# ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2009

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Greg Redford

County Board Members Present: Frank Halpin, Ken Iverson, Millie Dyer

Staff Present: Heidi Miller, Lisa Kneller and Karen Campbell

Public present: David L. Perry, Arthur Hornsby, Joe Cromwell, Marilyn Winters, John D.

Winters, Tom Hardman, Mrs. Hardman, Gerald Steele, Carolyn Steele, Tim Nosser, Randy Salmich, Judith Peterson, Susan Ciccomoscolo, John Ciccomoscolo, Ken Daggett, Jan Harr, Timothy M. Urbanik, Harry Wickman, Gerald McKinney, Esther Shaw, Sharon Viano, Diane Van Cleave, David Welter, Tim Oudman, Jim Allen, Eric Dippon, Sue Rezin, Warren Olson, Mike

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

# **I. Meeting Called To Order**

Dick Joyce called the meeting to order.

#### II. Roll Call

Everyone was present from the committee including staff and the above listed public representation.

#### III. Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Jackie McKinney and seconded by Dick Steele to approve the April 20th, 2009, minutes. The motion carried.

Dick Joyce stated that he wanted to go over some ground rules and he had a few comments to make before we have public comment. I'd like you to limit your comments to about three minutes if possible. We have other business to transact here tonight and if it gets repetitive or the same thing over and over then I will probably cut it off. I ask that you stick with the facts not become emotional; I don't know what else to say. I do have a few comments here "Our Solid Waste Plan for Grundy County was adopted in 1992 after some changes it was readopted in 1993." In February 1993, the County made a 20 year agreement with the City and Environtech Landfill to take our garbage till the year 2013. Environtech was cited in 1986 and in 1992, they had a vertical expansion and I think their other expansions were in 1994 and 1999 not certain of those facts. The Solid Waste Update Steering Committee that we are discussing with now first met in December 2007. We had ten meetings that were all open to the public. We had a Public Hearing in February, that is required by law, four people testified and that was open to the public. We had a ninety day written comment period and one person commented, and that was me. Sometimes when people are overzealous in promoting a certain cause the facts fly out the window. There have been certain statements made in the newspaper that are not true. I would like to clarify them for you. Some questions have arisen concerning the makeup of the

Solid Waste Update Steering Committee. It had seventeen members, seven were county board members, two were county employees, three were community members, two represented haulers in the county, and three represented landfill employees. The idea that the landfill people dominated this committee is completely false. Secondly, the statements that have been made that no taxes come in from closed landfills – that is completely false. I talked to the assessor this afternoon and if you want to call him the number is 941-3269. The taxes on closed landfills are similar to the taxes on pasture land so that is that. Our current update embraces new technology and our last update also embraced new technology. We would hope that there wouldn't be landfills and we are waiting for the day when technology comes about where something else is done with it, maybe science needs to pick up the pace a little bit. This does allow transfer stations for construction debris; it allows an expansion of the existing landfill. I should point out this was discussed previously, last time around we were kicking that idea around that we figured well we have the current landfill until 2013 we will put it off we don't have to worry about it next time around we will have to deal with it. Within five years the current landfill will no longer take Grundy County's garbage. I can handle some other questions later maybe of things that will come up, and there are other comments that I could make, I just want to get that before the public and in the record. I don't have the sheet on (pause by Joyce) who the public comment sheet. So Joyce said please be concise and be short we have a lot of people here so I have another meeting in this room at 7:00 p.m. and I intend to go for supper. Miller asked if everyone had a chance to sign up. (Sign in Sheets were passed to Joyce).

