

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OF MAY 17, 2010**

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Greg Redford and Jackie McKinney

County Board Members Present: Frank Halpin

Staff Present: Lisa Kneller 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

Three members were present from the committee, Grundy County Board Chairman Halpin and the above listed staff.

III. Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Millie Dyer and seconded by Jeremy Ly to approve the April 19th, 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. Ly motioned, Dyer seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Additions to Agenda

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

VII. Technician Report

Kneller reported that Earth Day/Week presentations were very successful with reaching 450 individuals in schools, Morris Women's Club, Kiwanis Club, and Grundy County HCE. Items that have been previously purchased were used for teaching tools in the schools such as DVD's, recycled products tool kit, and green talk cards. Looking ahead to the academic year 2010/2011, the office is anticipating ordering more teaching aides to create a traveling recycling education kit that can be checked out to teachers for a couple of weeks. Some teachers don't have time to have a speaker come into their classrooms and this would allow the office to reach out to those schools without being in the classroom. Joyce felt this was a good idea. Kneller said ongoing plans are for teaching about groundwater and wind farms for additional educational programs.

Kneller said the Electronics/White Goods Collection will be June 18th, 2010, for businesses and June 19th, 2010, for residential drop off at Environtech Landfill. Canvassing of the businesses, schools, churches, villages and cities in Grundy County have been completed. A newspaper ad advertising the event will run in the Coal City Courant the week before the event and utilizing the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry for further coverage. Dyer asked about advertising in the Morris Daily Herald and Kneller said the office is limited on funds in the budget. Chairman Halpin suggested contacting Christina Chapman from the Morris Daily Herald to write up an article on the event. Kneller said in 2012 there will be a complete ban on landfills taking such items as computers and electronics products.

Kneller reported on the enforcement issues at both 1265 Susan Circle and 5710 Whitetie Road. Letters were sent out notifying the residents of the deadline for cleanup of the property. The owner of the Whitetie Road property contacted the office and another week has been extended to have the property cleaned up.

VIII. New Business

Kneller said with the legislation changing on the collection of electronics, Miller had suggested that we should have a written agreement with Vintage Tech Recyclers rather than a verbal agreement as in the past years. Karrie Gibson, owner of Vintage Tech Recyclers sent a generic agreement and both Miller and Susan Bates, Assistant State's Attorney reviewed the agreement and made changes. Kneller said we are looking for a motion to send the agreement to the full County Board and that Miller will present at the next County Board meeting. Dyer made a motion to send the agreement to the full County Board with a positive recommendation at the June meeting. Ly questioned under Section 1. (c) "Why is it stated small household appliances will be accepted but not advertised to residents"? Kneller said microwave ovens and some of the smaller household appliances based on their parts and plastic are more costly for them to process as opposed to their standard practices of dismantling them. Vintage Tech will still take the items, but if you get 50 microwaves it will end of costing Vintage Tech Recyclers more money to process. Ly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IX. Old Business

Joyce asked about the pilot program for batteries. Kneller said the office is still collecting batteries throughout the Administration Building and the program will pick up more when the Environmental Health Department continues it mosquito abatement program. The cost of the battery bucket was \$79.00 for one 55 lb. bucket. Kneller said there is a need, but with the higher cost she can check the budget for the office and get back to the committee about opening the program up to the public. Chairman Halpin said he didn't want to start and stop a program and he felt this is something that needs to be looked at even if money needs to be put in the budget for this program.

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. Ly motioned, and Dyer seconded. Motion passed.