

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OF NOVEMBER 25, 2008**

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

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

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

Public present: Randy Salmich, Allied Waste

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

Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Frank Halpin and seconded by Dick Steele to approve the October 28th, 2008, minutes. 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 Dick Steele and seconded by Frank Halpin to approve the claims as presented. The motion carried. After a brief discussion, it was recommended by the committee that since there was unspent money available in the budget, that the office should purchase the Enviroscape for groundwater education and place Christmas recycling ads/tipster in three newspapers.

Additions to Agenda

There were none.

Technician's Report

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

- Gave a demonstration at Nettle Creek Grade School for 7th and 8th grade Science Class students using the Enviroscape Landfill model along with the actual pictures taken at Allied's Ottawa Landfill during the construction of another cell at the landfill showing how the liner is laid.
- Worked with Step by Step Preschool in Diamond, Methodist Church Preschool in Morris and Dawn of a New Daycare in Mazon for the students to create a Christmas ornament from recycled materials. The ornaments will be hung on the County Christmas tree and on December 9th, 2008, those teachers and students who participated in the project will be recognized at the County Board Meeting.
- The Coal City Early Learning Center, Elementary, Intermediate and Middle Schools are conducting a paper collection from November 14th through December 10th. The grade that collects the most paper will win a pizza party for their entire class. The pizza party will be fully sponsored by Geo's Pizza and D Construction of Coal City. Cardinal Recycling will provide all the necessary boxes for the collection along with manpower and pick up service upon the completion of the collection.

- The Gently Used Toy Drive is currently underway with containers at the Grundy County Administration Building, Morris Library, Coal City Library, Diamond Ace Hardware, Minooka Library, Braceville Elementary and White Oak Elementary schools. The toys will be distributed to Rotary International, Eleanor's Trunk and local charities.

Randy Salmich, General Manager, for Allied Waste announced that due to the merger with Republic he will no longer hold his current position and is unsure at this time if he will be offered another position with the company. He told the committee that he has enjoyed working with everybody.

Pfaff thanked all the committee members along with Miller, Kneller and Campbell for doing such a good job and he felt the Environmental Committee has come a long way in a short two years.

New Business

There was none.

Old Business

Miller stated that the Solid Waste Update Steering Committee will meet December 15th, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. The only part of the document left to review is the Appendix which basically includes all the agendas, and minutes from all the meetings along with all the events that have been held. Another meeting will be held in January and then a public hearing will be scheduled for February. After the completion of the public hearing, the Environmental Committee at their March meeting will make a recommendation to forward the document to the County Board for adoption.

Adjournment

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