

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OF JANUARY 30, 2009**

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

Members Present: Dick Joyce, Greg Redford, Jackie McKinney, Dick Steele, and John Galloway

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

Public present: Jim Allen, Environtech, Inc.

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

Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Greg Redford and seconded by Jackie McKinney to approve the December 23rd, 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 Greg Redford and seconded by Dick Steele to approve the claims as submitted. The motion carried.

Additions to Agenda

There were none.

Technician's Report

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

- Contact was made with all area schools asking if they have Environmental Clubs and information about their recycling efforts. With those contacts, a working list was created of educators and staff members and e-mails to be added to the quarterly teacher newsletter mailing list along with new contacts for education presentations in the classrooms.
- The department will conduct a presentation with the Enviroscape Landfill model and distribute Green Guides at the MVK Elementary School Math and Science Night to be held on March 19th. Approximately 60-70 students and families will be in attendance at the event.
- Applications have been mailed out to all county schools from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade for the annual Trashformations contest. From the teacher's quarterly newsletter, five requests have already been received to participate in the 2009 Trashformations contest. Last year over 400 entries were received and we are seeking to have the program broaden and seek additional sponsorship of prizes and gift cards. Necessary paperwork has been submitted to Exelon asking for corporate sponsorship of \$2,000.00. Hopefully, a response will be available before the next committee meeting. Also asked for monetary support for money from Exelon to purchase a 12V Educational Light with the Human Power Generator which could be used for demonstration in schools and at the Environmental Fair.

- Currently in the process of licensing the Waste Haulers with a deadline for submittal of hauler application due by February 16th, 2009. The licenses are required by the Grundy County Recycling Ordinance. This year applications have been mailed to companies who haul electronics, oil and animal fats to also become licensed as these are also haulers of waste products in the county.

New Business

Kneller discussed that next month she will distribute a calendar indicating plans which are being formulated for recycling or educational events for 2009. The Electronics Event is tentatively planned for June 20th, 2009, at Environtech Landfill for collection of computers, televisions, electronics and white goods. We are currently waiting for notification from Springfield to find out if funds will become available to conduct a tire collection this year.

Dick Joyce asked about the discontinuance of the Battery Collection Program. Kneller explained that the recycling markets have dropped and due to the exorbitant cost of disposal, Energy Elite Distribution will now have to charge to dispose of the batteries rather than collect for free. We are currently waiting for the charges and if the cost is reasonable there might be money in the budget to support the collection, but as of now, the collection has been discontinued until more information of cost is received.

Miller asked that the Environmental Committee should recommend placing on file the Fifteen Year Solid Waste Update Plan. The Public Hearing for the Fifteen Year Solid Waste Update Plan will be held on February 9th, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. at the Grundy County Administration Building. The Solid Waste Update Committee will meet again on April 21st, 2009, which will end our 90 day period. A motion was made by John Galloway and seconded by Dick Steele to place the Grundy County Solid Waste Update Plan on file. The motion carried.

Old Business

Kneller reported that she had the opportunity to speak at the Superintendents and Principals meeting that Paul Nordstrom conducts once a month. Through this opportunity, Kneller was contacted to participate at the MVK Math & Science Night.

John Galloway asked to revisit the Environmental Committee meeting date and time. A discussion was held to change the meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dan Duffy suggested that the third Friday of the month is available and the Monday after the County Board meeting is open at 4:30 p.m. After a brief discussion, the next meeting tentatively will be February 13th, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. Dick Joyce requested to have the meeting date and time placed on the next agenda in order to make a definite commitment for future meetings.

Adjournment

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