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**GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
JUNE 20, 2011**

I. Meeting called to order

Meeting was called to order at 9:33 A.M.

II. Roll call

In attendance: Chairman Joyce, Chris Balkema, Dick Steele, Tom Poole, David Welter, and Chairman Severson arrived at approximately 9:50 a.m.  
Members Absent: None  
Staff in attendance: Dan Duffy, 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 May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting minutes. Welter motioned, Balkema seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Claims –

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

Kneller summarized her technician report by briefing the committee on the educational programs that she will be presenting this summer with the libraries, park districts and summer camps.

Bernie's Book Bank Drive was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, with several large containers of children's books being collected. This event was co-sponsored with the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce with various other organizations who provided information on community services to the public that attended. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, a Dex "Yellow Pages" Collection Event was held at Cardinal Recycling with over one hundred phonebooks and directories being collected. The E-Waste/White Goods Collection was held on June 17<sup>th</sup>, and June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Environtech Landfill. Kneller felt that this event had surpassed previous collection totals. Kneller also thanked committee members David Welter who helped on Friday and Tom Poole who helped all day on Saturday. Kneller also thanked Jim Allen for providing Environtech employees for additional help at the event.

Kneller reported on the recently attended IRA/ILCSWMA Joint Conference held on June 5<sup>th</sup>- June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Springfield. Green education in the classroom, implementation of "Ecoville" web directory, and the future of "zero waste collection sites" was some of the educational sessions that she had attended at the conference. Plans for some of these ideas from the conference are going to be implemented by the office such as plastic bag collection for schools, new curriculum on educating of certain plastics and incorporating gardening into the classroom spaces along with composting and educating consumers on sustainability and going green.

Kneller has been in contact with Vintage Tech Recyclers about doing curbside pickup of electronics and televisions in Grundy County.

Miller explained the Office Paper Use Questionnaire that was in the packet that you are basically auditing yourself and some of the things wouldn't apply to the county. Miller said if we are going to suggest this type of program to other businesses then we might as well do it first. Balkema suggested using the projector more at committee meetings rather than using so much paper and viewing the committee packets online.

Kneller said ERCO coordinated with Rotary International and they picked up approximately thirty bicycles from the Coal City Police Department and distributed to shelters for underprivileged children.

#### VIII. New Business

Miller said basically in the budget all the line items will remain the same with the exception of Office Supplies which she is requesting be increased from \$200.00 to \$400.00 for 2011/2012 budget. Miller said to be conservative for the tipping fees from Morris she decreased the \$30,000.00 to \$25,000.00, but we should be seeing an additional \$20,000.00 as a Clean Energy Fund in 2012. Joyce asked how long the County will receive that money and Miller said as long as the wind farm is operational. Joyce asked for a motion to give a positive recommendation to Finance Committee to forward the budget for 2011/2012 as presented. Poole motioned and Steele seconded. Motion passed.

Welter said he would like to see possible additional revenue generated for the office. It was discussed that the committee members come back to the next meeting with ideas and possible suggestions for generating additional revenue for the office. Miller said she worked with Morris Community Foundation and received no assistance. However,

GEDC was going to assist with funding from industry.

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, Balkema seconded. Motion passed.

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