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**AGENDA
GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
JUNE 18, 2012**

I. Meeting called to order

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

II. Roll call

In attendance: Dick Joyce, Chris Balkema, Dick Steele, Tom Poole, and David Welter

Members Absent: None

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 May 14th, 2012 meeting minutes. Poole motioned, Balkema seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment – None

Chairman Joyce asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Welter motioned and Poole seconded. Motion passed. Kneller, Campbell and Terry Christiansen left the meeting.

A motion to enter back into regular session was made by Steele and seconded by Poole. Motion passed.

V. Claims

Chairman Joyce asked the committee to review the claims and to motion them. Welter 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 on the summer camps and park district educational programs scheduled. Two new groups this year are the Pioneer Valley Day Camp and the Rainbow Council Boy Scout Camp

Events:

Kneller said the E-Waste and White Goods Collection will be held on June 22nd, 2012 and June 23rd, 2012 at Environtech Landfill. Flyers have been distributed along with radio coverage and press releases in local newspapers.

Other:

Kneller reported that Teri Rakes a Braceville Elementary School teacher was honored at the June County Board meeting for efforts toward building a green curriculum at the Braceville Elementary School.

Kneller said plans are being formulated for the annual Walk to School Day to be held this year at Immaculate Conception School in Morris in October. The Trashformations Contest will be changed from the spring to the fall and will be held later this year. More localized E-Waste Collections will be held with area towns and villages with Vintage Tech Recyclers collecting the E-Waste.

Poole asked if there was any information that he could take back to the township since they have a meeting tomorrow night. Miller said she has a work order cooperative agreement to sign off on that Poole can pick up after the meeting. Poole said the township will hold the event at their township garage on Railroad Street in Gardner.

VIII. New Business

Miller discussed the ERCO proposed budget for 2013 that some line items have been consolidated such as training and conferences. Copier rental, cell phone and office rent have been deleted since the County has subsidized this in the past. Miller said the technician job would go to a part time position and that is reflected in the budget. Hamilton said what they are finding with the line items throughout the budget are that line items throughout the years have not been used.

Joyce said that the \$20,000.00 from the windmills and whatever we might get from the landfill may cover the expenses this next year. Miller said the money from the windmills is solid and Republic told her that they were going to try to keep the money the same for this next year.

Joyce asked for a motion to forward the budget to Finance Committee for the hearing in July. Balkema motioned and Poole seconded. Motion passed.

Miller discussed the job description changes with the Environmental Resource Conservation Technician that it would be changed to Environmental Resource Conservation Educator as a part time position and the part time assistant would remain the same. Some of the jobs from the technician duties would now be reflected in the Land Use Director's job description. Joyce said unfortunately this is one the

consequences of the fact that the landfill is not going to expand. Joyce said the effort to continue to educate young people needs to continue. Joyce asked for a motion to recommend the job description changes to the Personnel Committee. Balkema motioned. The motion failed due to a lack of a second. A discussion was held and it was discussed to revisit the issue at the next meeting to give members time to consider the change.

IX. Old Business

Kneller reported that the Trashformation prizes were distributed to the winners. Donations are being sought for the fall Trashformations contest.

X. Executive Session

Joyce asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Executive Session minutes. Steele motioned and Balkema seconded. Motion passed.

Joyce asked for a motion to enter back into regular session. Welter motioned and Balkema seconded. Motion passed.

Joyce asked for a motion to release the Executive Session minutes of January 15th, 2010. Balkema motioned and Steele seconded. Motion passed.

Joyce asked for a motion to destroy the Executive Session minutes tape of January 15th, 2010. Poole motioned and Welter seconded. Motion passed

Miller reported that notice has been received from the IEPA of a summit with C & D haulers on carpet recycling. A Plastic Bag Recycling Act has been passed by the Illinois legislature. By 2013 manufacturers will be required to be licensed and put their label on those bags along with some educational plan through the IEPA. Miller stated that maybe some opportunities to have some funds come back to promote more recycling and education could be possible.

XI. Adjournment

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