ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OF DECEMBER 14, 2009

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

Members Present: Dick Joyce, Jackie McKinney, Millie Dyer and Jeremy Ly

Committee Members Absent: Philip Galloway

County Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Dan Duffy, 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

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

III. Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Jackie McKinney and seconded by Jeremy Ly to approve the November 16th, 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. Millie Dyer motioned, Jeremy Ly seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Additions to Agenda

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

VII. Technician Report

Kneller reported that this year the office purchased a Christmas tree to display the recycled ornaments that were made by the children of the Methodist Church Preschool in Morris, Ms. Randi's Day Care of Coal City and Dawn of a New Daycare in Mazon. This tree will be used for future years to display and continue this recycled ornaments program. The schools and teachers will be recognized by presenting certificates to each school.

Kneller stated that the Gently Used Toy/Book/Video Drive concluded on December 12th. Approximately 90 boxes were collected this year, along with gently used bicycles from the Coal City Police Department and several new bicycles were donated from the Grundy County HCE.

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Kneller expressed a thank you to Ron Ragan from the Grundy County Land Use Department who picked up all the toys at the various locations, Grundy County EMA for the use of their garage to store the toys, Morris Healthcare & Rehab for washing and sanitizing the stuffed animals, the staff of the Grundy County Land Use Department for helping box the toys, Coal City Police Department for the donation of bicycles and the Grundy County HCE for donating the new bicycles. Again this year, the toys will be given to the Rotary International Chicago, the Grundy County Mental Health Department for clients that need assistance, and DVD/VHS tapes for the Grundy County State's Attorney Office Victim Witness Advocate, Catholic Charities at the Morris office and to the First Christian Church in Aurora.

A tire collection was conducted on November 30th, 2009, at the Grundy County Old Highway Facility for townships, municipalities and the Grundy County Highway Department with approximately over 200 tires collected and this will be the only tire event held this year due to lack of funding from the State of Illinois. Tire Shredders from Lincoln, Illinois collected these tires. Applications will be mailed out the end of December to the Waste Haulers for licensing. A meeting will be held in January 2010, with the waste haulers to discuss the road postings and the options of possibly utilizing smaller trucks to pick up garbage or to strategically place dumpsters in good locations along with a recycling container for residents to drop off their recyclables. Jeremy Ly asked how many residents live in the area that would be affected by this. Kneller will have information at the next meeting. Ly also asked since he was new to the committee how much the haulers pay for the licensing. Kneller said the cost is $50.00 for the license and $25.00 per truck. Ly asked if he could have the Technician's Report sent to him electronically each month and would like to attend with Kneller when she does one of her classroom education in the schools. Kneller will e-mail a list of the events to Ly. Joyce suggested that he stop in the office to see the different educational teaching tools that Kneller uses in the classroom.

Duffy said that at the meetings last year on the road postings, it was suggested for long term to promote our green efforts to have a main drop off point for recycling. One suggested site would be where Animal Control will be located on DuPont Road at the former Highway Department site; the area is fenced in and would be manned during working hours to prevent open dumping. Kneller briefed the committee that the meeting for the road posting will be held on January 6th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Grundy County Administration Building. Duffy said the meeting could be posted as a special meeting for committee members to attend also. Duffy also asked if the state would fund the big tire collection next year. Kneller didn't foresee that it would happen in 2010, but maybe in 2011 and it will probably change from the way they were conducting it.

VIII. New Business

Kneller said that Miller drafted the letter attached in the packet to consider changing the name from the Office of Solid Waste Management to possibly Environmental Management Office or Recycling and Resource Conservation Office. Ly asked for some background information for the reason of changing the name. Kneller said if residents call information asking for Waste Management they refer them to our department. The office received many calls each week asking for garbage pickup, dumpster prices and landfill questions. The committee members discussed the options and decided to discuss at the next committee meeting. Joyce asked if there was any response on the Electronic Recycling Grant. Kneller said she had called DCEO, but they have not made any selections at this time.

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.

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XI. Adjournment

Joyce asked for a motion adjournment. Jeremy Ly motioned, and Millie Dyer seconded. Motion passed.

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