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**GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 15, 2010**

I. Meeting called to order

Meeting was called to order promptly at 4:30 PM.

II. Roll call

In attendance: Chairman Joyce, Dick Olson, Millie Dyer, Jeremy Ly
Staff in attendance: Dan Duffy, Susan Bates, Lisa Kneller, Karen
Campbell, Heidi Miller
Public: Jim Allen (Environtech Landfill)

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Joyce asked the committee for a motion to approve the October 18th meeting minutes. Olson motion, Dyer seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Claims –

Chairman Joyce asked the committee to review the claims and to motion them. Ly motioned, Olson seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Additions to agenda

Chairman Joyce asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Kneller and Miller both stated that there were no additions to the agenda.

VII. Technician's Report

Kneller summarized her technician report by telling the committee about the Environtech Landfill tour and how the classes enjoyed the tour. She thanked Allen at the meeting and stated that they always provide technical support for the tour and gifts for the children. Kneller continued by stating that the monthly education at the South Wilmington classes is ongoing. She said this month that they provided movies for the kids and a

presentation to help them grasp the concepts. The Growth Conference this year the department was represented and Kneller was on a panel that discussed making green choices in regard to the lighting and heating of homes. Kneller announced that the electronic event on Saturday the 13th of November was good and provided a good indication of what media sources are best for advertising and also which areas are participating in the county. She stated that there were 83 residents that came through the event and that they were able to fill one truck from Vintage Tech with electronics. Kneller stated that the toy drive is started and mentioned which groups would be receiving the gently used toys. The recycled ornament tree will be set up this Friday and ornaments will be picked up from the preschools. Each class will be read a recycling book too that will help those children to grasp the 'green' concepts that our office emphasizes. Kneller explained the contract that was approved by the County Board for Batteries Plus and how that company would not be able to fulfill their contract responsibilities. Therefore the office purchased 20 battery buckets for recycling efforts and how these would be offered in our building once a month with one bucket for use by employees back in the office. Kneller also stated that she would like to see if the City of Morris may want to sponsor this recycling effort as well. As this recycling will be promoted, we may need to purchase more buckets through the year as the need arises. Kneller stated that she would be starting this project starting in the beginning of the year.

VIII. New Business

Approval of 2011 Meeting Dates and Time – Duffy stated that he would like to have this calendar of dates considered for the December meeting based on the changing of the committees at that time. Chairman Joyce stated that he would like to revisit this for December based on those comments.

IX. Old Business

Open Burning Ordinance –

The committee reviewed the ordinance as it was added as an additional section to the Nuisance Ordinance. Bates suggested that this was the best place to add this topic. There was further discussion on whether this ordinance was creating a 'no-burn' requirement for the County and whether agricultural would be exempt. Miller stated that ag properties would be exempt and this will allow for burning in the County but with regulations such that it will not be aggravating for adjacent neighbors. Further discussion occurred between Olson and Halpin in regard to the problems that they have faced with people burning and negatively impacting corn fields that are in close proximity. There was question on enforcement. Kneller and Miller stated that during the working hours of the office that Kneller would go and investigate any complaints and that the Sheriff's department would be enforcing this ordinance at other times. There was discussion on outdoor fireplaces. Bates stated that these facilities are exempt from the ordinance. Dyer asked how the enforcement would be in regard to fines. Bates stated that like any other nuisance infringement would be between \$20 to \$50/day depending on the judgment. Olson asked if there were a lot of complaints. Kneller stated that depending on the time of year we have more than 4 to 5 a month. Kneller stated that this ordinance will help in enforcement on burning with landscape waste where there have been issues with neighbor problems. Olson asked if there should be any changes for the distance between the crops and the open burning (based on fire concerns). There was

clarification on the distance as twenty feet from any property line. Chairman Joyce suggested to the committee that they could either table the ordinance and rediscuss or forward this to the County Board for their consideration. Olson motioned, Joyce seconded. Motion carried.

Battery Recycling – Previously discussed under Technicians report.

X. Adjournment

Chairman Joyce thanked the committee and stated that a lot had been accomplished and thanked everyone for their input.

Ly motioned, Dyer seconded. Motion approved.

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