

MINUTES
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016
ROOM B, THIRD FLOOR CLAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Grant Weyland, DiAnn Streifel, Roger Richman, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Russ Colson, Everett Nelson, Jim Haney, Chuck Hendrickson, Joe Pederson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kirk Rosenberger, Brian Berg, Shannon Thompson, Larry Henry, Julie Kennedy, Steve Moore, Mary Aldrich, Brad Holm, Todd Bratlien, Paul Kalibabky, Steve Beitelspacher, Rachael Michaud, Kathy Ihle

Chairman Kevin Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and initiated introductions.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Diann Streifel, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Everett Nelson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the November 19, 2015 minutes.

Landfill Updates-Larry Henry

Larry Henry reported the flare has been a challenge with the weather getting colder. The spark arrestor fills with water and freezes, and most likely will be an ongoing problem. The scale is working well and the waste coming to the landfill is weighed and tallied on a daily basis. The new truck driver stays busy hauling two loads of garbage a day to Perham and a load of leachate to Fargo. There has been an issue with the trailers being overweight and an onboard scale will be installed in the truck.

Henry anticipates working with the Highway Department on the construction of the new shop when that project gets approved and the weather warms up. In addition, approximately 3500 yards of concrete came in from the deconstruction of the power plant last year and Fitzgerald Construction will crush that for use on projects at the landfill.

Henry mentioned prepping the area north of where the Full Circle site will be with plans to plant trees next year.

Recycling Update-Shannon Thompson

Kirk Rosenberger spoke for Shannon Thompson who was unavailable to attend the meeting. Ulen is implementing a school-wide recycling program. Shannon's goal last year was to expand the Loaner Bin Program, and to add at least one more township recycling site.

Rosenberger mentioned that Shannon will be speaking at one event a week to talk about recycling issues, and contributes to the FM Extra on a variety of waste issues.

Rosenberger mentioned Elkton Township is interested in a recycling site for their community and plans to visit. Clay County collected 290,000 pounds of electronics in 2014 and 320,000 pounds of electronics in 2015.

Household Hazardous Waste Update-Julie Kennedy

Julie Kennedy passed out a handout with preliminary reports of household hazardous waste collected at the facility in 2015. The report showed a 10-percent increase of latex paint, and a 15-percent decrease in oil base paint. Kennedy attributed the increase to year-round advertising, education, and the County website update. The PaintCare program was implemented last fall and Household Hazardous Waste received additional revenue through product stewardship.

Kennedy reported all HHW employees are OSHA, MNDOT, and CPR trained and certified to work in every category, and would like to see more employees certified in First Aid.

Kennedy informed committee members she has moved her office permanently to the HHW building. The computer system has been updated with a new printer and connected to the Clay County server. Kennedy said her goal for 2016 is to improve data collection, as she is doing reports for several different divisions who want the same data just in a different format. Kennedy said she will work with the State and County in hopes of coming up with one data sheet.

Updates-Kirk Rosenberger

Kirk Rosenberger reported a big challenge for 2016 will be setting new rates at the landfill where the County is moving from volume to weight-based pricing. Another challenge is the Capital Assistance Program (CAP), where Clay County is seeking to receive bonding money for projects. The single sort Material Resource Facility (MRF) is on hold until the regional study has been done. In addition, Rosenberger reported the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) may require landfill demolition sites to be lined.

Commissioner Campbell commented on the goal of converting from volume to weight-based pricing. Commissioner Weyland and he have requested additional details from staff. The haulers are interested in what the rate change will be, and added everything needs to be under control as far as weight at the landfill. Campbell mentioned Prairie Lakes increased their tipping fee. The process in dealing with fees is a portion of the enterprise fund. This is independent of the County budget process. The solid waste budget determines why fees are collected and how much is needed, which can get complicated.

Rosenberger announced the addition of two Concordia College interns. Rachael Michaud will work on a public relations plan, and Hanna Wallmow will work on minimizing single-use plastic bag usage.

Rosenberger said the Solid Waste/Highway Department joint garage facility final design should be complete in a couple of weeks for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.