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Joyce called the first speaker David Perry. My name is David L. Perry I want to make that distinction there is also a David M. Perry who lives in Morris. I retired from the Navy in 1993 and moved to Morris in 1994, and while I was driving around to see about purchasing a house or whatever, I saw many many signs along the road that says no landfill. I don't ever recall seeing one where people were in favor of a landfill. Also I know I've seen some articles, things that are against the landfill or expansion. I've yet to see where good things come out of this expansion of landfill if they have been published I didn't see them. I don't know how many years ago it has been quite a few now, farmers started using DDT and things like that on their crops and everything in advantage to produce more, and it has problem with weeds and things like that, later on we found out that this was killing off some of our wild animals, eagles and nice little simple things like that. If this is such a great thing, why not put one in Coal City, or Gardner or someplace else in Coal City. As far as the makeup on the Waste Management agenda or whatever you want to say, I think there would be legal precedent that has already been set that somebody that works for a landfill or Waste Management company that they not vote as far as favorable against a landfill or landfill expansion. I know judges disqualify themselves from conflict of interest, I would see no reason this couldn't happen here. Going back a few years ago, during the Vietnam crisis, Admiral Zumwalt was Chief of Naval Operations, they sprayed I believe it was called Agent Orange to control the foliage so that they could see the Viet-Cong and track them better. Later on his son who was a pilot in the Navy at the time contacted cancer and they blamed Agent Orange, so in other words he was kind of sorry about okaying this, he lost his son over this and I would hope that until we know more about what the cost of bad effects of a landfill are, that you as members of this committee would not be the ones to be responsible for okaying something like this and maybe come back and get some of your relatives and friends or whatever. That's all I have to say. Joyce said thank you.

Arthur Hornsby – I would like to have a roll call vote when it comes time to take the vote, and I also have a note here, I would like to have anyone employed by the landfill or the hauling companies to recuse themselves not to vote. I just want to make clarification - Minooka, Channahon, Coal City, Diamond can legally transfer into the Arsenal property and they are not dependant on this landfill. Also the southern part of the county is as close to Pontiac as it is to bring it back to Morris or close to it. The one thing that the Chairman mentioned I'm the author of anything published, I'm taken to task about this. I still contend that after the landfill is filled, the real estate taxes on it will be none or close to none, if it's pasture land it will be very minimal as opposed to an industry that would employ jobs

and provide higher real estate taxes. That's all at this time. Dick Joyce said okay thank you at this time.

Dick Joyce said just a response briefly as far as the roll call vote; it is just our Environmental Committee not the Solid Waste Update Steering Committee. This is Environmental Committee. Arthur Hornsby said they made a report. No, no Dick Joyce said they made a report to us. The Solid Waste Update Steering Committee made up of seventeen people who are not county board members some of them were and some of them weren't. They have made a recommendation to us, our job is to either change it, approve it as is, turn it down. Arthur Hornsby – how did they approve that, was that a vote or how was that done? Dick Joyce said that was a report that was forwarded to us after the public hearing. Arthur Hornsby – was there ever a roll call vote of the steering committee? Dick Joyce said I don't think so. There was a consensus – people made comments and the original was drafted up and changes were made. There are some changes here today that we are going to discuss and that's how it came about. Joyce said next.

Joe Cromwell – I don't have anything. Joyce said okay thank you. Next....

Marilyn Winters – I've lived in Morris all my life and I was surprised to see all the big trucks coming in with all the garbage from other places like Chicago. I was just interested. Joyce said next....

John D. Winters – I'm with Marilyn, I haven't lived in Grundy County all that long, and I came from Peoria when I retired. I was very surprised to see a city like Morris taking on what it is 175 trucks a day from Chicago. I think what I've seen around the country anytime people go for what looks like easy money it tends to backfire and I'm very uncomfortable. I see all of these trucks you can't miss them in and around Morris and I just think that we are cruising for a fall and I feel very anxious when I see those big trucks that is headed for our landfill and I think that if we just blindly continue on this track we are going to regret it.

Tom Hardmann - I am basically interested - what I don't understand is the tax ramifications as far as how much taxes and jobs this brings to the county. I've also lived in areas where they have made landfills and they made actual nice parks out of them. So I'm basically here to find out more and so is my wife.

Mrs. Hardmann – did not want to speak.

Gerald Steele – I just came to find out more about it. I am opposed to Morris building a dumping ground for the whole State of Illinois and it's about time that they need to be closed up, just close them up and let somebody else have the benefit of having all the garbage in the state brought to them and the smell.

Carolyn Steele – That's my husband and I am in full agreement with him and with Art Hornsby also.

Tim Nosser – Just here to listen.

R. Salmich – I signed the wrong sheet.

Judith Peterson – I just came to listen

Dick Joyce said moving right along.

Jim Allen – signed the wrong sheet.

