

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

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

Members Present: Dick Joyce, Jackie McKinney, Millie Dyer and Greg Redford

Committee Members Absent: Jeremy Ly

County Board Members Present: Frank Halpin

Staff Present: Dan Duffy, Heidi Miller, Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney, and Karen Campbell

Public present: None

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

Four members were present from the committee including the above listed staff.

III. Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Millie Dyer and seconded by Greg Redford to approve the February 12th, 2010, minutes. The motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

Dick Joyce asked if there was any public comment and there was none.

V. Claims

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

VI. Additions to Agenda

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

VII. Technician Report

Miller briefed the committee members that Kneller did presentations at Coal City Elementary School for approximately 360 children and distributed recycling information and each child received a pencil, Earth Day bracelet, and Environmental Super Hero sticker. Upcoming recycling presentations will be given to the Morris Cub Scout Pack, Morris Women's Club and Grundy County HCE. Miller asked committee members to take time before the April 19th meeting to assist in judging of our annual TRASHformations contest. All libraries have committed to display the winning entries from the area schools in those towns.

Miller reported that the Grundy County ERCO participated in the annual Grundy County Environmental Fair on March 13th, 2010, at the Minooka High School South Campus. Pizza cutters, pencils, rain gauges, recycled plastic flower pots, flower seeds, compost buckets, bookmarks, coloring books, crayons, Green Guides and other helpful information on properly disposing of items were distributed to residents. The Human Power Generator and 12V DC Educational Light Box was a big attraction with the children and adults along with the vermicomposting worms. A resident that attended the Environmental Fair came into the office today and purchased a compost bin.

Miller stated that the office received one complaint today regarding the County Road Postings from a resident of Goodfarm Township that he wasn't notified from Waste Management and he didn't receive a 911 reverse call, doesn't receive a newspaper nor listens to the local radio and questioned why his recyclables weren't being picked up. The resident contacted Waste Management and they told him that it was the county's responsibility to send out their letter. The resident is going to take his recyclables to the DuPont Road site for disposal. Miller said she would let Kneller know so she can follow up with Waste Management. Otherwise, the process is going smoothly and a follow up meeting will be held afterwards to debrief so we can improve.

Dick Joyce commented the only problem seems to be that the recycle bins at DuPont Road get filled and Kneller has to call Allied to get them dumped.

Frank Halpin commented that it was a good thing that the recycling bins on DuPont Road and Saratoga Township were being used frequently by the residents.

VIII. New Business

Dan Duffy commented on a letter sent from the City of Morris that the requested 2009 amount for the County to fund the Office of Solid Waste was \$67,230.00 down from the previous year of \$81,312.00 but due to the landfill ramping down the actual amount will be approximately \$57,000.00 that the County will receive.

IX. Old Business

Dick Joyce said he spoke with Myron Brick from Sustainable Infrastructures (S12) and he asked if the County would put a letter together in support of their operation so they could obtain financing. Joyce said Susan Bates, Assistant State's Attorney said if he receives the financing that he would like to develop in the City of Morris and unincorporated Grundy County. Joyce said the County would have to do the citing authority of it so we really can't come out and say we are all for it. Joyce said that we can say that we think the concept for it is a good idea, environmentally sound and could provide jobs and industry for an increased tax base. Joyce said basically the letter states that this business wants to come into our County and Mr. Brick is looking for federal money in the form of a grant to fund the project. Joyce will check with the City of Morris to see what they are doing if they sent their letter already or the status of it. Joyce said he was basically looking for the committee's approval to give the County Board Chairman permission to send a letter in support to Senator Durbin. A motion was made by Greg Redford and seconded by Jackie McKinney to give approval to the County Board Chairman to send a letter in support to Senator Durbin. The motion carried.

X. Executive Session

Joyce asked if there was any reason to have an executive session. There was not.

XI. Adjournment

Joyce asked for a motion adjournment. Greg Redford motioned, and Millie Dyer seconded. Motion passed.