

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
OF NOVEMBER 16, 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

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

Public present: None

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 the County Board Chairman, and above listed staff.

**III. Minutes Approval**

A motion was made by Jackie McKinney and seconded by Dick Steele to approve the October 19<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. Dick Steele motioned, Jackie McKinney seconded. Motion passed.

**VI. Additions to Agenda**

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

**VII. Technician Report**

Kneller reported that South Wilmington Grade School and Braceville Elementary schools participated in the Environtech Landfill Tours on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The tours gave the students a first-hand look at the day to day function of the landfill.

Kneller said the department participated in the GC2 Conference at the First Christian Church on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It was a good opportunity to learn more on green building. The Gently Used Toy/Book/Video Drive has started with drop off locations at the Coal City Public Library, Morris Public Library, Three Rivers-Minooka Public Library, Grundy County Administration Building,

Braceville Elementary School and White Oak Elementary School. So far, the office has had a generous amount of toys donated.

Kneller advised the committee that she has applied for a DCEO Grant, in case the County would decide to have a permanent electronics collection site for the county. The grant money would seek funds for the cost of purchasing pallets, Gaylord boxes and a pallet jack. Plans are being explored for a possible County site that could potentially be the home to a permanent future e-waste collection site. Kneller reported that Dan Duffy had given her a USDA Grant application for environmental education programs and she is in the process of completing this application before the December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, deadline.

### **VIII. New Business**

Miller discussed that the Solid Waste Office receives many calls from residents asking why their garbage hasn't been picked up or calls for dumpsters. Since the office is shifting more towards environmental things now with the Solid Waste Update Plan, she asked the committee if they would be receptive toward changing the name from Office of Solid Waste Management to something else. Joyce said it bears looking into since how it is listed in the phonebook it is almost misleading to the public. Miller will bring back suggestions to the next meeting.

Joyce asked about the battery collection and Kneller said that at the end of October brought to a close the Environmental Health working with the mosquito abatement program and has since reduced the amount of batteries collected. Currently, the office has one full bucket to send back and two empty buckets and possibly 2010 would open up the program if budgeted for one bucket a month

### **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.

A discussion was held on the amount of money left in the budget for mileage and training and Miller said that would be adjusted down for the next budget year. Duffy said he would check to see what the reimbursement from the City of Morris will be for this year because it is slowly declining.

### **XI. Adjournment**

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