Sue Rezin – I just came to listen and I have two questions that I spoke to John about last night and you may be able to answer them as the meeting goes on. One is by changing the wording that you are looking to do what does that open up the county to? I understand that you wanted to increase the landfill but does that open it to other landfills wanting to come in or these mega landfills that we read about in the paper. My second question was a personal concern exactly where the expansion would be because we do have property out there that the city has run sewer and water around that will bring in hopes of bringing commercial, light industry and industry out there which would mean good jobs, good business and I am unless I found out differently I was thinking that the new expansion would butt up to the property which in my opinion would decrease the values of property when you have a landfill right next to it because you don't want commercial or light industry then near a landfill. So those are my two questions.

Dick Joyce said I think later in the meeting we will answer it if we don't please speak up again.

Susan Ciccomoscolo – I definitely don't think it would be an asset to our community. I drive from Joliet and I work at Silver Cross Hospital, I'm a registered nurse there and I drive through and there is definitely a odor and it has been an odor noted there on I-80 coming off of I-80 and I don't think it would be – I think it would decrease property values I think we already have some problems, there with an adult book store, the first thing you see as you come in off of I-80. I don't think that is very appropriate either, I would like to see this community be clean. I would like to see the community be a family place and promote family life.

John Ciccomoscolo – I agree with my wife. I made the same observations and I mean you can just use your common sense and your senses tell you what's right and wrong. Drive by on the interstate you smell it and it's like I wouldn't want to live there you know and it's like I don't want to live here anymore. I don't like the smell, you know it's like if you are going to do it you need to do it right. There must be some way of controlling the odor if you are going to do it, I know Joliet was the same way on I-80 their smell was pretty bad years ago and they done something to decrease it, I don't know what they done. I think they still have a landfill but I don't know what they have done. Also I'm concerned about the management of it, liabilities, and our property values. To me Morris this could be a great place to live but that's a big eyesore. You know, I live on the west side and most of the time I don't smell it, but occasionally in the summer you can get the odors. Every time I drive on I-80 it's like I have to close up my windows or turn the air off. I don't want to smell it that's what I'm going to remember Morris by when I leave. You know when we retire when we leave that's what I'm going to remember it by. To me it's not worth it, there are alternatives other things you can do with this community to make it a lot better. There's not enough things out there for young people to do, I realize that we have a lot of issues with the money now and everything, but it seems like our children don't have places to go, things to do, I mean they are going to find other things to do if they don't you know parks and things. When I was growing up we had parks and there was activities it seems like we don't have that anymore. There used to be a roller skating rink, the car dealership tore that down, you know there used to be more things for the families and the community the landfill is not one of them.

Ken Daggett – I agree with them about the smell. All you have to do is go to Wal-Mart some foggy morning when the wind is blowing and there is a definite odor. We went through this eight years ago and there are only a couple of people here that went through it at the same time. The rest of you are kind of novices of the landfill situation and you don't understand the long term repercussions of a landfill. The manufacturer of the liner of a landfill will only guarantee that for ten years. The landfill operator guarantees that he is only responsible for that landfill for thirty years. Now over eternity that's a blink of the eye, after that thirty years they are no longer responsible – we are you and me. Now one week in that landfill can you imagine trying to find and correct a leak in that landfill and that liner? We all know that everything corrodes, everything deteriorates, everything rots, and everything eventually wears away. That liner will, will leak and who and at who's cost? These landfill operators

are long gone when that starts leaking and we are going to be responsible for it, now what kind of legacy is that leaving our grandchildren and their grandchildren, they've got to clean up a mess that we okayed. Now he was talking about recreation, if these landfills are so safe for the environment of the community, why don't they build they could have a mega sports complex on that site, they could have a snow skiing mountain, they could have a golf course, think of how many baseball diamonds and football fields and baseball diamonds and tennis courts, basketball courts that they put and skateboard parks they could put any number of things on that land – why don't they? Why don't they? Is that unsafe for human habitation? Another question I want to ask too, who is responsible for framing this so called Steering Committee? I mean it looks so bias and so one sided and so the deck is so loaded against the opposition of the landfill that it's just unfair. There is nobody there from the EPA; there is nobody there that knows anything about the landfills. Arthur Hornsby and I have been opposed to this for years, but we weren't asked to be one it. It's all loaded to people with the landfill. And don't say they weren't either.

Dick Joyce said I respectfully disagree with you sir because I don't think the County Board.

Ken Daggett – Who is on there from the EPA?

