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**GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
APRIL 16, 2012**

I. Meeting called to order

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M.

II. Roll call

In attendance: Dick Joyce, Dick Steele, Tom Poole, David Welter and  
Chairman Ron Severson

Members Absent: Chris Balkema

Staff in attendance: Shawn Hamilton, Heidi Miller, Lisa Kneller, Karen  
Campbell, and Susan Bates

Public: Terry Christensen – WCSJ/WJDK Radio Station

III. Approval of Minutes

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

IV. Public Comment – None

V. Claims –

Chairman Joyce asked the committee to review the claims and to motion them. Welter  
motioned, Steele 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 judging for the  
Trashformations Contest will take place on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and

asked if any committee members were available that day to attend to help with the judging. Earth Day programming will be presented by Kneller at Methodist Preschool, White Oak Girl Scout Troop, Minooka Career Day, MVK Girl Scout Troop, Braceville Elementary and Miller is lining up presentations for compost education.

**Events:**

Kneller said ERCO staff was unable to attend the Minooka H.O.P.E. Green Fair but a table was set up with recycling information and literature along with a compost bin. Unfortunately, only four people attended the event.

**Upcoming Events:**

ERCO will participate at the annual Home & Health Expo at Coal City High School on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The office will be showcasing our compost bins along with distributing green guides and recycling literature.

**Other:**

All waste hauler licensing has been returned with the exception of one company which was sold recently to a new owner from Joliet. A new packet for hauler licensing has been sent for their completion.

Kneller said the office is getting ready for the Spring Compost Bin event. There are currently two different models for sale.

**VIII. New Business**

Joyce asked when the start of the first citizens committee to begin work on the next Solid Waste Plan will begin. Miller said the Fifteen Year Plan was adopted in 2009 and the advisory committee will begin meeting in 2013 and the plan would be finalized in 2014. Miller said the timing on this to set up a whole new committee to change language which in reality won't be necessary as Environtech will be investing money and time for 2013 for closure. Welter said from talking with Mr. Hornsby and some of the other people who have voiced their concerns and Welter said he feels what they are looking for is a modification back to how it was prior to no new landfills and no expansion of the current landfill. Welter said he felt that language was put in for Morris to go through their steps and what is the harm in now changing back to the way it used to be since the City of Morris actually voted it down. Welter asked if Republic could still submit another plan to the City of Morris. Miller said that is correct. Welter said if we were to change the language now before they tried anything else everybody would know no new expansions and no new landfills. Welter said he would be in favor of opening up that language and don't think we would need a special committee. Poole replied that he agreed with Miller that this would be a fruitless effort at this point. Severson said the landfill is located in the City of Morris and they are the controlling factor. Bates said legally we can't do a back door over Morris and since Morris has turned it down it's not going to be acted upon by the County. Welter said he would like to talk about it next month for a possible vote to change the language in the Solid Waste Plan.

Joyce said at the County Board meeting that Mr. Urbanik had mentioned about the wells at the gravel pits. Miller said any of the sand and gravel pits that we have in the County that there is a conditional use or special use existing and all these conditions are upon the developers and the owners and what Mr. Urbanik said actually was an error. Miller said it specifically says that not only do they have to put monitoring wells in but they have to test the wells of adjacent property owners so there is coverage and there have

been no problems that she is aware of. Miller said every January the building inspector goes out to check for problems at the sand and gravel pit.

IX. Old Business

Kneller updated the committee that the IEPA \$2000.00 grant application for E-Waste education should become available this spring for summer funding. Kneller has been in contact with Exelon at Braidwood, LaSalle and Dresden stations for future funding for projects other than Trashformations.

Joyce asked if Vintage Tech has reached out to us or to the villages regarding pick up of electronics. Miller said she has e-mailed Seth Smith for dates in the summer where they might have collection dates for the City of Morris, Mazon and Diamond who are all interested in having E-Waste collections and currently is waiting for a response. Kneller is working with the Watters of the IT Department to establish a web page for E-Waste.

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. Welter motioned, Steele seconded. Motion passed.