

**MINUTES**  
**CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**8:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019**  
**ROOM B, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CLAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**Members Present:** Kevin Campbell, Grant Weyland, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Joe Pederson, Sara Watson Curry, Cliff Bang, Russ Colson, Chuck Hendrickson, Roger Richman

**Members Absent:** Russ Colson, Everett Nelson, Joe Pederson

**Others Present:** Kirk Rosenberger, Julie Kennedy, Larry Henry, Shannon Thompson, Brett Rice, Todd Bratlien, Stephen Larson, Matt Evans, Darla Lewandowski, Jen Pickett, Kathy Ihle

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

**On Motion by Russ McDougall, seconded by Sara Watson Curry, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda.**

**On Motion by Wayne Lepper, seconded by Chuck Hendrickson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the Minutes from December 12, 2018.**

**Plastic Bag Task Force – Darla Lewandowski and Jenn Pickett**

Darla Lewandowski and Jenn Pickett reported to SWAC (Solid Waste Advisory Committee) that the Plastic Bag Task Force is asking 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Fargo, West Fargo and Moorhead to the Plastic Bag Challenge. The school that collects the most plastic bags will receive a customized bench with the school's name engraved on it. The school that comes in second place will receive a pizza party. Reusable bags were donated from Gate City Bank and each 5<sup>th</sup> grader will receive a bag for participating. The goal is to educate kids to recycle and develop recycling habits throughout their life. The challenge starts February 1 and ends March 28. The winner will be announced during Earth Week in April.

**Landfill Update – Matt Evans**

Matt Evans said the kickoff meeting was in December at the landfill. The design for the construction of the new cell and final cover was reviewed. Evans said Elise Steger (Nova Consulting) and her team spent a couple of days at the landfill reviewing the system. Larry Henry and staff are collecting landfill gas system data that is being used to make recommendations for landfill gas improvements and leachate system. Evans said he will have the first draft with details and plans associated with the cell and cover project, as well as

recommendations for landfill gas and leachate improvement in mid-February and will give more updates at the next SWAC meeting.

### **Tipping Fee Discussion – Kirk Rosenberger**

Kirk Rosenberger gave SWAC members a copy of the Clay County Transfer Station and Problem Materials Facility Construction Cost Estimate that shows comparison costs from 2017 – 2019.

Construction cost has gone up because of inflation and rising cost of materials. The net cost to operate the transfer station including capital, O&M, hauling and disposal will be \$477,500.

**The Transfer Station Tipping Fee** is based on tonnage and numbers that have been used in the past. These numbers could change with population growth and more recycling. The cost per ton for capital is \$17.10; O&M \$16.29; hauling \$9.04; and disposal \$44.80 for a total of \$87.23 to run the transfer station. The money the City is collecting for existing TS O&M offset is \$13.27; existing hauling offset \$9.04; and existing tipping fee offset \$44.80, total offset cost is \$67.11. When the new cost is subtracted from the existing cost the estimated new cost at the landfill will be \$20.11/ton more.

**Landfill and Solid Waste Cost and Tipping Fee Analysis** – Rosenberger said they took all the major pieces of equipment that is needed to operate our facility. We are taking the life years, present value and how long they will last and that is how much money we should be putting away on an annual basis so when it comes time to buy a new compactor, there will be money in the bank to pay for it.

### **Perham Update – Kevin Campbell**

Kevin Campbell said Perham had their election of officers yesterday and because ----- no person can serve as chair two years in a row. The financial report looks good. The report at the end of the year showed they had 1 million dollars in the bank. Last year was the first year we started establishing an internal service fund. Last year's budget there was \$390,000 that was budgeted to go into the fund but had not transferred that amount. They put the money in a separate fund. The operation review went very well. In 2018 they processed 50,280 tons out of that facility. For 2019 the tipping fee rate and the amount each county pays is based on \$56,000. They are projecting to be down 20 days and if that happens, we should fall in at around 57,000/tons being processed.