

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OF JANUARY 22, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M.

Members Present: Terry Pfaff, John Almer, Dick Steele, and Ron Severson

Also present: Frank Halpin, Heidi Miller, Lisa Kneller, and Karen Campbell

Public present: Jim Allen, Environtech, Inc.

Location: Grundy County Administration Center, 1320 Union Street, Morris, IL

A motion was made by Ron Severson and seconded by John Almer to approve the November 27th, 2007 minutes. The motion carried.

There was no public comment.

The committee reviewed the claims for the Office of Solid Waste Management. A motion was made by Ron Severson and seconded by Dick Steele to approve the claims as presented. The motion carried.

Additions to Agenda

Kneller discussed the meetings held with Township officials, Waste Haulers, and County Officials regarding the posting of township roads for load limits and garbage pickup. John Almer questioned the implementation of the plan and protecting county roads. Kneller stated that letters will be sent out by the Sheriff to Waste Haulers and a reverse 911 system will be implemented for residents. This has also been a good resource for communicating with Township officials to help them discard of items thrown off in ditches so they may properly dispose of them.

Lisa Kneller, Solid Waste Technician gave the monthly report on the following:

- The gently used/new Toy Drive was a success with over 100 boxes collected and distributed to various organizations in and around the county. Plans have been secured for the next collection later this year, to supply new toys collected to the children hospitalized in the Pediatric Unit at the Morris Hospital, as well as continuing to provide toys to our regular charities.
- Attended the GCSWCD Ag Breakfast and discussed with the group what the Grundy County Solid Waste Department provides in recycling programs and educational programming and opportunities.
- Attended the ILCSWMA Regional Board meeting on December 6th, 2007, along with representatives from Kendall and Will counties. This has provided a good networking opportunity with regional members. There has been discussion between Grundy, Kendall and Will for possible tri-county participation with events.
- Appeared on the Dick Steele radio show on December 16th, 2007, and gave recognition from the gently used/new Toy Drive and discussed the placement of the new recycling containers at the Grundy County Courthouse and Grundy County Administration Center. It

was discussed that the next appearance on the radio show to open up the lines to enable residents to call in with questions.

- On January 14th, 2008, Terry Pfaff, John Almer, Heidi Miller, Lisa Kneller and Karen Campbell toured the Allied Waste Corporate Offices and C & D site in Joliet. It was a very informative tour and plans will be made to tour the new more sophisticated site being built in Chicago at a later date to include all the environmental committee members. John Almer asked Jim Allen, Site Manager, for Environtech Landfill, Inc., if they receive any of the construction debris at the Morris site. He stated that they occasionally receive lumber that is shredded and they use it for road base for their trucks.
- Spoke at Braceville Elementary School to students on the importance of recycling over the holidays. On December 20th, 2007, Erienna School was recognized by Wal-Mart for collecting the most plastic bags and the students celebrated with a Pizza Party provided by Wal-Mart.
- The Grundy County Green Teen Conference will be held on April 17th, 2008, with a green theme this year. Will work with Paula Goodwin on organizing and creating workshops. The Solid Waste Department will provide information on recycling statistics and conduct a mini Trashformations contest among the students. A waste free lunch will be held and plastic water bottles will be collected for recycling. This will be an excellent networking opportunity for the Solid Waste Department.
- The enforcement case issue at 5710 Whitetie Road has been closed. The responsible property owner has removed the materials from the burn pile.

Under New Business, Kneller presented the events schedule for the upcoming year. Chairman Terry Pfaff questioned what disposal arrangements can be made for pesticide containers that are not empty. This will be researched before the next committee meeting. A motion to approve the upcoming schedule of events for the Grundy County Office of Solid Waste Management was made by John Almer and seconded by Dick Steele. The motion carried.

Under Old Business, Kneller stated that the recycling containers have been placed in front of the Grundy County Courthouse and the Grundy County Administration Building. The materials collected from the recycling containers will be transferred to barrels provided by Cardinal Recycling and when full they will remove for recycling.

Kneller distributed the upcoming meeting dates for the Grundy County Solid Waste Update and informed the committee that all the meetings will be at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Terry Pfaff noted that John Galloway is the Chairman for the Solid Waste Update committee.

Miller discussed that she has worked with Susan Bates, Assistant State's Attorney, to modify the current Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Morris. Three changes have been made based on the host agreement with Environtech Landfill. Miller asked the committee members to review the document and provide input at the February 26th, 2008, Environmental Committee meeting. Once the committee has approved the document, it will be forwarded to Susan Bates for review prior to sending it to the City of Morris for their input. It was discussed that all waste haulers will need to provide quarterly reports regarding recycling figures for Grundy County to see if progress is being made in recycling program and also large companies.

A motion was made by John Almer and seconded by Dick Steele to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried. The next meeting of the Environmental Affairs Committee will be February 26th, 2008 at 8:30 A.M.

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