

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OF JUNE 24, 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: Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney, Heidi Miller, Lisa Kneller, and Karen Campbell

Public present: Randy Salmich, 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 May 27th, 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 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:

- Partnered Wal-Mart with Gardner Elementary School to work together to implement a recycling program and provide large recycling containers for teachers and students at the school to recycle workbooks, papers, notebook paper, etc.
- Plans are being formulated again this year to implement a second Walk to School Day on October 8th, 2008, with Braceville Elementary, South Wilmington Grade School and Immaculate Conception School. Currently, the planning committee is seeking sponsorship of the program and donations from local businesses for healthy snacks and giveaways for the students.
- On July 25th and 26th, 2008, the IEPA Public Tire Collection Event will be held at Morris Community High School from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Plans have been made for the City of Morris Public Works Department to sweep the parking lot after the event. It was suggested that a sign be placed at the entrance stating for Public Only. At this time volunteers are being sought to work the event.
- On August 8th, 2008, a Pesticide Container Recycling Event will be held at the Mazon Grainco FS from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The Department of Agriculture will send two to three people to conduct the event. Only 2 ½ gallon max size clean, dry high density polyethylene (HDPE) #2 plastic agrichemical containers will be taken.
- The only enforcement issue at this time is at 5005 East Minooka Road where a trash dumpster was overflowing with garbage. A certified letter was sent to the owner and the

renter who is currently occupying the residence. A compliance date of July 1st, 2008 was given for the trash to be removed. One letter is now being sent in coordination along with Land Use and Solid Waste stating the issues on property violations with a dual signature at the bottom of the letter rather than multiple letters.

Under New Business, Kneller discussed that the Household Battery Collection program is running smoothly. As the department receives information on poundage collected from the collection sites from Energy Elite Distribution, the information will be reported at future meetings.

Kneller reminded the committee members that the tour to the Nu-Way Recycling Station in Homewood will be Thursday, June 26th, 2008.

Kneller stated that the cardboard recycling container has been placed behind the Grundy County Administration Building. All the employees at the Grundy County Administration Building will receive with their paychecks information on recycling cardboard and the placement of the recycling container behind the building. If successful, futuristically it would be explored placing a container by the Sheriff's Department and the Grundy County Courthouse to implement a cardboard recycling program.

Miller discussed the changes in the budget for the Solid Waste Office for FY2009. The following line items of Health Insurance and Conferences were increased, while Advertising, Copier Lease, Training and Capital Outlay were decreased. Concerns were raised due to the decrease in the tipping fees from the City of Morris to fund the Solid Waste Office. A motion was made by John Almer and seconded by Ron Severson to give a positive recommendation on the changes in the Solid Waste Budget for FY2009 and forward to the Finance Committee. The motion was carried. It was discussed that shirts for the employees in Solid Waste, and Building Zoning and Planning will be purchased from the Land Use budget. Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney raised concerns regarding the copyright for the recycling design image. This matter will be researched before shirts are ordered.

Under Old Business, Miller reported that a resident had concerns regarding an expansion at the Environtech Landfill at the Solid Waste Update Steering Committee meeting. Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney noted that she reviewed the draft and feels that some changes need to be made in the document.

Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney, reported that the Intergovernmental Agreement has been sent to the City of Morris and hopefully, they should approve with only a few minor changes.

A motion was made by John Almer and seconded by Ron Severson to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by John Almer and seconded by Ron Severson to return to open session. The motion was carried.

No action was taken from executive session.

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