

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
OF JULY 19, 2010**

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

Members Present: Dick Joyce, and Millie Dyer

Committee Members Absent: Jeremy Ly and Greg Redford

County Board Members Present: Frank Halpin

Staff Present: Susan Bates, Assistant State's Attorney, Dan Duffy, Heidi Miller, Karen Campbell and Lauren Galloway, Intern

Public present: Jim Allen, Environtech, Inc.

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**

Two members were present from the committee along with Chairman Halpin, and the above listed staff.

**III. Minutes Approval**

A motion was made by Halpin and seconded by Dyer to approve the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 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. Dyer motioned, Halpin seconded. Motion passed.

**VI. Additions to Agenda**

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

**VII. Technician Report**

Miller introduced Lauren Galloway, Summer Intern, to the committee members. Galloway briefed the members that she is currently working on opportunities to improve education, awareness and recycling for the Trashformation Contest, improve the library for schools. She is also working on grants from Jewel and other local opportunities. Miller stated that she is doing an excellent job working on Tuesdays and Thursdays and also helping out the Grundy County Administrator. Duffy said she has been proofing the Risk Management Plan and budget editing.

Miller reported that Kneller and Campbell have been collecting a lot of information on wind farms and turbines, dvd's, and coloring books and educational materials to get geared up as part of the educational component for the 2010 and 2011 school year. A kit to construct a wind turbine and generate electricity was also purchased for a teaching tool. Miller said the Lady Landowner tour was well received with a lot of interesting comments and Kneller is working on the landfill tours with area schools for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This is always well received with the school children and they learn a lot about the landfill and how it is monitored. Miller discussed the summary for the Electronics/White Goods Event that was recently held was well represented by the businesses and the public. Miller discussed the listing for the Abitibi-Bowater Recycling bins that are in jeopardy of being removed due to low volume of paper being collected. In an effort to assist these businesses who have low numbers, Kneller will be on People are Talking radio show to bring awareness to these recycling bins along with drafting a press release in the area newspapers. In addition, Abitibi is starting a new program for businesses to collect their recycling (paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and aluminum cans). There will be a cost to collect multiple source recycling, but paper collection will still be collected at no charge.

Miller said no other complaints were received regarding the 1265 Susan Circle property and the property at 3340 Center Street, Braceville Township, also has been cleaned up.

Joyce said he was pleased with the turnout for Electronic Recycling Event.

Chairman Halpin asked about the battery recycling if plans are being made to collect the batteries. Miller said that Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney, has reviewed the agreement between Battery Plus and the County and the one thing that needs to be added is to include the Sheriff's Department and Highway so we are collecting from all three buildings and would be a year agreement free of charge. It just needs to be modified and brought back at the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, meeting. Halpin suggested talking to Alderman Don Hansen to see if the City of Morris can provide any additional help to fund this collection.

Miller said at the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, meeting Kneller will present a draft for Open Burning. Currently Kneller is looking at the different counties adjacent to Grundy County to make sure that it is consistent but also to consider that the reason we put it into the Solid Waste Plan because of areas like Goose Lake area where open burning is being done.

Jim Allen, Site Manager, Environtech Landfill said that the landfill will again have an Open House on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the landfill.

#### **VIII. New Business**

Joyce asked if there was any new business. There was none.

#### **IX. Old Business**

Joyce asked if there was any old business. There was none.

#### **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. Dyer motioned, and Halpin seconded. Motion passed.