

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018
ROOM B, 3RD FLOOR, CLAY COUNTY COURHOUSE

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Grant Weyland, Chuck Hendrickson, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Roger Richman, DiAnn Streifel, Sara Watson Curry

Members Absent: Russ Colson, Joe Pederson

Others Present: Kirk Rosenberger, Larry Henry, Steve Moore, Dave Olek, Mary Aldrich, Jen Pickett, Paul Kalibabky, Todd Bratlien, Maggie Gruber, Kathy Ihle

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

On motion by Everett Nelson, seconded by Sara Watson Curry, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from March 22, 2018, with one revision: Kirk Rosenberger attended the Clay County Township Association meeting in Dilworth.

Moorhead Commercial Single Sort – Maggie Gruber

Maggie Gruber, Recycling Manager for the City of Moorhead, presented a PowerPoint on the Commercial No-Sort Recycling Pilot Program. The program will be free to 45 commercial customers, starting in July 2018 and going through December 2018. The goals are to determine operational and economic feasibility, increase recycling in Moorhead and expand Moorhead's sanitation services. Gruber said the program will divert waste from the Clay County Landfill. An estimated 200,000 pounds of recyclable material will be collected during the program.

Landfill Update – Larry Henry

Larry Henry reported the bulb collection is coming up on May 24th. Volunteer groups will help with spring clean-up at the landfill. Tree planting will be delayed by 3 weeks because of weather conditions. Roster help will be hired for landfill projects throughout the summer months.

Henry said the underpass project near Moorhead High School has 20,000 yards of contaminated soil. The landfill will only accept 2,500 yards of soil to leave room for other projects around the county. He hopes to find an offsite location for the remainder of the contaminated soil.

Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

Kevin Campbell reported burner repairs are done at PRRF and there is a lot of good steam production coming out of that facility.

Members received a letter from Chris McConn, the new director of Ottertail County Solid Waste. He also oversees Prairie Lakes Solid Waste. The letter suggested an increased fee of \$44,196 for Clay County. A special budget meeting was called.

Campbell said Clay County was originally told the Prairie Lakes (PL) facility had a 62,500-ton capacity. At that time, PL was looking for additional tonnage. A deal was worked out based on 15 percent or 9,400 tons/year delivered from Clay County. Tipping rate x 3,400 tons/year was our annual responsibility. PL realized the plant could not meet 62,500 tons/year, so new capacity of the plant was 55,000 tons/year. It was proposed that Clay County was required to deliver 9,400 tons despite the new capacity being only 55,500 tons/year. The 2018 tipping fees went from \$105 to \$118. Campbell proposed we take the capacity of 55,000 tons, and base Clay County's obligation of 15 percent of 55,000 tons/year on that capacity.

Clay County will no longer deliver 9,400 tons/year, but it will be 8,250 tons/year and the first 6,000 tons/year is trade. The county's new obligation is \$265,000 annually, compared to \$357,000 last year, representing a significant savings. Campbell said the final document will clarify the agreement and he will work with McConn to make things clearer. A reconciliation process will be incorporated. When counties go over their obligation they will still have their tons based on their percentage of ownership, but in the future will give up tons to counties that were unable to deliver their percentage obligation.

Campbell announced DiAnn Streifel will be retiring and today is her last meeting with Clay County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Campbell presented Streifel with a plaque of appreciation and thanked her for her years of service.

General Updates-Kirk Rosenberger

Kirk Rosenberger reported the electronic collection held in Barnesville last Saturday was a success. The electronic shed in Moorhead will be open Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m. during Spring Cleanup Week. There will be a collection in Hawley on May 19th for electronics and household hazardous waste.

The Master Recycler Composter class was postponed because there wasn't enough interest.

Rosenberger announced Earth Week t-shirts are available for \$10 and can be purchased at the Solid Waste office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.