

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OF MARCH 16, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M.

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

Also present: Frank Halpin, 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 Jackie McKinney and seconded by Dick Steele to approve the February 13th, 2009, 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:

- Will be demonstrating the Enviroscape Landfill model and distributing information at the MVK Elementary School Math & Science Night on March 19th, 2009.
- We have received registration from eight teachers representing four schools and after Spring Break we are hopeful that more schools will participate in the Trashformations contest. Currently, the department is seeking funding to purchase promotional prizes so each student that participates will receive a prize.
- During Earth Week will be conducting presentations with Coal City, MVK, Braceville, Nettle Creek schools and girl/boy scout troops on instruction on the Enviroscape Landfill model, recycling relays, Life-cycle of a cell-phone and soccer ball.
- After the paper collection at Coal City School last fall was such a success, another paper collection will be conducted this time at White Oak Elementary School and Shabbona Junior High on Earth Day. The grade that collects the most paper will win a pizza party for their entire class. Plans are being formulated at this time for special pricing on the pizza and sponsorship of the pizza party. Cardinal Recycling will be providing the Gaylord boxes along with the manpower and trucks for transport once the collection is complete.

Miller mentioned that the third grade class at the Coal City Elementary School is collecting Capri Sun drink pouches and this transpired due to Kneller's newsletter that was sent to all schools including this information.

Dick Steele mentioned that the department was well represented at the Environmental Fair held on March 7th, 2009. Kneller stated that 250 bags and literature was distributed to the public from the Land Use Department.

New Business

There was none.

Old Business

Kneller distributed a county map indicating the waste removal contracts with the haulers. The municipalities are indicated along with the waste hauler that provides their service contracts. While trying to obtain further information regarding subscription accounts and rural areas, the haulers are more guarded about providing this information. Dick Joyce will talk to Susan Bates, Assistant State's Attorney, to seek legal opinion on whether to proceed with a county wide waste hauler or if it is not feasible.

Kneller reported that after the county was forced to end the battery collection program, research has been ongoing for another company to conduct business with in order to reinstate the program. After reviewing the two credible companies provided with a cost comparison, it was determined that Battery Solutions was the better option and price. During the summer season, the Grundy County Environmental Health Department generates approximately 730 batteries for the West Nile Virus Mosquito Abatement program. It was determined that a 55 lb. bucket would be ordered for the Grundy County Administration Building to start the battery collection program for the county offices at this point. In the future, if money is available through budget appropriations, then the Office of Solid Waste would provide buckets for the libraries and municipalities to reinstate the program again with the residents that engaged in the program in the past.

A motion was made by Greg Redford and seconded by Jackie McKinney to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Executive Session minutes – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Karen Campbell and Lisa Kneller left the meeting. Upon roll call, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Greg Redford and seconded by Jackie McKinney to return to Open Session. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Joyce and seconded by Jackie McKinney to approve the Executive Session minutes of May 28, 2002, June 24, 2008 and August 26, 2008. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Jackie McKinney and seconded by Greg Redford to release the Executive Session minutes of August 26, 2008 and to destroy those Executive Session tapes after the eighteen month time limit is met. The motion carried.

Adjournment

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