

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 12, 2010**

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

Members Present: Dick Joyce, Jackie McKinney, Jeremy Ly, and Millie Dyer

Staff Present: Lisa Kneller, Susan Bates, SAO

Public present: Jim Allen, Environtech, Inc., Myron Brick, Sustainable Infrastructures, Bob Krause, Dick Kopczick, Mayor, City of Morris

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 Millie Dyer and seconded by Jeremy Ly to approve the January 15, 2010, 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. Additions to Agenda

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

VII. Technician's Report

Kneller updated the committee on progress with TRASHformations, reminding members that applications will be distributed soon. She stated that one teacher from Coal City Elementary has already contacted her regarding the contest.

Kneller shared that Campbell and Miller represented the department at the annual Grundy County Home and Health Expo on Saturday, January 30th, at the District 101 Rec Center. Campbell and Miller distributed 2010 Green Guides, as well as, sharing information about composting. The office is anticipating its next event, the 2010 Grundy County Environmental Fair that will be held at Minooka High School – South Campus on Saturday, March 13th from 10am – 3pm. This is the Fair's 19th year, as it showcases the services that are provided to residents around the County. The office will be distributing information on recycling, as well showcasing a new educational tool, the Human Power Generator.

Finally, Kneller updated the committee on the status of the County Road Posting Project. Beginning Monday, February 15th, waste haulers will be unable to travel certain posted roads across the County. Permits and maps have been finalized and dumpsters will be placed in designated locations. Recycling

containers will also be placed at Saratoga Township Hall and 310 DuPont Road. The Reverse 911 calls will be dropped this weekend.

VIII. New Business

Myron Brick and Bob Krause, representatives from Sustainable Infrastructures (SI2) presented a resolution to the committee outlining their proposal to create a waste gasification plant to sustain an ancillary business in urban agriculture. The committee was presented a copy of said resolution in their monthly committee packets of information. Brick went on the share that it would require 200 tons a day of waste to run a 2 ½ million pound a year shrimp farm. Furthermore, Brick stated that while he has found individuals willing to finance his project, he is at the County because he is aware that there is the possibility of a potential expansion at the landfill.

Brick provided members with more history concerning the amount of initial capital investment needed, \$40 million dollars with a possibility of 150 farms. Currently, there are two models of financing opportunities; Public and Private. Brick stated that if the County Board endorses his efforts by signing the resolution, it will bring forth financing efforts.

Susan Bates, Assistant State's Attorney, acknowledged Brick's efforts, however, questioned the resolution document and why the County is named as "borrower" within the language of the document. Bates explained that the way the resolution currently reads, is unacceptable and could not be further considered by the County. Brick went on to state that Bates is not aware of what the finance company is actually looking for, and that in fact Brick is seeking an endorsement from the County that they would support the business, should financing be made available.

Bates explained to Brick the importance of being careful with the resolution and the weight that it carries with the existing language. Bates restated that several questions will need to be answered before the County and its board can even consider the resolution.

Dick Joyce asked Brick if this is a pollution control device. Brick stated that yes it would be and why this type of business would be helpful, especially in this economic climate.

Brick went on to explain that in order to produce 2 ½ million pounds of shrimp, they would use 1 million gallons of water. He stated that this model is highly economic and is done independent of fossil fuels.

Bates recommended that Brick provide the committee with more information on the documents mentioned within the resolution; Escrow Agreements and Schedule 1, as well as go through other County committees. Joyce explained what his position on this resolution would be at this time and how the County doesn't want to be financially responsible for this venture. Joyce explained for the resolution to even be considered it would have to go through several more committees. Joyce shared that the City of Morris is sending a letter to Senator Dick Durbin stating that they are supporting Brick's efforts and would support the business.

Jackie McKinney left meeting at 6:15pm.

Brick explained one other reason as to why they are heading in this direction and that it is that they are going to present the public with the concept and felt it would be good public relations for the County Board to be part of this prior to announcement. Brick asked how we can get to this position.

Joyce answered Brick's question by recommending they go in front of the Planning and Zoning Committee. He agreed with Bates, that there would be several more committee who would need to be part of the process, but overall, the board would be receptive to the concept in general.

Bates stated that drafting a resolution that states the County supports the concept in Grundy County would be acceptable, however, the board can't be in the position to pre-approve anything. She explained to Brick that it is the role of the County Board to represent the residents of the County and their needs.

Bates recommended that Brick reconsider how he handles the approval process and that before any more steps or consideration can be taken; a new resolution with said suggestions would need to be drafted, as well as providing a lot more information. Once suggested changes have been made Brick will contact the committee for further consideration.

IX. Old Business

No old business to be discussed at this time.

X. Executive Session

Joyce asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Executive Session minutes Dyer motioned, Ly seconded.

Roll Call – Richard Joyce, Millie Dyer, Jeremy Ly, Susan Bates, Lisa Kneller.

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

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

Joyce asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes from 8.17.2009 and 1.15.2010. Ly motioned, Dyer seconded. Motion passed.

Joyce asked for a motion to release Executive Session Minutes from 8.17.2009. Ly motioned, Dyer seconded. Motion passed.

Joyce asked for a motion to destroy Executive Session Tapes from 2.26.2008 and 6.24.2008. Ly motioned, Dyer seconded. Motion passed.

XI. Adjournment

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