## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2008

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

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

Also present: Richard Joyce, Dan Duffy, Heidi Miller, Lisa Kneller, and Karen Campbell and

Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney

Public present: Jim Allen, Environtech, Inc., Randy Salmich, Allied Waste of Joliet, Eric

Dippon, Allied Waste of Joliet

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

A motion was made by John Almer and seconded by Dick Steele to approve the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 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 John Almer and seconded by John Galloway to approve the claims as presented. The motion carried.

## **Additions to Agenda**

There were none.

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

- Along with Linda Slabaugh, of Allied Waste, spoke at the Grundy County Chamber luncheon regarding recycling options for business owners and how to become a better recycler. Representatives from local waste hauling companies were also in attendance.
- Twelve schools are participating in the "Trashformations" contest this year, while in the past only four schools participated. Attributes this to e-mailing information packets to all area teachers along with mailing to schools on different color paper to draw attention more easily. Wal-Mart has committed to the prizes for all first place winners in contest. Ron Severson asked if any area art teachers would be interested in judging the contest, instead of the Environmental Committee members. Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney, offered the help of her husband, who is the Curator for Sculptured Art at Governor's State University to judge the entries. Terry Pfaff asked if some of the waste haulers could help fund some of the prizes. After the contest, winners would be honored at the Grundy County Board meeting in May with representation from the waste haulers.
- Conduct a recycling presentation at Minooka Junior High on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, and will be working with the school on how to begin to implement a recycling program within the school.

- Will be presenting at the Grundy County Teen Conference and the Coal City Elementary Career Fair, 4<sup>th</sup> grade on recycling and waste. John Groen from Allied Waste will have a recycling truck for the children to observe.
- Will partner with the Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District to conduct "recycling relays" with the Coal City Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade physical education students and have them sort recyclables to encourage the children to recycle.
- Licensure of some of the waste haulers has been a continuing issue. Upon meeting with Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney, it was suggested sending out a letter certified mail to the haulers that are in noncompliance. The one waste hauler who has only remitted money for the license, but not for the vehicle registration component of the application, their check will be returned and their license denied. The waste hauler has the right to appeal and a committee of three people from the Environmental Committee would need to be formed for the hearing process.

Under New Business there was none.

Under Old Business, Miller presented the recommendations from the steering committee and from the workshop committee; the eight changes to the Solid Waste Plan Five Year Update were discussed. The recommendations will now go back to the steering committee. A motion was made by John Almer and seconded by Dick Steele to make a positive recommendation to include the eight changes to the steering committee for the Solid Waste Plan Five Year Update. On roll call, Ayes, Terry Pfaff, John Almer, Dick Steele, and John Galloway. Total Ayes, four. Nays, Ron Severson. Total Nays, one. The motion carried.

Susan Bates discussed that the Intergovernmental Agreement will be sent to the City of Morris, after a few changes with dates in the document.

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 March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 at 8:30 A.M.