.

Gail mentioned that the transfer to the Facilities Reserve Fund and the \$270,000. Bond Payment were not in the report and that many requisitions back to mid-January have not been paid.

4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

a) Waste volume reports

1,800 ton of MSW was received which is very low but still a few more ton then February of 2014.

5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

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

Leachate is down this year and we are still waiting for the new loading pump to be delivered and installed.

b) Discussion, Assistant Solid Waste Manager Position/WIRM Conference.

Last week the Personnel Committee approved the new Position. Gail put the word out State-wide at the WIRM Conference that this Position would be up and coming and received a lot of interest.

c) Discussion & Action, Blue Ridge Services/Process Improvement For Landfills.

Gail reported that the La Crosse County Landfill was bringing in Neil Bolton to do an Landfill Operations Efficiency Audit at a cost of \$35,000. Gail has requested a price for Neil to do a half day walk around of the Monroe County Landfill but has not received the reply at this time.

d) Discussion, Bryon/Wyville Landfill Relocation Project.

We received the Official DNR Letter on this Project. DNR is refusing to waive any of the \$13./ton landfill tax fees and is taking a hard line on the legal liability. This will make it very difficult to move this Project forward.

e) Discussion, Recycling Funding Comparison,

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Gail present numbers that prove each Municipality now receives about the same percentage of the available Recycling Grant as their percentage of the Monroe County population. This only varies a little by the pounds per person of recyclables collected. Solid Waste Volumes per person vary greatly and placing recycling cost on the landfill tip fee would not be fair to businesses that are responsible for their own recycling.

6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

- a) Transfer Facility Operation – The recycling compactor in its present condition would not be able to handle the City of Tomah’s recyclables.

7. MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) The Landfill density study will be done today.

8. PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented

9. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

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

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Steele, second Lueth to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. 4-0