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**GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 17, 2011**

I. Meeting called to order

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M.

II. Roll call

In attendance: Chairman Dick Joyce, Chris Balkema (arrived at 9:35 a.m.), Dick Steele, and David Welter  
Members Absent: Tom Poole  
Staff in attendance: Heidi Miller, Lisa Kneller, Karen Campbell, and Susan Bates  
Public: None

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Joyce asked the committee for a motion to approve the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting minutes. Steele motioned, Welter seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment – None

V. Claims –

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

### **School Events:**

Kneller reported that approximately 250 children, parents; teachers participated in the Walk to School at Gardner Elementary on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Special guests were Dick Joyce, Frank Halpin and Dave Boggs from the Grundy County Board, State Representative Pam Roth, Terri Kernc (Mayor, Village of Diamond), and a representative from Congressman Kinzinger's office. Donations of apples, bananas, juice, water and muffins for the event were provided by South Wilmington Berkots and funds for supplies by Sheriff Terry Marketti's office.

Gardner Elementary, South Wilmington Elementary, Nettle Creek and Braceville Elementary School will be participating in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Landfill Tours at Environtech Landfill on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

Small reusable Halloween Trick or Treat bags will be distributed to area preschools the week of October 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Presentations have been scheduled with Mazon, Morris Methodist, Minooka and ICS Preschools.

### **Events:**

Kneller reported the office participated in the GC2 Conference on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at First Christian Church. Green Guides, shopping bags, pizza cutters were distributed to the attendees.

In recognition of America Recycles Day a one day E-Waste and White Goods Collection Event will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Environtech Landfill.

The Gently Used Toy Drive will be held from November 15<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Collection containers will be placed at Coal City Library, Morris Library, Minooka Library, Grundy County Administration Building, Braceville Grade School and White Oak Grade School.

Currently preschools are being contacted to participate in making recycled ornaments to be placed on the ERCO Christmas tree for display in the Grundy County Administration Building.

### **Enforcement:**

Kneller distributed the open burning ordinance to the committee members. The Dobrydnia/Egland enforcement issue has been an ongoing and was forwarded to the State's Attorney Office (SAO) for further action. Bates then advised Kneller to go ahead and send a citing letter to Mr. Dobrydnia. Kneller explained that a previous letter was sent to him explaining to him that although he does have an actual fire pit/incinerator and recognized that he was burning leaves but the ordinance reads that you are only allowed to burn during a certain time. Mr. Dobrydnia contacted Miller and Kneller and was very belligerent in regard to his violation. Bates said if he continues to burn after May 1<sup>st</sup> then the SAO would have to file against him.

### **VIII. New Business**

Chairman Joyce showed the committee members the new recycling stamps that can be purchased at the post office. Miller said a press release will go into the area newspapers this week on composting and to advise the residents that they can purchase compost bins. Miller told the committee that Campbell had found that Quill has an Ink &

Toner Cartridge Recycling Program for Quill cash. Miller said since Watters collects the cartridges for all the county offices, the information was given to him to take advantage of the program.

IX. Old Business

Kneller distributed to the committee members an updated listing of funding opportunities that indicated the status for seeking funding for ERCO educational needs. Kneller met with a representative from Akzo Nobel and future meetings are scheduled with Aux Sable Liquid, Homewood Disposal and Chicago Aerosol. Joyce asked if Lyondell has ever been contacted and suggested contacting Walter Pinto. Kneller said she would contact him and report back to the committee.

Miller said that Campbell had given her a grant notification to assist with recycling projects of plastic, metal, glass and fiber from DCEO for a maximum amount of \$100,000 to \$150,000 for the grant program. Miller will work with Hamilton to see if Animal Control would work for a permanent location for an electronics recycling drop off site and if it would be worthwhile to apply for the grant. Joyce also mentioned in the Host Agreement about the two recycling centers which Republic wants one in the south end and one in the north end of the county.

Chairman Joyce said the City of Morris is reviewing the Host Agreement before it is sent to the County Board. Joyce asked if Larry Clark has reviewed the agreement. Bates said she will send it to him for review.

X. Executive Session

Miller advised the members not to release the minutes of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at this time. Bates advised that there was no need to conduct the review of executive session minutes behind closed doors if the members were in agreement to review the minutes and not discuss the matter in open session. All members were in agreement not to discuss the matter in open session. The only action Miller requested was for a tape from a previously released minutes to be destroyed.

Joyce asked for a motion to destroy Executive Session Tape from August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Balkema motioned and Steele seconded. Motion passed.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Joyce asked for a motion to adjourn. Welter motioned, Balkema seconded. Motion passed.