

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OF MAY 27, 2008**

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

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Dick Steele and seconded by Ron Severson to approve the April 22nd, 2008 minutes with the amended changes discussed regarding the last sentence, the date should reflect May 27th, instead of May 28th. 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

There were none.

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

- Discussed that Wal-Mart donated \$470.00 worth of Wal-Mart gift cards, Lyondell-Bassell donated \$500.00 to be used towards the purchase of McDonald's gift cards for each participant who made it to the County level, Allied Waste donated 8 sport backpacks and Maria's Restaurant donated 10 XL pizzas for pizza parties in the classrooms of our "team winners" for the Trashformations contest. John Galloway asked that thank you notes get sent to all the establishments that donated to the Trashformations Contest. The overall winners will be honored at the June 10th County Board Meeting.
- Waste Expo was a great experience and was very informative. Thanked the committee for having the opportunity to be able to attend.
- Approximately 100 residents took advantage of the E-Waste Collection Event at Environtech Landfill on May 10th, 2008. 20,367 lbs. of electronics were collected in this one event, while the totals for the entire last year were 24,500 lbs. Thank you letters will be mailed out to all volunteers and Environtech Landfill for the use of their facility.
- 225 tires were collected from municipalities and townships on May 16th, 2008, at the County Agency Tire Collection Event.
- The IEPA Public Tire Collection Event will be held at Morris Community High School on July 25th and July 26th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This year the IEPA has restricted that "NO BUSINESSES" will be allowed to participate and a 200 tire limit drop off. Ron

Severson had asked if the public can take tires for their personal use and more information will be sought regarding this issue. Ron Severson suggested for 2009 to conduct one total tire event for public, townships and municipalities instead of having two separate collection events.

- Plans are being made with the Department of Agriculture to conduct a “Pesticide Container Recycling Program” to be held at Mazon Grainco FS in August 2008. More information will be discussed as a date is assigned and more plans are finalized.

Under New Business, Kneller sought a positive recommendation from the committee to send the approval form to Facilities to place a small box in the Office of Solid Waste Management to collect household batteries. The office is trying to establish a recycling program with Elite Energy Distribution, who will collect the batteries for no charge and then recycle. After the boxes are received at Elite Energy they will provide poundage figures to the Solid Waste Office. The committee recommended that the request be forwarded to the Facilities Committee for approval. Collection boxes have been placed at the Morris Public Library, Coal City Public Library, Coal City Village Hall and Gardner Village Hall thus far and also at the Office of Solid Waste Management after Facilities approval.

Preparations are being made for a tour of the Nu-Way Recycling Transfer Station in Homewood, and if any of the committee members are interested to notify Kneller and provide availability dates. It was decided that arrangements would be made for June 26th, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

Kneller presented the two breakdown options in placing a container for collecting cardboard behind the Grundy County Administration Building. A recommendation to move the request to Facilities Committee to place a cardboard recycling container behind the Grundy County Administration Building was made by John Galloway and seconded by Ron Severson. The motion carried. The objective is to futuristically reduce the garbage consumption and increase the recycling collection. If this program is a success, the possibility of later introducing a co-mingle bin would be reviewed.

Under Old Business, Miller discussed that Chapters 1-4 were reviewed at the Solid Waste Steering Committee meeting, and for committee members to review their packets and report back with any changes as soon as possible. The next Chapter will be implementation for the next five years.

Kneller stated that Scott Belt has reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement and forwarded it to the City of Morris Health and Sanitation Committee for review. He thought that the language read automatic renewable unless within 90 days there was a contest to the document. Miller will seek legal advice with the State’s Attorney office regarding the automatic renewal of the agreement.

A motion was made by Ron Severson and seconded by Dick Steele to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried.