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**GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

I. Meeting called to order

Meeting was called to order at 9:36 A.M.

II. Roll call

In attendance: Dick Joyce, David Welter, and Vice Chairman John Almer (provide for a quorum) Chairman Ron Severson arrived at 9:46 a.m.
Members Absent: Tom Poole, Chris Balkema and Dick Steele
Staff in attendance: Shawn Hamilton, Heidi Miller, Lisa Kneller, Karen Campbell, and Susan Bates
Public: Jim Allen, Envirotech, Inc., Terry Christensen – WCSJ/WJDK Radio Station

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Joyce asked the committee for a motion to approve the December 19th, 2011 meeting minutes. The January meeting was cancelled. Welter motioned, Almer seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment – Joyce asked for any public comment there was none.

V. Claims –

Chairman Joyce asked the committee to review the claims and to motion them. Welter motioned, Almer seconded. Motion passed. Almer questioned ordering office supplies that could be obtained from the County supply of office products. Miller stated that not all supplies that are needed can be obtained from the County supply. The ERCO office is taking advantage of the Quill Ink & Toner Recycling Program and working with the Grundy County IT Department by recycling ink/toner cartridges for obtaining Quill Cash to discount the purchase of office products.

Welter left the meeting to take a phone call at 9:37 a.m. and the meeting was stopped until his return at 9:40 a.m. to provide for a quorum.

VI. Additions to agenda

Joyce asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Kneller stated that there were no additions to the agenda.

VII. Technician's Report

Education:

Kneller summarized her technician report by briefing the committee that packets will be sent out today to all area schools for the annual Trashformations Contest and allow a month and half return for submission. Miller and Kneller will meet with science and art teachers to encourage more support for the program.

Information will be provided for Earth Day information to schools in the County. Preparations are being made to incorporate education from Lights for Learning, Exelon, and resources from Chicago Aerosol into the programming.

Events:

Kneller reported that 1,019 pounds of Christmas lights were collected at Cardinal Recycling from December 26 – January 31, 2012. A discussion was held about starting the collection earlier this year after Halloween.

39,897 pounds of E-Waste was collected at the February 4th, 2012, E-Waste Event. This was the largest amount collected for all the events. The intern is working on a press release for the event.

ERCO along with Heartland Blood Centers hosted a one-day blood drive on February 10th, 2012, at the Grundy County Administration Building. 10 individuals were serviced with two being turned away.

Upcoming Events:

ERCO will participate in the Grundy County Home & Health Expo that will be held on April 21st, 2012 at Morris Community High School Rec Center. The office will have a compost bin on display along with distributing green guides and other informational literature.

ERCO along with the Land Use Department will participate in the Grundy County Environmental Fair/EARTH Expo to be held on March 3rd, 2012 at Saratoga Grade School.

Two licensing applications along with payment have been received from the Waste Haulers. The due date of February 24th, 2012 is the deadline for submission and then second follow up letters will be issued to the haulers that have not replied.

Three townships (Highland, Goodfarm and Greenfield) are requesting that small garbage trucks to run posted roads. All other townships are allowing haulers to pick up trash as usual. Joyce commended the entire office's efforts on making the road posting transition smooth and effective.

Chairman Ron Severson left the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

The office is preparing for its Spring Compost Bin sales event. The supply of compost bins is getting low and new bins will have to be ordered this year. Kneller is looking to another vendor who has a one piece compost bin for easier assembly rather than the three piece assembly from the current bin.

Joyce discussed the meeting that was held with a representative from Vintage Tech Recyclers regarding door to door pick up and a plan for Grundy County. Miller explained that Will County had given a grant to Coal City for a drop off center but the terms of the grant is that the drop off box has to be in Will County. Miller had contacted all the cities and towns within Grundy County to see if there was interest in having a drop off center. The feedback was that all were interested. Field trips to Vintage Tech for the committee will be planned in the future to tour the Plainfield warehouse and the Chicago warehouse to see the process of disassembling the electronics. Miller stated that the office will be working with the representative on obtaining more city events or permanent locations.

VIII. New Business

Kneller discussed that the individuals and organizations being awarded a certificate of recognition for their contributions are America's Food Bank, Big R Store, Ron Ragan, Morris Rehab & Healthcare Center for the Gently Used Toy Drive, Republic Service/Allied Waste for the Battery Bucket funding and Environtech Landfill and Cardinal Recycle for the February E-Waste Event. Joyce asked for a motion to send to the full County Board to recognize and award certificates of recognition to the individuals and organizations for their service. A motion was made by Almer and seconded by Welter. Motion passed.

IX. Old Business

Kneller updated the committee on industry contacts that have committed funding for Trashformations such as gift cards, funding for a pizza party for the winners and assist with prizes for the participants.

Joyce said they are waiting for the Host Agreement from the City of Morris. Joyce said along with Almer, Severson and Hamilton they met twice in January with the City of Morris and Environtech and there were a few issues on the table after the second meeting.

X. Executive Session

Joyce asked if there was any reason to have an executive session. There was not.

XI. Adjournment

Joyce asked for a motion to adjourn. Welter motioned, Almer seconded. Motion passed.