

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2010**

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Greg Redford

County Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Dan Duffy, Susan Bates, Assistant State's Attorney, Heidi Miller, 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

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

III. Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Ly to approve the August 16th, 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, Olson seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Additions to Agenda

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

VII. Technician Report

Kneller gave presentations at Coal City Intermediate School 4th grade using the enviroscape model and talking about recycling. 175 children were given recycled newsprint pencils, tattoos and stickers at the conclusion of the program. The 4th grade is also conducting a big recycling program with plastic bottles. ERCO will supply the winning class with aluminum water bottles and Kneller will present those to the winning class.

Kneller will be a presence at South Wilmington on a monthly basis throughout the year at their Accelerated Reading Program by supplying the school with educational materials, bulletin board items and reusable shopping bags for the kids to share with their parents. Their goal is "One Goal, One

Dream, Go Green". One of the rewards for the children in October is a pajama party and the children who have reached so many points will be eligible for this party. Kneller will be showing the Elmo Goes Green dvd to the children. Once we've completed the school year and tried various curriculums, Kneller will be able to package the program and promote it with other schools.

Walk to School Day will be held this year at Coal City Elementary School on October 6th, 2010. Mr. Johnson, his faculty and 330 students will be participating. A nutritious breakfast will be provided along with walking safety, health benefits and environmental impacts. GC Soil & Water Conservation District, GC Farm Bureau and ERCO will all co-sponsor this event.

Kneller said she is presently working with Dwight Farber from Horizon Wind Energy and a plan has been given to him to pass on to the communications department for review on how the wind farm tours will be executed. Plans are being made to conduct tours along with pre-tour education and post-tour education in the individual classroom. The schools have responded positively to the tours with all nine schools wanting to participate in some way.

Kneller will be attending the ILCSWMA 18th Annual Conference held at Starved Rock Lodge. The keynote speaker will be Allison Keane from American Coatings Association discussing paint product stewardship.

Miller and Kneller met with Toni Rockis, President of Granted to discuss grant writing opportunities for both departments and Rockis provided some good tips and advice. Rockis has agreed to do research for future funding opportunities. Rockis is currently working with Morris School District #54 on green initiatives at the school and she is looking to form a task force committee for grant opportunities and in the future ERCO could possibly have some involvement in that.

VIII. New Business

Joyce said he read in the newspaper that Kendall County had joined a water study group. About a month ago, Joyce and Chairman Halpin had attended a meeting with representatives from Kankakee, Will and Grundy Counties that are interested into tapping into the Kankakee River to provide a source of water for some of the smaller communities. Joyce gave a brief overview of this meeting. Miller acknowledged this study, Joyce states that he would bring this to the attention of the Planning & Zoning committee as well.

IX. Old Business

Kneller presented a draft for an Open Burning Ordinance. Bates said the way this ordinance is set up some burning is okay and some are not. Bates said if you are on agricultural property or AR property you can burn, and it takes away from the nuisance ordinance. Questions were raised about various burning issues by the committee members. Ly questioned how many residents this ordinance would effect. Miller said it was a small percentage. The Goose Lake area seems to have the most complaints of burning. Miller said two things that should be incorporated in the ordinance is that materials have to be dry such as dry grass or shrubbery and saying that any and all burning in unincorporated areas of the county currently zoned as R (residential) zoning which then we are not including anything that is commercial and industrial. Joyce advised the committee members to study the ordinance that was presented and give Kneller or Miller your comments before the October meeting. Ly asked Kneller to contact some of the residents of Goose Lake and have them come to the next meeting.

Joyce said he received a letter from the IEPA that he gave a copy to both Miller and Kneller regarding the Lyondell-Basell gypsum pile and they received a permit from the IEPA.

X. Executive Session

Bates advised that there was no need to conduct the review of executive session minutes behind closed doors and also advised not to release the minutes of January 15th, 2010 at this time.

Joyce asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes from January 15th, 2010 and February 12th, 2010. Dyer motioned and Ly seconded. Motion carried.

Joyce asked for a motion to release Executive Session Minutes from February 12th, 2010. Ly motioned and Dyer seconded. Motion carried.

Joyce asked for a motion to destroy Executive Session Tapes from August 26th, 2008. Ly motioned and Dyer seconded. Motion carried.

XI. Adjournment

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

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