ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

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

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

Committee Members Absent: John Galloway

County Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Lisa Kneller, Karen Campbell and Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant

State's Attorney

Public present: Jim Allen, Environtech Inc., Arthur Hornsby, Frank Barber and Marjorie Pfaff

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

Four members were present from the committee including staff and the above listed public representation.

III. Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Dick Steele and seconded by Jackie McKinney to approve the August 17^{th,} 2009, minutes. The motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

Dick Joyce asked the residents in attendance to state their names.

Frank Barber distributed paperwork to everyone in attendance. The first document showed how much Environtech Landfill paid to the IEPA for the first quarter in the amount of \$192,758.45; he thought it might have something to do with the landfill. The second document indicated the MCL for arsenic is now 10ppb (0.01 ppm) for the McKinney well and he further stated that on this same report it said "should I call the homeowners and tell them not to drink, bath and cook with their well water". Barber felt the coverage of the press release that he had obtained with no date on had minimal coverage in the area newspapers. He also presented maps of the aquifer and another press release and in the second paragraph it stated "recent testing of some private wells along Gun Club and Bungalow Roads in Saratoga Township showed elevated levels of arsenic, selenium and manganese". Barber had concerns that notice was not sent to the area residents regarding the McKinney well test which is much

more hazardous. Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney asked Barber the date the press release was put out? Barber didn't know he stated he received this document from James Leonard who had been the Director of Environmental Health. Barber discussed his concerns with the waste from the Morris Hospital and the Nuclear Laundry. Barber said the County Board can vote to expand the landfill but not take the responsibility for it and they can pass the buck to Dick Kopczick and let him make the final decision on whether to expand the landfill or not. The County Board has a chance to stop this now. Barber felt that if the correct geological study had been made, Morris Sand & Gravel would not exist.

Joyce thanked Barber for his information and said there is a lot here to digest, some of this has been seen before, but some of this is new. Joyce went on to say that if they did go forward with the expansion it would be the city council not just the Mayor.

Barber continued that he had issues and suggestions on capping Community Landfill with the clay at Environtech Landfill. Joyce said that is something he should bring up with the City of Morris not us, we don't have any control over the landfill, and it's in the city limits. Barber stated that for the health and safety of the people, the Grundy County Board has a chance to stop this before it goes any farther.

Arthur Hornsby stated that a couple of comments that really bothered him was when someone says that there are wells in the southern part of the county that are similar to the ones around the landfill and he said there is no comparison whatsoever. He felt that thallium and antimony in the water around the landfill are not in the water in any other part of the county.

Joyce responded that the wells in the rest of the county were not tested for those chemicals and he further stated that the county has tried to be cooperative. A few years ago, when Mr. Urbanik and Mr. McKinney said there was untapped wells in the county on old farmsteads, Gene Shostrom checked into this and thirty some were capped in just a few months. The question of the well at the landfill, they thought there was an old well from a farm of Horton and they dug for that and nothing was found. Two years ago, when the issue of the wells came up, the county had them tested and recently they were tested again and the results should be back in October.

Hornsby had issues that in 2006 there was no notification to nearby property owners that there had been pollutions found in McKinney's well.

Barber said he had talked to James Leonard when he was here and he didn't have a copy of the McKinney well test.

Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney responded that we are not an enforcement agency and that the enforcement agency is the IEPA. The County of Grundy is not designated as an enforcement agency.

Hornsby questioned about Environmental Health Department not having a copy and said we went through this once before and Joyce said we need to move on and get to the point.

Hornsby said there main concern is the gravel pit, and he referenced a letter dated July 11th, 2000, to State's Attorney Lance Peterson, from Gene Shostrom regarding the wells around the gravel pit what

they should be tested for. Hornsby wanted to know what are the wells around the sandpit being tested for and he would recommend that they consider whatever you are testing for at the landfill should also be tested for at the sandpit because he felt the theory is the sandpit is a sump pump pulling the water out of the landfill and if there is a correlation there.

Joyce said that when the sandpit went in there were something like 20 conditions, and he felt that one of the requirements were they must report to our Environmental Health, but he hasn't seen any reports, but if something was wrong the Administrator would be notified along with the Board of Health.

Marjorie Pfaff said she was never notified that anything was wrong with the McKinney's well and she cooked with the water and was unaware that it could cause cancer. She stated that her granddaughter has cancer and her daughter has thyroid cancer and she thought maybe she could have prevented it having known, they would not have used the water for drinking. She said she was appalled to think that this went on and the homeowners were not notified about this condition with McKinney's well.

Dick Steele asked if the McKinney's were notified to put in a unit to be able to use the water. Jackie McKinney said it cost a lot of money.

Hornsby said it would cost around \$10,000.00 and it won't work. He said you can call any treatment company and tell them the test results of the McKinney well and they will tell you they can't remove the chemicals.

V. Claims

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

VI. Additions to Agenda

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

VII. Technician Report

Kneller and Campbell met with representatives from Abitibi to gather ideas on paper recycling to help spread the word to the schools to better benefit them if they currently don't have a recycling program. Some of the ideas discussed were conducting a local paper drive with the schools using the Abitibi containers. The office had received a report on the tonnage collected by Abitibi and the Grundy County Administration Building has increased their tonnage by one or more tons and the Grundy County Sheriff's Department was an honorary mention.

Susan Bates, Grundy County Assistant State's Attorney asked if they take shredded paper and Kneller said they do take shredded paper, but not cardboard, hard cover books or yellow pages. The paper is recycled into newsprint and the actual pages that yellow pages are printed on wouldn't be suitable for reproducing and making newsprint.

Kneller will conduct seven presentations at Coal City Intermediate School 4th Grade classes talking about landfills, recycling, and MRF's on September 18th, 2009. Miller and Kneller will be participating in the Grundy County Soil and Water Conservation District National Resource tours at Goose Lake Prairie State Park and teaching groundwater monitoring to the attendees. Plans have been

finalized for the annual Environtech Landfill tours to be held on October 16th, 2009, for the 5th grade classes at White Oak Elementary School. This opportunity will give the students a first-hand look at the day to day function of the landfill along with learning to recycle and better manage trash. Compost bins will be sold at the next Morris French County Market to be held in October.

Kneller will attend the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act Seminar in Lisle on September 15th, 2009. This seminar will further explain the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act which takes effect in January 2010. Kneller will also attend the SWANA Land of Lincoln Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting on October 15th, 2009, at Starved Rock. This workshop will address alternative waste disposal technologies including gasification, waste-to-fuel, incineration, and anaerobic digestion and will provide the attendees with up-to-date information on the development of such facilities and an understanding of the technical, regulatory and economic considerations involved in each specific project and technology application. On October 22nd, 2009, Kneller will attend the ILCSWMA Training Workshop at the Joliet Renaissance Center on addressing greenhouse gas emissions at the local government level.

VIII. New Business

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

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. Dick Steele motioned, and Jackie McKinney seconded. Motion passed.