Dick Joyce – Nobody, I don't think the County Board is unfair or bias, I think we are trying to look into the thing; the meetings are open to the public. We didn't close the door on anybody. We had a public hearing Ken; I was through this eight years ago just like you were, right? I was on the board, I know all about it, some people have changed their mind in the last eight years too and I've got something right here to show you.

Ken Daggett – You're doing what?

Dick Joyce – No sir.

Ken Daggett – That the EPA you brought up the monetary part of it. Eight years ago, when they were talking landfill, Milford Bjelland brought the facts and figures of a land use over an extended period of time and he said over that period of time, and I can't remember what it was, the county would benefit \$2 million dollars which is a pretty substantial amount of money. But he also said on that same parcel of property, if they located a good viable industry creating jobs and tax money for the county, it would bring in \$2 billion dollars over the same period of time. Now that is a pretty substantial amount of money to have to give away to let the landfill operator just have because that land is not going to be good for anything once they leave. It's no longer valuable for anything you can't put pasture land on it and why not because is it unsafe for habitation? We don't want it, what if that's bad above it, what's going on underneath?

Tom Harr – I'm the voice from the rural area, I live east of Morris and I've lived there about 45 years. Once in awhile I get the odor from the landfill not too often, but there is an odor and probably if there was a northeast prevailing wind there might be a lot of people who like disagree with it and now agree with it now disagree with the landfill, but it is the southwest prevailing wind and of course I benefit from that. I have a daughter that lives right on Rt. 6 just north of the landfill and I've been there sometimes when that odor is very very strong, but it's not all the time, I'm not saying it's all of the time, but it is there. So that's the odor end. The bigger problem is the debris along the roads, I travel down Rt. 6 to Morris and right now it is fairly clean, but that's because there is a big issue about landfills and it will stay clean, but there is debris when that snow melts there's tons of debris and that's not people throwing garbage out of the window of their car that's the trucks that come down this road go down Rt. 6 and down Rt. 47 to I-80 and their tarps are too loose, they don't have enough tie downs. I followed them right into the landfill and made a complaint because I was following a truck and there was debris coming out from underneath the tarp, so I asked the driver who wasn't too happy with me, I asked the driver to put more tarps on his truck, but I don't think it got written down at the landfill. But,

also that's the whole trucks going in – the empty trucks coming out there is residual garbage in those empty trucks they are not inspected well enough and they are not clean enough, they need to be cleaner when they are coming out because I have seen it blowing out the top and they weren't covered. I don't know if they have to be covered or not? Also, I'm trying to start my well also. Of course, thirty years from now if the landfill starts leaking, part of my family I certainly want to insure that ground water; my well is nine feet, that's not very deep. We could very easily; I don't know what else to say. That's all.

Tim Urbanik – Yeah, I got a couple of things that comments he said that will fit right in to his, recently somebody opened the gravel pit and quarry east of where I live at the corner of Bungalow Road and Brisbin, I mean Dellos Road but since they did that, the water level at my well has gone down deep enough that I have had to have the well driller come by and drill it a little deeper, but we will put that issue aside when the water disappears from above where I'm at and goes down that means anything that leaks out of this liner will go into the soil that much more readily, (inaudible conversation), so let's keep that in mind. So you really have three choices here, number one, you can do what you said you were going to do and not change anything and say that is the end of the line, goodbye, adios. Number two, you can let them expand their landfill with 100 year performance bond so there is money to pay to fix it, but the end result of that is costs go up for everybody because the money comes out of the tipping fees for the bond, or number three is you can let them expand the landfill and we've wasted our time. Thank you.

Dick Joyce – Thank you. Next, Terry Wickman

Terry Wickman – I agree with Tim, my neighbor, and uh, I am completely against the landfill, I've lived out there since uh, 1950, and uh, in the summertime, I can't even have my windows open cause the smell, if the wind is in the right direction and in the second place, if they'd of kept that landfill as a Grundy County landfill when it started, we wouldn't have this problem, we have all these people coming in here for the big money, we don't need the big money, we need help. That's it.

Dick Joyce – Okay thank you. Next, Gerald McKinney.

Gerald McKinney – Ah, I'm against the landfill because I live very close to it, and uh, I would just like to not see if pass.

Dick Joyce - Okay, thank you. Ahh... Esther Shaw.

