



# GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MARCH 21, 2012

I. Meeting called to order

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M.

II. Roll call

In attendance: Dick Joyce, Dick Steele, Tom Poole, Chris Balkema (arrived at 3:31 p.m.), and Vice Chairman John Almer Members Absent: David Welter Staff in attendance: Shawn Hamilton, Heidi Miller, Lisa Kneller, Karen Campbell, and Susan Bates Public: Jim Allen, Environtech, Inc., Terry Christensen – WCSJ/WJDK Radio Station, Arthur Hornsby, and Frank Barber

# III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Joyce asked the committee for a motion to approve the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 meeting minutes. Steele motioned, Poole seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Joyce asked for a motion to approve the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 special meeting minutes. Steele motioned, Poole seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment – Arthur Hornsby addressed the committee that the City of Morris has voted against the landfill expansion and the wording was changed in the Solid Waste Plan to allow for an expansion at the landfill. Hornsby wanted the County Board to bring up for a vote again to rescind that action and change the Solid Waste Plan to read no new landfills and no new expansions.

Joyce said it could be discussed but that recommendation came from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee which we have had every time we have had to update the plan.

Hornsby said the most recent Solid Waste Advisory Committee was heavily weighted with garbage services. Miller stated that every municipality, watershed groups, and the Soil and Water Conservation group was invited to attend. Joyce said we had private citizens, representatives from some of the villages and it wasn't heavily skewed because

the landfill companies and haulers were there because we had questions for them. Joyce replied to Hornsby and said there were public meetings and you attended at least one of them.

Hornsby and Barber left the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Balkema requested that we add to the next month's Agenda to discuss changing the Solid Waste Plan in fairness to the public.

#### V. Claims –

Chairman Joyce asked the committee to review the claims and to motion them. Poole motioned, Balkema seconded. Motion passed.

### VI. Additions to agenda

Chairman 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 the packets for Trashformations have been distributed and the following confirmation of submissions were received from ICS, Braceville Elementary, Coal City Elementary and White Oak. Presentations for Earth Day programming have been confirmed for White Oak Girl Scout Troupe, MVK Girl Scout Troupe and Braceville Elementary. Miller and Kneller will be participating in a Career Fair in Minooka on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

#### **Events:**

ERCO participated in the annual Environmental Fair/EARTH Expo and passed out information regarding education, events and helpful recycling tips.

### **Upcoming Events:**

ERCO will be participating in the Grundy County Home & Health Expo at Coal City High School on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

#### Other:

Waste Management (East & West), Republic Services, Environmental Disposal & Recycle, Homewood Disposal and Vintage Tech Recyclers have received their licenses. Two Waste Haulers have yet to return their payment and information.

There were only three townships that had requested haulers to run smaller trucks. Cassem is contacting the township road commissioners to confirm dates and Kneller will contact the haulers.

New compost bins have been ordered. Kevin in Maintenance at the Administration Building is currently using a compost bin behind the building along with a compost bucket in the lunchroom.

Kneller briefed the committee on the recent ILCSWMA Conference that she attended

and the IEPA will be offering \$2,000.00 as a grant program specifically looking at underserved counties and Grundy County would qualify for this program.

## VIII. New Business

Chairman Joyce asked if there was any new business. There was none.

#### IX. Old Business

Kneller updated that the first check for \$797.94 was received from Vintage Tech Recyclers from the February E-Waste Event. Exelon (Braidwood) will provide small amount of funding and some form of giveaway to winners. Vintage Tech Recyclers will provide a refurbished laptop for Trashformation contest and possibly a few MP3 refurbished players. Cardinal Recycling will provide some funds for Trashformations contest.

Miller said since Grundy County has joined the North Central Illinois Council of Governments she has made contact with them for grants or funding for the ERCO office.

Joyce asked if Vintage Tech was working with the villages now. Miller said they are interested in working with the villages with events but need two months in advance to schedule an event. Joyce wants to try to serve the public so they don't have to store the electronics in their garages or to dump on the township roads.

# X. Executive Session

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

## XI. Adjournment

Joyce asked for a motion to adjourn. Balkema motioned, Steele seconded. Motion passed.