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

I. Meeting called to order

Meeting was called to order 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 approximately 9:33 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 June 20th, 2011 meeting minutes. Steele 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, Poole 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 that she would be conducting recycling education at Minooka Lion's Club Summer Camp and the mini MRF at Channahon Park District.

Approximately 37,648 lbs. were collected during the two day E-Waste Collection Event held on June 17-18, 2011. A thank you was extended to Environtech Landfill for providing the labor and the use of their site for the collection along with Cardinal Recycling. On June 17th, 2011, approximately 20 businesses participated in the business collection and on June 18th, 2011, approximately 145 residents participated in the event. Plans are being made to have another one day event in October of this year.

The Give a Bag/Get a Bag Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, July 21st, 2011, at the Grundy County Administration Building parking lot from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Residents are urged to bring in plastic shopping bags and donate blood and in return receive a shopping tote bag along with a coupon good for a free pint of Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

Environtech Landfill will have their annual Open House on August 12th, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Both Miller and Kneller will participate in the Natural Resources Tours to be held on September 21st – 23rd, 2011, at the Goose Lake Prairie Park, Walk to School Day will be held on Wednesday, October 5th, 2011, and a school hasn't been chosen as yet. Usually they try to move it around the county each year to utilize the various schools. A date is being worked on for the 6th grade Landfill Tours and another E-Waste/White Goods Collection for October.

Both Miller and Kneller will be attending the Educator In-Service Forum at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center on August 4th, 2011.

Poole asked when the re-scheduled date for touring the recycling center would be held. A date hasn't been re-scheduled yet, but Heartland personnel suggested a fall date when the weather is cooler. Another option would be touring the Resource Management that Republic utilizes. Jim Allen said he would check into it to see if they allow tours and confirmed that the nearest location is in Plainfield.

VIII. New Business

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

IX. Old Business

Chairman Joyce asked if there was any old business and since the revenue from the landfill is reduced there was previous discussion at the last meeting to come up with suggestions for generating additional funds to help support the office. Miller said she has talked to Nancy Ammer from the GEDC to see if there would be support from all the industries in Grundy County to try to obtain funding from any of these industries. Ammer suggested that Miller form a packet or proposal and be specific on what the funds would be used for and she would be the go between to try to funnel back some of that money to support these projects. Miller has approached Julie Buck from the Morris Community Foundation for the past several years for help with funds or grant money and has not received a response back. Kneller said she had applied for the Captain Planet Grant but received notification that we did not get that. Kneller said she is currently working on another grant and looking into a grant with Kellogg Foundation. Miller has currently submitted a grant application to the "Lend a Bin Grant" and awaiting a response. Miller and Kneller have met with the City of Morris Mayor along with Tim Oudman from Republic Services on events that these bins could be utilized for. Miller said if this grant

money comes in it would be a big plus and all the department would have to do is purchase plastic bags for these containers.

Kneller and Miller have been working with Tim Oudman from Republic Services and Mayor Kopczick of the City of Morris for funding to roll out the program for residents for battery collection in August 2011 and Miller would like to see this event run for five years.

Miller has been in contact with Watters regarding face book for ERCO and this will be discussed at the next Technology Committee meeting. Welter said this has already been passed by the County Board and ERCO was included.

Miller spoke with Watters and we do have the capability for electronic packets for the ERCO committee members and Watters would train the staff on inputting the packets on groove. This would eliminate excess paper. Some committee members noted some problems with Groove.

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.