Esther Shaw – I'm against the landfill, I love Morris, um, and I plan to be in Morris a long time and I respect Art Hornsby, I know he loves Morris a lot and uh, I have a daughter who is an attorney and took a lot of environmental law and she will not live in Morris, she lives in Chicago, she says there is a lot of people here who don't seem to care, because of the things that happen here, and uh, but, I am, uh, against it and I'll probably stick it out. She doesn't want me to live here, she doesn't like the air quality, the water quality and everything, and, but uh, I love Morris, there is no where else I would rather live, and I just uh, would come down and stand by it and fight for it and that's it.

Dick Joyce – okay thank you. Sharon Viano.

Sharon Viano – right here, I'm against it too, but uh, I wonder why it's just a small committee that does the voting, why isn't something this big put on the ballot for the whole town? It's going to affect the whole town is something starts leaking.

Unknown Speaker - It was once and they done it anyway.

Dick Joyce – No, uh, this is the committee that is going to recommend something to the County Board, the whole County Board will vote on it. If there is a petition for uh, um referendum, I suppose, they'll have a referendum, um, and then if there is a landfill application, the City, would have a hearing, uh, because it's inside the city limits, the County basically has nothing to do with it. Ah, and they have to vote on it, the City Council would have to vote on it one way or another after lengthy hearings, I don't know if you were up at any of the Kendall County landfill hearings, they're very interesting, but they're also very tedious, they go on and on, uh, if you can stay awake you can learn a little bit, um, and then it goes to the Pollution Control Board in Springfield for the final say so. So, that is the process, I mean, that is set up by law, you know, so, um…okay, next. Diane Van Cleave, Diana Van Cleave, I guess it is.

Diana Van Cleave – I live on Rod & Gun Club Road too, I've been out there since 1960. At that time Ashley Road was the City Dump, and they're using it for strip mines and the dump. I've got a shallow well, thirty or forty feet, uh, the landfill on Ashley and the sandpit over on Cemetery and I'm wedged between the two of them. My nice little bungalow in the country is now wedged between the two of them....and I don't drink the water. I use City water that I buy, so I am very against it. And no, I don't trust any operator that's on heavy equipment, should he rip that plastic and do I think he's going to jump off that heavy equipment and say, Oh wait a minute we've got a tear to repair. No, I don't think that. I think it's leaking and I think our water should be tested every week for bacteria and virus.

Dick Joyce – okay, thank you. Next, David Welter,

David Welter – Okay, we'll I guess you could say I am representing the youth here today. Um, I just would like to say I am against this, uh, my big concern about this is the airport, for future expansion and bringing business to Morris and how much it will affect it – the birds, especially if we expand this landfill. It's already bad enough, the birds and bringing more birds in and it will be more of a safety hazard, already to airplanes coming in and out.

Dick Joyce – Okay, thank you. Next Tim Oudman.

Tim Oudman – Nothing.

Dick Joyce – Okay, is there anyone else who uh, anybody else who wants to speak. Okay

Frank Barber - Uh, it was in the Morris Paper they were saying the wells on Rod & Gun Club Roads were contaminated with arsenic and heavy metals.

Dick Joyce – Can I have your name, first.

Frank Barber – ah...Frank Barber

Dick Joyce – Okay, thank you.

Frank Barber – I got here too late to sign in.

Dick Joyce – That's okay, go ahead.

Frank Barber – Uh, it's common knowledge that these things are found around strip mine areas in the water, but can the County or the City prove that these things did not come from the landfill, uh, and I don't think the water was tested for any other hazardous chemicals, the well water, ah, wasn't tested for Trichloroetheylne or chloride or any other harmful chemicals that could have leached from the landfill, uh, I think until that is checked, I don't think the landfill should be expanded. If you have an answer to the testing of the water, we would like to hear it.

Tim Urbanek – There are two people in this room, this gentleman and myself that have both had our wells tested, and they came back and said, you've got arsenic, you've got uh, not fit to drink selenium and some other stuff. Now selenium is kinda rare, it does occur where there has been coal mine ground, but when you have a membrane, and I'm not saying anything negative about the landfill operator I'm saying if you have a membrane, even if it's two membranes all this leachate is pumped into the city sewer plant for treatment, some of it leaks out. I had a guy come to my house and say "there is no bedrock within, you know 7 or 800 feet" I says that's fine because at 4 feet when the drill bit hits it the ground shakes 300 feet away, so what I'm telling you is I'm on bedrock and these people are telling me I have no risk, no problems....I don't drink the water either. On advice of the County Health Department, so there is a problem, you see.

