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GRUNDY COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
APRIL 15, 2013
3:30 pm

I. Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Joyce announced that role call was going on via sign-up sheet and told everyone not signed in to accomplish that goal.

II. Roll Call

Present: Chair Dick Joyce, Ken Iverson, Millie Dyer, Eric Rasmusson, David Welter, and Chairman Ron Severson.

Members absent: None

Staff in attendance: Perry Rudman (States Attorney), and Heidi Miller.

Public Jim Allen (Environtech), and Terry Christianson (WJDK).

III. Approval of Minutes:

Dyer motioned to approve the minutes; Rasmussen seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Claims: Miller stated that there were no claims for this month.

VI. Additions to Agenda: Miller asked Rudman if there was anything and comments to Chair Joyce that there were no changes to the agenda.

VII. Monthly report: Miller summarized her report highlighting the following:

- Seneca Police Department held the second E-Waste event with the County at their location. Miller thought it was a good turn out and was

more than last year recycled. Cell phones were also collected and 28 phones were collected for Soldiers. Dyer brought up that the homeless needed cell phones that are useable. Miller mentioned Earth Day event at Minooka for the battery, and bulb collection. Vintage Tech, Plastic film recycling – Verdeco, and Shred X will also be on hand for Minooka's Earth Day event.

- Spring bike swap will be in May and we have ten bikes at this time from Coal City and Grundy County Sheriff's department. Iverson asked if any groups in Grundy wanted the bikes. Miller stated that at the Toy event that the groups were asked in Grundy if they wanted the gently used toys and they said only new. So the bikes are transferred to Chicago for the Rotary to use.
- Grant for the electronic waste event sign was confirmed today and we will be able to purchase signs with the \$2000.00. Joyce mentioned that we were of 40 IL counties that received the grant.
- For the tire event, Lyondell Bassel stated that they would provide us a check for \$1600 for a tire event sometime in July.
- School interest was from So. Wilmington teacher Ms. Stacey Faletti asking for promo gifts for her students who were studying recycling in her class. Miller stated that they received recycled plastic bottles, corn plastic band aid dispensers, blue jean pencils, and temporary tattoos. Along with those things, poster boards for the children to participate in a coloring and description of what they recycling and why.
- Waste audit was completed and all of the buildings were completed. Peggy Sherry from Verdeco thought we did a good job but that our maintenance staff needs to properly dispose of the recyclable materials into the proper bins. Discussions took place with Art from the Courthouse and that the triple recycling bin was problematic all year for unsorted waste. Therefore, the triple bin still needs to be transferred to another location where it may be used. Even if it were located at the City of Morris administration building it would be in place. Discussion continued and it was suggested that at the Highway building may be a good location. Iverson thought that if it cost the County \$3000.00 that it should be used. There was discussion that we may be able to put the bin inside the courthouse where it would be monitored. Miller stated that she would ask Art if this would be possible. Miller stated that the courthouse does not have as many bins like we have for recycling and that this would be a nice fit.
- Braceville parade would be a good idea to hand out promotional gifts with may be a theme outfit to pass those gifts out.
- I&M canal follow up was discussed that an email was sent but no response was given. Dyer suggested going to Gebhard woods where usually there is someone on staff to discuss a cleanup date with those who may need service hours.
- All waste haulers are licensed thanks to Campbell and Rudman's efforts.
- Miller mentioned that a bill on ewaste exports such that all exports are in working condition, or the ewaste is disposed of or dismantled under unsafe conditions with a recycling component expressed. This bill may

come back and we need to watch that. Miller mentioned that Vintage Tech has many certifications.

- Miller mentioned that the County will have a HHW or Household Hazardous Waste in June. She said that Morris HS would be the best location for accessibility and volume. Miller said she would provide more as she receives this information. Iverson asked what an example of HHW. Miller said it is residential such as ammonia, any acid, lead paint, old gasoline, aerosol cans, and chemicals.

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Old Business:

Results from the Grundy County Waste Audit – Said she would share the report once it is received. Miller mentioned that Peggy Sherry thought that we could receive money for our recyclables and know how much was recycled.

Summary of the SWUSC meeting from March – Miller mentioned that Wayne McFarland did provide his presentation to a good number of people who were on the committee and also some of the general public as well. Some questions that were brought forward were if there was a location where this takes place. McFarland said that the military has smaller scale models but one of this size has worked in components but has not been put together as one assembly. There was a discussion concerning bird issues dissipating due to not having a landfill. Miller brought out that there is still a transfer like style to this process and that would still provide some pest issues. Joyce asked if the County would provide enough waste for the functioning of this process. Miller stated that she didn't think so but that if there were more waste provided from the municipalities and Morris Community landfill. Iverson asked if this was done before and if there were IEPA required permits to do so. Allen said that it was done before as a transfer of waste and that a permit was required. Dyer asked if there were any other facilities that burned the garbage. Iverson said that there were gasification processes and that it is similar but still a different process. Miller said it was different than a gasification process but more a reactor incineration. Miller thought that it was a pollution control facility and would require that siting. Miller stated that it would be good to have a concept plan of the site and she would be talking with McFarland concerning this week. Joyce asked what would be discussed at the next meeting. Miller summarized the next meeting agenda.

X. Executive Session: None was warranted.

XI. Adjournment: Rasmussen motioned, Iverson seconded. Motion passed at 4:15 PM.