

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
OF OCTOBER 19, 2009**

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

Members Present: Dick Joyce and Greg Redford

Committee Members Absent: John Galloway, Jackie McKinney, and Dick Steele

County Board Members Present: Frank Halpin

Staff Present: Dan Duffy, Heidi Miller, Lisa Kneller, and Karen Campbell

Public present: Jim Allen, Environtech Inc., Don J. Hansen, City of Morris Alderman

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**

Two members were present from the committee including the County Board Chairman, staff and the above listed public representation.

**III. Minutes Approval**

A motion was made by Greg Redford and seconded by Frank Halpin to approve the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, minutes. The motion carried.

**IV. Public Comment**

Dick Joyce asked if there was any public comment and there was none.

**V. Claims**

Joyce asked for a motion to approve the claims. Greg Redford motioned, Frank Halpin seconded. Motion passed.

**VI. Additions to Agenda**

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

**VII. Technician Report**

Kneller reported that the department always helps out the Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District with the annual Natural Resources Tour at Goose Lake Prairie State Park. Miller educated the students at Coal City Intermediate School on the vermicomposting process. Kneller reported that she is organizing the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes from County schools for Environtech Landfill tours. This will give the students a first-hand look at the day to day function of a landfill. Miller made contact with Immaculate Conception Church for their Peace & Justice Committee to incorporate recycling in their day to day operations. Kneller said they were interested in the fundamentals of education first in

placing recycling information in their bulletin and then to build off of that for the future. This is the first church that has a committee and could possibly help spur other churches to do something similar.

Kneller said the Grundy County Walk to School Day was held this year at MVK Elementary on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, with the Grundy County Office of Solid Waste, Grundy County Farm Bureau and Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District all partnered together again this year. A special thanks to Frank Halpin, County Board Chairman and Ken Iverson, Grundy County Board Member for helping with the Walk to School Day. The Morris Wal-Mart donated muffins, apples and bananas; MKM Oil donated the milk and juice which is a nice gesture and an article indicating this generous donation will be included in a press release to the local newspapers. America Recycles Day is November 15<sup>th</sup>, and school presentations are being planned for this day and the launch of the Gently Used Toy/Book/Video Collection will begin. The department will be represented with a table at the GC2 Conference on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the First Christian Church, passing out information on open burning, open dumping and green guides.

Kneller said that she attended the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act Seminar on September 15<sup>th</sup>, in Lisle. The conference is sponsored by the Illinois Recycling Association to further explain the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act which will take effect January 2010 and bans electronic items from Illinois landfills in 2012. Kneller will be attending the SWANA Land of Lincoln Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, at Starved Rock, that will address alternative waste disposal technologies including gasification, waste-to-fuel, incineration, and anaerobic digestion. Kneller will also be attending the ILCSWMA Training Workshop on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Joliet Renaissance Center and the topic will be Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions at the Local Government Level.

Dan Duffy asked if the flyer for the Gently Used Toy/Book/Video was advertised through the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce and Kneller said they could advertise as an e-mail blast with the Chamber this year.

#### **VIII. New Business**

Joyce asked if there was any new business. Miller made mention that she had received the signed off resolution of the Solid Waste Plan and would be providing the plan to Ellen Robinson of the IEPA for her approval.

#### **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.

Dan Duffy reminded that the committee dates for the next fiscal year are due. Joyce asked the members in attendance if any changes needed to be made and it was decided to leave the meeting dates the same for the next fiscal year.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

Joyce asked for a motion adjournment. Greg Redford motioned, and Frank Halpin seconded. Motion passed.