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GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MAY 16, 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, Dick Steele, Tom Poole, David Welter, and Chairman Severson arrived at 9:35 a.m.
Members Absent: None
Staff in attendance: Dan Duffy (arrived at 9:35 a.m.), Heidi Miller, Lisa Kneller, Karen Campbell, and Susan Bates
Public: Jim Allen (Environtech Landfill)

III. Approval of Minutes

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

Dan Duffy left the meeting.

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Claims –

Chairman Joyce said there were no claims for approval this month.

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

Kneller summarized her technician report by stating that the winners of the recent Trashformation Contest were recognized at the recent County Board meeting. A thank

you was extended to McDonalds in Coal City who donated $125.00 in gift certificates and Wal-Mart/Morris for donating $250.00 in gift certificates.

Kneller will be participating in the U of I Extension Office "Camp Clover" by conducting education on recycling and recycling relays and to educate the children on how a landfill works.

Plans are being made to work with the area libraries to coordinate environmental education during the summer programs for Kneller to do recycling education and Miller for educating on composting, vermicomposting and wind energy.

On Friday, May 6th, 2011, an outside compost bin sale was held with six compost bins being sold. A total of 14 compost bins have been sold this spring. Welter asked how many compost bins are left and Kneller said approximately 20 bins. Plans are being made to conduct another sale of Compost Bins in June or July for another outdoor event and incorporate battery collection into the event. Steele inquired on the disposal procedures for old paint. A discussion was held and the proper disposal procedures were explained.

Shabbona Middle School had contacted the office in regards to have a recycling event at the school before the end of the school session. Preparations have been made with Cardinal Recycling of Morris who will provide the large Gaylord boxes on pallets to be placed in the gymnasium for one week (May 23-27, 2011) in order for students to clean out their lockers and for their families to also participate by bringing in recyclable paper from home.

ERCO coordinated with the Grundy County Sheriff's Department who had collected 21 bicycles that were unclaimed and were donated to Rotary International who then distributed to shelters who refurbished the bicycles before giving them to underprivileged children.

Joyce asked the status of the battery collection program. Kneller said the plan is to roll forward using the twenty buckets that ERCO purchased and with Republic Services supplementing the remainder over the next couple of years. Miller stated that plans are for having one bucket at the Grundy County Administration Building and distributing four buckets per month to Morris Library, Minooka Three Rivers Library and Coal City Public Library for collection. Once the buckets are all used up, then the program will have to be discontinued. She said there is a big need for battery collection.

VIII. New Business

Monthly - Events

Miller reported two new upcoming events with Dex Phone Book Recycling to be held at Cardinal Recycling on June 14, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon to recycle old phone books and Bernie's Book Bank Book Drive to be held on June 10, 2011, at the Grundy County Chamber Building from 9:00 a.m. to Noon to collect children's books in good condition and Bernie's Book Bank then will go to schools and give a bag of six books to children who don't have the opportunity to have books. The office will work with the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce and other businesses will also participate by having booths and passing out information and literature at the Chamber facility parking

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lot. Bates asked if the ERCO office is doing anything to collect all of the phone books for the County. Miller will make the contacts at the Courthouse and provide a container for the collection of the old phonebooks and take to Cardinal Recycling. Kneller said the E-Waste Event will be held on June 17th, 2011, for businesses and June 18th, 2011, for residents to bring electronics and white goods. This year the television collection is free. Welter suggested that the department have a separate facebook page due to all the events that are being done. Miller said there are a lot of people on facebook and she will also be on the radio later this month to talk about these events. Miller also said that Coal City Intermediate will be receiving a rain barrel due to a student who participated in the IDOT Rain Barrel Contest and had a winning entry. The goal is to have a base and if you have a rain barrel then you could start a garden and incorporate composting.

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. Welter motioned, Steele seconded. Motion passed.

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