

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

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

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

Also present: Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Lisa Kneller, James Leonard, Director of Environmental Health, and Karen Campbell

Public present: Jim Allen, Environtech, Inc. and Randy Salmich, Allied Waste

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

**Minutes Approval**

A motion was made by John Galloway and seconded by John Almer to approve the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 minutes with the amended changes discussed with removing the phrase "Under Old Business - Pfaff stated that he feels the biggest issue with the plan is the language surrounding an expansion of the landfill". Pfaff would like the minutes to reflect possible expansion of the landfill if it's in the plan. As of now, there is no agreement to expand the landfill from the Environmental Committee. The motion carried.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Claims**

The committee reviewed the claims for the Office of Solid Waste Management. A motion was made by Ron Severson and seconded by John Almer to approve the claims as presented. The motion carried. Kneller stated that more promotional/give away items will need to be ordered to replenish the current supply and will be reflected on the next month Claim Sheet.

**Additions to Agenda**

There were none.

**Technician's Report**

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

- Conducted a presentation with the newly purchased Enviroscape at Coal City Intermediate School and have had requests from five other teachers at Coal City Schools for presentations for their classrooms.
- Along with Heidi Miller will be teaching groundwater monitoring at the GCSWCD Natural Resources Tours at Goose Lake Prairie State Park on September 25<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Will be working with five area county schools to tour Environtech Landfill on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. This is a good event for the students to observe the day to day function of the landfill while learning how to better manage trash and the importance of recycling.
- On September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008, conducted another E-Waste & White Goods Collection Event at Environtech Landfill. Approximately 8,000 lbs. was collected which was considerably less

than the May E-Waste Event. Consideration is being explored to only conduct one event for next year and to hold that event in June.

- Will be attending the ILCSWMA Conference in Rend Lake, Illinois from October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Grundy County Walk to School Day will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The host school this year is Braceville Elementary. Additional schools also participating and managing the event themselves are South Wilmington Elementary School and Immaculate Conception School.
- A resident who was previously employed by Midwest Bed liners, located at 625 E. Division Street, Coal City, has contacted the office with concerns of mismanaging its waste; both hazardous and non-hazardous. Further investigation will be done by the Illinois EPA with an on-site visit on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The findings will be reported at the next Environmental Committee meeting.

### **New Business**

James Leonard, Director of Environmental Health, briefed the committee members on his report dated September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, for adjacent private potable wells and groundwater monitoring wells for the Environtech Landfill. Leonard summarized his report on those findings provided by CEC Engineering (engineer for Environtech).

Kneller gave a demonstration of the newly purchased Landfill Enviroscope. This has really been a good teaching tool with the school children and many more requests for presentations in classrooms have been received.

### **Old Business**

Kneller distributed copies of the June and July statistics for residential, commercial, construction and demolition debris and landscape recycling in the county. The tonnage reports for July are significantly higher than the June totals.

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Update Steering Committee will be held on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Ron Severson briefed the committee on the public hearings that are currently being held in Kendall County for the proposed landfill.

### **Adjournment**

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