Dick Joyce – We did have some, uh....

Tim Urbanek – and you have the results...

Dick Joyce – Yeah

Tim Urbanek - but it wasn't a full blown 300 line test, because obviously the County or the EPA didn't think they needed to do that, but the tricholorethene that he speaks of is a known killer. I've worked in a chemical plant for over 30 years, I know a little bit about what I'm talking about.

Dick Joyce – We did some wells tested in the last two years in different places around the County...

Tim Urbanek – Including the Rod & Gun...

Dick Joyce – Including different places down near South Wilmington, across from where Mr. Halpin lives. Some in Goose Lake, and uh, I think....

Tim Urbanek – All of them on the same day...

Dick Joyce – Some of them down there had more arsenic than the ones near the landfill. I think the landfill wells they have fifteen monitoring wells, I think that's right, ranging in depth from nineteen to fifty seven and they are tested semi-annually. That's what our County Health Department report was to the committee. I was on the Health Committee at the time.

Tim Urbanek – Those are the ones for the landfill.

Dick Joyce – Yeh....

Tim Urbanek – It's just the perimeter, so you got a problem, but now when we find out we got a problem, fifty years from now and that's why I brought up the hundred year performance bond, where does the money come from to fix it? Because, financially our liability open ended, that's something to be concerned about.

\*Unidentified Speaker – These test wells here the deepest one is fifty seven feet, is that correct?

Dick Joyce – Well, that's what I heard from the County ah.....one of our County employees that....that's from October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

\*Unidentified Speaker – So some of these folk's wells are two hundred feet, ah.....

\*Unidentified Speaker – two hundred forty feet, I just heard it drop forty feet.

\*Unidentified Speaker – It can go down before it gets to the test wells around the landfill. It could be leaking in the middle.

\*Unidentified Speaker - \*several unidentified speakers talking at the same time unable to distinguish conversations.

\*Unidentified Speaker – how deep is the landfill?

Dick Joyce – I don't know that.

\*Unidentified Speaker – What I am getting at....you know the private wells have been tested for any other hazardous chemicals that I can find out it's private business if Tim wants to check his well, he checks it for what he wants to, he doesn't have to tell me or anyone else anything about his water. So, it's kind of a secret. I think the County should look into this, have his well, these folks that live out there have their wells checked for hazardous chemicals and the county should pay for it.

\*Unidentified Speaker – heavy metals also....

\*Unidentified Speaker – I'm not talking about a trace of arsenic or a trace of selenium, I'm talking about when they told me that if I have enough selenium my hair should all fall out, I said oh no...this is just natural that's what it is when you get to be sixty, you know.

Dick Joyce – Well, that's something that's covered by the Health Department, ah Health Committee, I was on the Health Committee we did you know, people were in, you guys were in and we cooperated with you I think and.....

\*Unidentified Speaker – Absolutely, Absolutely, but you know what he is saying is true you can't just take a slap shot and say this is it, or the littler here, let's say this is the landfill and these are the little wells around...we are talking about a half a mile away.

Frank Halpin – Sir, what is your address.

\*Unidentified Speaker – 6095 Gun Club Road.

Frank Halpin – You have 110 parts per billion selenium.

\*Unidentified Speaker – That's what they told me...

Frank Halpin – Well, no I have your report right here. I don't speak if I don't have the evidence. There are a 140 parts per billion well, no where near a landfill way down the southeastern corner.

\*Interruption of several inaudible speakers shouting out.....

Frank Halpin – When you guys came in to the Health Department we did test.....the reports here....there are no secrets.

\*Unidentified Speaker – I didn't say that. I heard you saying that we didn't check for chemicals not minerals. Minerals you can't do anything about that. We are not adversarial.

Unidentified Speaker – Doesn't the City of Morris Water Department dump their leachate into the landfill?

Unidentified Speaker – It is the other way around. It gets pumped from the landfill to their treatment center.

Dick Joyce: Any other comments?

Unidentified Speaker – They have a big flame and a pump that is supposed to burn off the gas. Why is it off?

Unidentified Speaker: On the west side? That is for the landfill that is closed. The other landfill (Environtech) they have a flair for the power plant.

Dick Joyce – Ok Art. Then you Ken and that is it.

