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**GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 15, 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 (arrived at 9:35 a.m.), Dick Steele, Tom Poole, and David Welter

Members Absent: None

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

Public: Jim Allen (Environtech Landfill) arrived at 9:37 a.m.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Joyce asked the committee for a motion to approve the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting minutes. Poole motioned, Steele seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment – Elton Gerber who resides on Goodfarm Road addressed the committee about the possibility of a regulation for an ordinance about residential gun firing. Mr. Gerber has had an ongoing problem for over two years with a neighbor shooting high powered rifles, shotguns and hand guns within 100 feet of his barn and within 250 feet of his home. Currently, Grundy County has no ordinance or regulation of shooting firearms next to a house or buildings, but he produced a copy of IDNR regulations for hunting requirements. Gerber asked if Grundy County could possibly adopt an ordinance or regulation prohibiting shooting in close proximity of neighboring buildings and houses. Bates said you can certainly develop an ordinance. Bates recommended checking with other adjoining counties to see what ordinances and regulations they have adopted regarding this issue. Bates said the Environmental Committee could put together the ordinance and then forward to Criminal Justice Committee or vice versa. Joyce suggested checking to see what other counties have adopted and work with the State's Attorney Office to write an ordinance that covers this issue. Miller told Gerber that Kneller will keep in contact with him.

V. Claims –

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

**School Events:**

Kneller will be conducting recycling presentations at Coal City Intermediate School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade classes in September for approximately 175 children.

Both Miller and Kneller will assist with presentations at the Natural Resources Tours from September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 through September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.

Walk to School Day will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at Gardner Elementary School. ERCO has assisted in planning and execution of the event along with Grundy County Farm Bureau, GC Soil & Water and University of Illinois Extension.

Landfill tours for 6<sup>th</sup> grade school children will be held on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2100 at Environtech Landfill.

**Events:**

Kneller reported that 17 units of blood were collected at the Give a Bag/Get a Bag Blood Drive. A thank you was extended to the Grundy County Health Department for encouraging their employees to participate and to the County employees that also participated.

**Future Events:**

Another E-Waste Collection is planned for Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, to be held at Environtech Landfill in recognition for America Recycles Day.

Kneller said she is moving forward with the Battery Collection Program and demonstrated to the committee members the basic sample packet of procedures and the bucket that will be placed in the Morris City Hall, Morris Public Library, Coal City Public Library and the Grundy County Administration Building.

**Tours:**

Kneller said a couple of dates have been discussed for the Resource Management Recycling Facility Tour the company that takes the actual recycling materials from Environtech Landfill. After a brief discussion it was decided to take the tour on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Joyce thanked Republic for their participation and monetary funding for the battery collection and also for the Open House held at the Environtech Landfill on August 12<sup>th</sup>,

2011. Poole also expressed his satisfaction with the Open House and tour at the Pontiac Landfill last week as being informative.

#### VIII. New Business

Chairman Joyce asked if there was any other new business since we already covered the Resource Management Tour in the Technician's Report. There was none.

#### IX. Old Business

Kneller will have a formalized memo for the committee meeting next month on the meeting between Miller, Kneller and Ammer from the GEDC on her thoughts for industrial funding for ERCO. Miller said some industries do have a foundation that specifically gives funds for environmental issues. Waste Management has done a lot for Will County and has even helped communities within Grundy County for funding events. Miller would like to see a paint event since it hasn't been done for several years. Miller stated that Kneller will make connections with Waste Management and report next month at the meeting on their response for help.

Welter asked how many compost bins ERCO has. Kneller replied approximately 22 compost bins are left to be sold.

#### 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.