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**GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 17, 2012**

I. Meeting called to order

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

II. Roll call

In attendance: Dick Joyce, David Welter, Millie Dyer and Chairman Ron Severson
(arrived at 10:02 a.m.)

Members Absent: Ken Iverson and Eric Rasmusson

Staff in attendance: Heidi Miller, and Karen Campbell

Public: Deb Warning (County Board Member), Teryl Lundeen (Grundy County Board
Member), Harold Vota (Grundy County Board Member), Terry Christiansen, WCSJ/WJDK
Radio Station, Jim Allen, Environtech Landfill

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Joyce asked the committee for a motion to approve the November 19th, 2012 meeting minutes.
Dyer motioned, Welter seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment – None

V. Claims

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

VI. Additions to agenda

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

VII. Monthly Report

Miller said the Gently Used Toy Drive ended on December 14th, 2012, with 4 new bicycles and helmets
donated from Nettle Creek HCE to We Care of Grundy County. Some of the toys were also distributed to
a church in Mazon called "Toys for Joy", and the rest went to the Rotary International from Chicago for
needy children. Thank you letters and press releases with be sent.

Miller said she had e-mailed Chairman Severson, Craig Cassem and John Watters notifying them that in
February 2013 the Land Use/ERCO office no longer would be able to perform the duty of County Road
Posting project due to lack of staffing but all the available information would be provided.

Miller provided all the results from the eight E-Waste Events held throughout the year with 185,995 pounds of electronic scrap which is equivalent to 93 tons and \$3,418.52 revenue has been received to help supplement the office expenditures. Past collection results were also provided for comparison.

Miller provided collection results for the Battery Collection Program and the total revenue for ERCO which was \$54,642.92 based on tipping fees from the Environtech Landfill and Clean Energy Fund money. The total revenues collected from waste hauler licensing, paper recycling from Abitibi, e-waste refunds from Vintage Tech and FOIA requests were also provided.

Miller discussed the IEPA E-Waste Grant for \$2,000.00 when awarded has to be used for educational such as signs, fliers, newspaper ads, radio ads. More information will be brought back to the next committee meeting for cost of possible permanent signs and printing companies' costs for grant completion by February 1st, 2013.

Miller provided a summary of potential industrial funding opportunities for the office for future events. Aux Sable has donated \$200.00 for the Trashformation gift cards to award to the winning entries.

VIII. New Business

Miller said in 2014 the County will need a 20 Year Plan for Solid Waste for Grundy County as the 2009 Solid Waste Plan needs to be updated. Invitations will be sent out after January based on the committee's suggestion, to form a subcommittee that provides a good diversification of individuals. Miller stated that she wrote the last Solid Waste Plan.

IX. Old Business

Miller discussed that the ERCO Technician had resigned and her last day was November 30th, 2012. Since it wasn't practical to hire a part time position and train for less than one fiscal year, the job duties were split between the ERCO assistant and the Land Use Director. Service cuts were previously discussed at the last Environmental Committee meeting.

A discussion was held on the compost bins currently at the Old Highway site. Miller had suggested donating a few to the area schools who have started a composting program.

Chairman Joyce said that the Education Committee has changed their meeting time to 4:30 p.m. and asked the committee members if they wanted to change Environmental to the 8:30 a.m. time period. Welter made a motion to accept the revised Environmental Meeting Schedule for 2013 with the exception of the time change to 8:30 a.m. from 9:30 a.m., Dyer seconded. Motion passed.

X. Executive Session

Chairman Joyce asked if there was any reason to have an executive session. Miller explained that there was no need to enter into executive session to review the minutes due to the Technician position being cut from a full time position to part time was discussed in open session during committee meetings. Welter made a motion to approve and release the executive session minutes of June 18th, 2012 and Dyer seconded. Motion passed. Miller said the tape could be destroyed on December 2013 after the eighteen month requirement.

Welter asked that Joyce and Miller compile a goal sheet for the upcoming year.

XI. Adjournment

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