

# MINUTES of the April 20, 2015 Meeting of the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gail Frie-Monroe County Solid Waste Manager, Randy Weinkauff-River View Construction, Terry Taylor-Landfill Operator, Erik Lietz-Ayres and Jerry Martell-MDS.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 8:40 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 3/16/2015 MEETING

Motion by Steele to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Rasmussen. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0

## 3. Budget Report

The March budget report was in the Committee members books.

## 4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

### a) Waste volume reports

2013 and 2014 were both low waste volume years and so far in 2015 we are 10% above 2014 waste volume received for the first quarter. This puts us right where we need to be for budget projections.

## 5. LANDFILL OPERATIONS

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

No leachate was hauled in March due to pump replacement problems. The new pump is installed and working. Gail has requested a letter from the pump company stating that they will honor the standard commercial warrantee on this pump being that we had startup problems with it.

### b) Discussion, Assistant Solid Waste Manager Position Interviews.

Gail requested that Erik, our landfill engineer, be in attendance for the interviews. That was the case when Gail was hired and the Solid Waste Committee would also attend and Carol Las was going to invite Board Chairman, Jim Kuhn, to also participate.

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

After much discussion the Committee declined Neil Bolton's offer to do a Site Visit and an On-Site evaluation of the Monroe County Landfill operation for \$2,500.00

### d) Discussion, Special Waste Collection April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The 500 person mailing list will not be sent for this Collection because the process of getting envelopes which began February 25 has yet to deliver any envelopes.

The Tomah VA is offering a free collection the same day which makes citizens feel that we should not be charging the cost of disposal. The Federal Prison Industries takes the VA's materials.

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## e) Discussion Ridgeville II Density Study

The preliminary density study has the waste density for the last six months at 1,664 lbs/cy. This is above what is required by the operations contract but seems low for the amount of work that is being done to achieve higher compaction. Gail and Erik will review the numbers and report back next month.

## f) Discussion Sparta Schools Earth Club Food Waste Project.

Gail has been working with the Earth Club on diverting the Sparta Schools food waste from the landfill. The Club would like to raise \$25,000. To purchase a dehydrator/composter that can be placed in the HS kitchen to dispose of the food waste in-house. This is a good fit with the Earth Club mission of keeping materials out of the landfill and to beneficially reuse them.

Steele suggest that the Solid Waste Department should consider a one thousand dollar donation to show that the landfill supports this Project. Gail will put it on the May agenda.

## 6. RECYCLING PROGRAM

- a) Transfer Facility Operation –No report

## 7. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Gail reported that we must add a surcharge of \$8.00 per mattress for any truck loads that contain only mattresses. These cause problems in the landfill and need to be recycled. We have charged this amount before to encourage the recycling of these mattresses.
- b) Gail also reported that DNR reconsidered charging the \$13. Per ton landfill tax on the Byron/Wyville Landfill relocation Project. This was a licensed landfill that had paid fees in the past.

## 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, May 18, 2015 at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Town of Ridgeville, Monroe County Wisconsin.

## 10. MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Luethe- second by Rasmussen to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All ayes, motion carried. 5-0