

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OF JANUARY 15, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M.

Members Present: Frank Halpin, Dick Joyce, Jackie McKinney, Jeremy Ly, Greg Redford and Millie Dyer

Staff Present: Heidi Miller, and Lisa Kneller

Public present: Don Hansen

Location: Grundy County Administration Center, 1320 Union Street, Morris, IL

I. Meeting Called To Order

Dick Joyce called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Everyone was present from the committee including staff and the above listed public representation.

III. Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Jackie McKinney and seconded by Jeremy Ly to approve the December 15th, 2009, minutes. The motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

V. Claims

Joyce asked for a motion to approve the claims. McKinney motioned, Ly seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Executive Session

Joyce asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Ly motioned, Redford seconded.

Roll Call – Joyce, McKinney, Redford, Ly.

Minutes for Executive Session were taken at the beginning of the meeting.

A motion to return to Open Session was made by Redford and seconded by Ly. Motion carried.

VII. Additions to Agenda

Joyce asked if there was anything to add. There was nothing.

VIII. Technician Report

Kneller reported that the office will begin gearing up for the annual TRASHformations competition, stating that they try to time the mailing of the information packets to teachers in relation to when the schools go on Spring break. Once again, the office will reach out to WalMart for support with prizes. The office was careful in purchasing merchandise last fiscal year that would be suitable for prizes. The office is trying to keep prizes educational as well as sustainable.

Kneller reported that the toy drive was successful with close to 95 boxes. Once again, toys were distributed to Chicagoland Rotary, Catholic Charities, First Christian Church of Aurora. Kneller commended Ron Ragan from the Land Use Department for his help in collecting the toys every week. In spite of weather conditions Ron would visit each collection point, gathering toys and bringing them back to the office for packaging. Special Thanks was given to the EMA for giving us space in their garage to store our many boxes of toys, along with Morris Rehab and Healthcare for sanitizing our plush toys. Coal City Police Department also provided the collection with bikes.

The department will be participating in the Grundy County Chamber Home Health Expo on Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 9am – 1pm at the Morris Community High School District 101 Rec Center. The office will be displaying the Earthmachine Compost Bin that we are currently selling for \$50.00, as well as distributing 2010 Green Guides, and passing out our recycled pizza cutters and other informational pieces.

Once again, the Land Use Department will be participating in the nineteenth annual Environmental Fair. This year's fair will be held on Saturday, March 13th (one week later than its normal first Saturday of the month scheduled time) from 10am – 3pm at the Minooka High School – South Campus. Not only is this an excellent opportunity for the Land Use Department to educate residents on the roles of Planning, Building and Zoning and Solid Waste, but an great time to network with other businesses and organizations.

Waste Hauler license applications have been mailed out. Waste Haulers are required by the County to be licensed annually.

The department has been working together with township road commissioners, county highway and the sheriff's department to develop a plan to preserve county roads during road posting time. A plan has been created and committee members were given the opportunity to look at the County map that indicated where smaller trucks will run and where containers will be placed. Kneller further explained how and where containers are placed. Chairman Halpin shared how commissioners determined whether or not they would allow small trucks to run or go with containers. Halpin has asked for the Solid Waste Office to be involved in the process so that the County has better communication with waste haulers and residents. Halpin reiterated that the ultimate goal is to preserve our County roads. Committee Chairman Joyce felt like progress has been made by working together, but that coordination and communication is key. Kneller explained that the road commissioners will communicate with Craig as to when they feel the plan should be enacted, Craig will then contact the Sheriff's Department and the Solid Waste Office, then Kneller in the SW Office will contact the Waste Haulers.

Kneller explained the Reverse 911 process with committee members and the need to have one point person for both road commissioners and waste haulers. Kneller also shared that she and Dick Joyce will be on WJDK on Wednesday morning to discuss the process. The office will be using WJDK to publicize updates and changes that happen with the plan.

IX. Old Business

Kneller shared the new name of the office will be the Environmental and Resource Conservation Office or ERCO.

Joyce asked for a motion to adopt the name. Dyer moved to adopt the name, McKinney seconded. Motions passed.

X. Adjournment

Joyce asked for a motion adjournment. Redford motioned, Ly seconded. Motion passed.