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**GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
JANUARY 18, 2011**

I. Meeting called to order

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

II. Roll call

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

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

Public: Jim Allen (Environtech Landfill)

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Joyce asked the committee for a motion to approve the December 20th, 2010 meeting minutes. Steele motioned, Welter 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 and Miller both stated that there were no additions to the agenda. Chris Balkema entered the meeting at 9:33 a.m. Dan Duffy entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

VII. Technician's Report

Kneller summarized her technician report by stating she supported the "Race into Reading Day" at South Wilmington Elementary School by loaning educational materials to the school. In addition, the department supplied them with zipper pulls, recycling

stickers and recycling temporary tattoos to serve as awards.

Currently, trying to work with Dwight Farber, General Manager, for Horizon Wind Energy to schedule wind farm tours for a week in the fall and a week in the spring to gear for specific classes throughout the county. Miller suggested that her and Kneller conference call Farber to finalize. Welter said if there is anything that he can help out with doing this event that he was willing to help out for a day. Joyce suggested that since there are several new county board members they should get the opportunity to tour the wind farm. Welter suggested giving all county board members the opportunity to take part in the tour. Kneller said they will propose to Farber to schedule the South Wilmington Accelerated Reading class of about 25-30 children and give them the opportunity to tour the wind farm.

Trashformation applications will be mailed out to all school art and science teachers throughout the county. The winners will be chosen from each school and sent to the county for final judging at the April Environmental Committee meeting.

Kneller followed up by letting the committee know that thank you notes were mailed out along with a press release in the Morris Daily Herald and the Coal City Courant thanking the individuals and organizations that contributed and participated in the Gently Used Toy/Book/Video Event.

Two Waste Hauler Applications have been received. The Waste Hauler Applications usually generate about \$1,600.00 in revenue.

The department will be participating in the Grundy County Chamber Commerce & Industry annual Home & Health Expo on January 22nd, 2011. Green Guides will be passed out along with showcasing an Earth Machine/compost bin. On March 5th, 2011, the department will participate in the Grundy County Environmental Fair/EARTH Expo by passing out information regarding education, events and helpful recycling tips from our licensed waste haulers.

Chairman Severson entered the meeting at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Kneller summarized that all townships have submitted their maps, with only three townships making changes. The Township Road Commissioner will indicate what type and weight of garbage trucks will be able to run on the township roads and those initial changes will be sent to the garbage haulers for them to indicate if this is feasible. The feedback from the haulers will be given to the Township Road Commissioners for final approval and final changes will be made to the GIS map. The haulers will be notified a week in advance of the actual road limit postings. The reverse 911 system from the Sheriff's Department will target homes affected and they will receive a telephone call indicating the details of where they can take their garbage for disposal. Miller said they are checking on a potential recycling bin at Saratoga Township to help the areas to have recycling containers somewhere in the county until the road posting is lifted. Kneller said Environtech Landfill also has a recycling container by the drive at the landfill for the public. Severson questioned the problems at Saratoga Township hall last year of garbage overflowing and it seemed like weeks before it was picked up. Kneller will contact the garbage hauler and discuss the problem. Balkema asked questions regarding recycling by the garbage haulers and Steele suggested a tour of one of the recycling facilities be scheduled for the committee members to better understand and

see how the recycling process works.

VIII. New Business

Kneller said the office's goal of 2011 is to financially sustain the current programs and develop new programs. At future meetings Kneller will update the members via a spreadsheet created by Campbell with additional information. Last summer an intern, Lauren Galloway, had worked on some grants and currently Kneller is following up on the status of those grants. Kneller registered with grants.gov, and also for a DUNS number to be used in grant applications and Miller received notification that a DUNS number has been assigned. Campbell will work on a spreadsheet listing the grants that have been applied for, due dates, along with the status of grants.

IX. Old Business

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

X. Executive Session

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

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Joyce asked for a motion to adjourn. Walter motioned, Steele seconded. Motion approved.