Art Hornsby – Two questions. Why did the County and the City of Morris go up to Kendall County to object to the proposed landfill and spend \$100,000 and what is the difference in this one? Number 2, I gave all of the County Board members a packet of information and it talks about a class action lawsuit of 400 homes against Waste Management and the firms that hauled into that landfill. And that is only one example. But there are numerous articles in there and they are all negative. I am sure that there are some that are positive and I am sure there are some but I didn't put them in there. I don't have them, all I have is negative. If you read that envelope there is no way this should be done. That is my comment.

Dick Joyce – Ok. The one difference between that landfill up there is that the Kendall landfill is on bedrock and this one is not on bedrock. There was testimony that if the water follows those fractures that it would follow that and go into the aquifer. If they are going to put a landfill in Kendall County why don't they put it up by Yorkville instead at the County line? All of the trucks would come off of Route 80 and we would have to police them and not get any funds. That was part of the objection.

Tim Urbanik - It doesn't make a difference if there are fissures or not. If you have ever been in the deep tunnel it rains 24 hours a day. Keep that in mind.

Dick Joyce - Ok we have had public comment. I would like to thank everybody. Ok Ken.

Ken Daggert – I want to reiterate what Art has said. If you do any research on abandon landfills, there are companies that disband and disappear and bonding companies that go broke, they don't want to be liable for anything even before the 30 year term is up. Now Morris is already in litigation on the law suit for the landfill already. What on the world would a landfill do out here, they have lawyers that can work around their responsibility and I think that you should seriously reconsider any landfill here and I hope that. I want to look at my grandchildren and say that I tried to stop it. I don't see any reason for them to expand what they already got. Thank you.

Dick Joyce – Should we go down the agenda or deal with this first? What is the will of the committee?

John Galloway – Let's do it right now.

Dick Joyce – Let's skip down to New Business.

# <u>VIII. New Business - Recommendation of the Solid Waste Management Plan Fifteen Year</u> Update to the Full County Board

Joyce said that one of the things that was brought to his attention was that in the previous plan it stated 'no new landfills'. That was left out of the current draft of the 15 year plan. So the current wording is "...The Plan entertains the idea of an expansion of an existing, active, complaint landfill to provide at a minimum available economically feasible capacity for the County's solid waste needs, while opposing

the siting of any new landfill facility..." So we are going to keep the portion that says no new landfill while keeping the other change about the expansion, if that is the will of the committee and the County Board. This plan needs to go before the County Board as we are only a recommending body of the County Board. They will make their decision in June. Any comments.

Galloway stated that after speaking to Mrs. Rezin that he was under the assumption that the expansion of the landfill was on an 80 acre parcel to the east of the landfill. I think that Hornsby also brought this up that if we leave it vague what is to say that they cannot expand beyond the site across Bungalow, what does the word 'expansion' mean. If I am to move forward with this, as part of the steering committee I was under the impression it was only the 80 acre piece, so I think we need clarity to that. Also I was contacted from a citizen about the height of the landfill. I think that the public needs to understand that we (County) does not site this that it goes before the City of Morris and the IEPA. Heights and all of the particulars of the site are regulated by them. Joyce saw that it was a good point and felt that we would need language about the location. Steele suggested that we table this until we get it right. Galloway stated that is what we are doing. Joyce suggested that we make changes and Galloway added that he personally did not want to vote on anything at this time until he saw the language. Joyce asked Miller if we were under a time constraint with the state on this plan. Miller stated that we were not. Joyce asked if there were any other questions and felt that Galloway's suggestion mirrored the Solid Waste Update Steering Committees (SWUSC) feelings on that point. There was discussion on how long would this (existing) landfill would last. Joyce stated that it would be closing until 2013 but that an expansion would last about 20 years is what they were told. Joyce asked if there any other comments.

