

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022
THIRD FLOOR COMMUNITY ROOMS A/B

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Jenny Mongeau, Cliff Bang, Russell McDougall, Wayne Lepper, Everett Nelson, Russ Colson, Chuck Hendrickson. Joining by Teams: Heather Nesemeier, Roger Richman, Joe Pederson

Others Present: Steve Larson, Matt Jacobson, Steve Iverson, Todd Bratlien, Tom Fuchs, Peter Sharpe, Kathy Ihle. Joining by Teams: Brett Rice, Julie Kennedy, Dave Overbo, Jenn Pickett, Matt Evans, David Crowell

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

On motion by Wayne Lepper, seconded by Cliff Bang, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from January 27, 2022.

2021 Clay County Recycler of the Year – Pactiv

Kevin Campbell presented the Recycler of the Year Award to Peter Sharpe of Pactiv. The plant has been making molded fiber egg cartons out of recycled newspapers for 25 years. In 2021, the company recycled 15,000 tons of recycled material into over 200,000 million egg cartons. With dwindling newspaper subscriptions, the plant adapted and invested in equipment that could utilize increasing amounts of recycled cardboard into the recycle waste streams. Their products will be made with 100% recycled/renewable materials by 2030.

Resource Recovery Campus Update – Tom Fuchs, Construction Engineers

Tom Fuchs of Construction Engineers reports Resource Recovery sitework activities will resume Spring 2022. Stairwell walls are ongoing. Foundation walls at Grids K, T & 8 are ongoing. Shallow footings and foundations are complete in Area A and ongoing in Area B. North retaining walls will begin in March. Building interior backfill is ongoing in Area A. The pre-engineered metal building is onsite and scheduled to go up in March.

Clay County Comprehensive Plan Update – Matt Jacobson

Matt Jacobson said the current Comprehensive and Transportation Plan was adopted in 2002. Clay County is updating the plan and solid waste is a component of the 2045 plan. The purpose is to describe the current state of the county, provide shared visions for the future of the county, and guide land use development and other long-range planning decisions through goals and objectives. Potential solid waste issues are increasing population, future demolition landfill, and lifespan of the current landfill and recycling. A public hearing will be held March 15 with the goal to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

Campbell said Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority (PLMSWA) received a letter from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) requesting acceptance of law enforcement-seized drug waste. The letter outlines how to become a facility receiving drug waste. The PLMSWA board will discuss the request.

A letter was written to Senator David Osmeck and Representative Melissa Hortman asking for support of Solid Waste Management Tax (SWMT) for local recycling and SW management funding by increasing Selected Committee on Recycling and the Environment (SCORE) grants. Amounts sent to the counties via SCORE grants have not increased proportionately. Thirty percent of the SWMT is going to the General Fund and not SW Management. The letter asks that the money go to SCORE.

The plant is running smoothly. Financials look good. PLMSWA will see a \$150,000 savings in interest refinancing the bond.

Solid Waste Updates – Kirk Rosenberger

Kirk Rosenberger wasn't available to present the update.

Brett Rice reports the landfill staff is doing maintenance. The landfill is looking good and the crew is looking forward to Spring.

Julie Kennedy reported that 2,339 households used the HHW Facility in 2021, an increase of 66 more households over the previous year (2020). The facility collected and properly disposed of 109,359 pounds of hazardous waste, an increase of 3,021 pounds over 2020.

Roger Richman made a motion to adjourn, Everett Nelson seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.