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**GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 14, 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, and David Welter and
Chairman Severson (arrived at 9:37 a.m.)

Members Absent: Dick Steele and Tom Poole

Staff in attendance: Dan Duffy, Lisa Kneller, Karen Campbell, Heidi Miller
and Susan Bates (arrived at 9:37 a.m.)

Public: Jim Allen (Envirotech Landfill)

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Joyce asked the committee for a motion to approve the January 18th, 2011 meeting minutes. Balkema motioned, Welter seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Claims –

Chairman Joyce asked the committee to review the claims and to motion them. Balkema motioned, Welter 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.

VII. Technician's Report

Kneller summarized her technician report by stating both her and Miller were able to conference call Dwight Farber from Horizon Wind and set up a date for Wind Farm tours for County Board members on March 3rd, 2011, and they have also agreed to host a tour

with the South Wilmington Grade School for a time between March 21st, 2011 through March 25th, 2011. Farber had sent a power point presentation that can be customized for elementary age school children from corporate headquarters. This will be very useful to implement this program into the academic school year and well beyond the South Wilmington School to include other schools. Pre and Post Tour education will be conducted by Kneller in the classroom. It is a goal that after doing a few tours, Kneller and Miller will both be able to lead/assist on wind farm tours and education in the classroom.

Miller attended State Representative Roth's Open House and was able to speak with Roth to familiarize her with the function of the Land Use Department. Kneller provided Roth's office with a copy of the 2010 Solid Waste Plan 15 Year Update along with copies of the 2011 Green Guides that can be distributed from her office to the residents.

Follow up letters have been sent to the remaining five Waste Haulers that have not provided there licensing applications. Usually the larger waste haulers have to wait for checks to be issued from corporate headquarters.

Kneller said the Township Road Commissioners are planning to post the roads this week and giving the actual garbage companies a grace period of a week. Plans are being made to restrict the garbage trucks the week of February 21st, 2011. The reverse 911 calls will be recorded this week specific to each township and through the GIS Mapping System the calls will go out to residents instructing them where to take their garbage. Information also will be posted on the Grundy County website; press releases will appear in area newspapers and radio coverage with WCSJ radio station. Miller added that last year Waste Management sent out a PR statement to all of their customers.

Dan Duffy left the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Kneller distributed a spreadsheet that Campbell had compiled of the sale of compost bins from 2007 to present. Usually approximately 10 to 20 bins are sold each season of spring and fall. The Land Use Department will be participating in the Environmental Fair to be held on March 5th, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Severson left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Kneller explained the 2010 IEPA Municipal Waste Recycling Survey that had been attached to the Technician Report is due March 1st, 2011. The information that is used for the report comes from the Waste Hauler Licensing figures that the waste haulers submit.

Chairman Severson re-entered the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Miller said the power point presentation from Horizon is geared for 6th and 7th grade school children and both Miller and Kneller want to make sure all children can actually get some benefit from the wind farm education. Miller said by giving Representative Roth an overview of the Land Use Department it will familiarize her with the grant seeking opportunities that the office is trying to obtain and that she can help by providing support for the office.

Allen said they have scaled back on taking in waste. Balkema asked Allen if they are slowing down the intake to stay open longer and asked what the advantage of that would be rather than filling up faster. Allen said they have an agreement with the County and if they filled up too fast they would have to truck the garbage to another landfill. Balkema asked when you slow down what pieces don't you take and so there is enough room for Grundy County until 2014. Kneller asked Allen on an average day how many tons the landfill takes in. Allen said approximately 300 to 400 tons a day. Allen said in the past they took in around 2,000 to 2,500 tons a day. Joyce said we have had an agreement for 20 years with the City of Morris where a percentage of the tipping fee finances this office but due to the ramping down of the landfill the percentage has dropped considerably. Joyce said that the Wind Farm has an obligation to fund \$20,000.00 for green energy to help subsidize the office which has helped a lot since the office received 30% of the tipping fees from the landfill and that amount has been reduced due to less garbage being taken in.

VIII. New Business

Balkema said he has been working with Mike Boyle, Director of Environmental Health, concerning a resident from No Name Creek about a sewage smell for the last three or four years. Balkema said Boyle is looking for information from the IEPA to help with guidance on the testing. Balkema asked if he needs to work just with the Health Department. Miller said Kneller has a contact with the IEPA that works regionally on discharge or illegal discharge into tributaries. Miller said they will work with Boyle on this matter and report at the next meeting to the committee.

IX. Old Business

Kneller presented a spreadsheet that Campbell had compiled on grants that have been applied for by summer intern Lauren Galloway. Kneller said she is connected into the grants.gov and Campbell had researched and found fedconnect.net, a portal to working with grants in the Federal Government which is similar to grants.gov. Kneller said she is looking at an application with the USEPA Pollution Prevention grant to apply for to assist with our battery collection. We have already purchased twenty buckets but want to try to get federal funding to match those twenty buckets to continue that program. Kneller said DCEO has two grants which are currently available and Miller and her plan on researching to see if they can capitalize on those for the County. Miller had a flyer from the GC Growth Conference that she had Campbell follow up on and gather more information on an educational opportunity with NiCor in teaching energy efficiency in the classroom. Balkema said he would check into the Caterpillar grant and asked if Caterpillar supported this in the past. Kneller replied no, this is the first time.

Severson brought up some issues regarding the new CFL light bulbs, the advantage of using them, the proper handling and disposal, and the amount of mercury in the bulbs. Joyce said you can take them to any Matteson Ace Hardware stores in Grundy County or Home Depot in Joliet for disposal. Allen said the landfill will not accept the bulbs due to the mercury content. Kneller said it is a product stewardship where the companies are working with the stores to take these bulbs back from the residents. Kneller will bring literature to the next meeting of the proper procedure for handling and disposal of the CFL bulbs to distribute to the committee members.

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. Balkema motioned, Welter seconded. Motion approved.

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