Frank Barber asked why would want a new landfill. Joyce stated that they have a responsibility as a County to write a Solid Waste plan that determines the waste needs of the County. He continued that he has not heard any complaints about the existing (Environtech) landfill over the years. That was the thought of the committee. Joyce asked Galloway who was the SWUSC chairman if indeed that was the case. Galloway said no and asked Miller if they were cited for any violations which Miller said no. Joyce pointed out that the IEPA inspects the landfill and that the County doesn't have that delegation. Kneller clarified that some counties are delegated counties but Grundy is not. Joyce stated that when the IEPA completes an inspection a report is written. Galloway asked if there was any one at the meeting representing the landfill and if so how many times they inspect the landfill. Eric Dippon stated four times a year and that it can be more. Someone asked what is the limit of the municipal or county boundaries of the waste that can come into the landfill. Art Hornsby stated that there is not limit. Joyce said that Will County was the only ones who limits waste to Will County residents only. Hornsby had another question on his packet in regard to a report on the photos on the violations at Environtech in the past. The violations are still in that pile, the torn liners, the materials etc, I am saying that you don't know of problems but there has been problems. Urbanik asked if the leachate was tested coming from the landfill. Warren Olson clarified that prior to the sanitary plant, and said that the heavy metals are tested and those are sent to a third party qualified laboratory. We don't release it if it is bad. Urbanik reiterated that he wanted to know if someone watching this. Olson said that they look for the heavy metals. Olson continued that when they get that sanitary stream that it comes from a broad area not just the landfill. Urbanik asked if they could sample it before it enters the sanitary sewer line to treatment. Olson stated that the lift station it is tested and that it is a mixture of things. Eric Dippon stated that they test theirs semi-annually. Olson stated about the Selenium that it is a health issue but didn't think it was on the listing as a heavy metal to check for. Eric Dippon said it was pulled from the listing of tested elements. Olson continued that 2/3 of the chemical constitution of the leachate from landfills is also in coal mines, if a foreign material was entered that was different it would be noted. There was further discussion on chemicals. A representative from the public asked if the runoff from the landfill was tested. Olson said that they complete that quarterly based on state requirements and also test along the river if the chemicals went through the sanitary treatment center and those records are available to anybody, and those tests are completed twice a year. Discussion continued on where testing takes place.

Joyce stated that we need to continue and suggested that if someone wanted to continue discussion to continue that after the meeting but we need to continue our meeting agenda. Joyce asked the committee for any changes. Joyce asked for a motion for the Solid Waste Plan. Galloway reiterated that he would need to see the new language before motioning. Steele suggested tabling. Joyce asked for a motion. McKinney made a motion to table until the next meeting, seconded by Steele. Halpin asked for clarification on what was wanted in the plan. Joyce clarified that they want to know the actual boundaries of the expansion. Halpin stated that by 2013 we need to do something with the waste either a landfill or pay to have it hauled out of the County. Halpin continued that and affirmed that the committee was not voting on the landfill tonight but simply recommending a plan that will allow an expansion as Joyce clarified in the beginning of the meeting. Joyce stated that we have a motion on the floor and that based on technology we have two choices, but the cost would be passed to the residents. Motion carried.

Discussion continued Galloway asked how this change would be completed. Miller stated that legal description would lock in the location and would work on that with Eric Dippon from Environtech. Joyce stated that the next meeting will be on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.

### V. Claims

Joyce asked for a motion to approve the claims. McKinney motioned, Steele seconded. Motion passed.

#### VI. Additions to Agenda

Joyce asked if there was anything to add. There was nothing.

## VII. Technician Report

Kneller spoke about the Trashformation sculptures. McKinney asked about the winners. Kneller went through the sculptures. She stated that presentations are still going on and that Miller helped with vermicomposting presentations. Miller stated that she did the presentations. Kneller spoke about the events and the Township tire collection for the municipalities and townships. Galloway stated what about the public tire event. Kneller stated that IEPA had no funds to support this and it would not be completed this year. June 20<sup>th</sup> would be the electronic event and that is a time to get all computers from schools and public etc. Chicago Rotary Club worked with the office in picking up used bikes from the Sheriff's Department and they were able to distribute those to kids in Chicago. Kneller said it was a good year and that the office was open to new events at low cost or no cost to the County for the future.

Joyce stated that he received a newspaper clipping from Karen Campbell in regard to the township that tried to have one waste hauler and how people were upset about not having their choice. Halpin stated that there would be cooperation with the waste haulers in regard to hauling and the County roads. Joyce agreed and stated that we could all meet in the fall to start discussions prior to spring. Halpin stated we are interested in saving the roads and still have good garbage pick up for the residents.

# IX. Old Business

Joyce asked if there was any old business. There was none.

#### X. Executive Session

Joyce asked if there was any reason to have an executive session. There was not.

# XI. Adjournment

Joyce asked for a motion adjournment. Galloway motioned, Steele seconded. Motion passed.

