

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022
ROOM B, 3RD FLOOR, CLAY COUNTY COURHOUSE

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Jenny Mongeau, Cliff Bang, Russ Colson, Chuck Hendrickson, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Joe Pederson, Roger Richman.

Joining by Teams: Heather Nesemeier.

Member Absent: Wayne Lepper

Others Present: Kirk Rosenberger, Shannon Thompson, Stephen Larson, Brett Rice, Julie Kennedy, Steve Iverson, Todd Bratlien, Tom Fuchs, Joe Johnson, Kathy Ihle.

Joining by Teams: Matt Evans, Graham Johnson, Jeannie Givens, Marlon Mackowick, Heidi Ringhofer.

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

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Everett Nelson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda with a request from Everett Nelson to give feedback on a letter sent to the citizens of Hawley.

On motion by Everett Nelson, seconded by Russell McDougall, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from March 24, 2022.

Resource Recovery Campus Update – Tom Fuchs, Construction Engineers

Tom Fuchs presented with drone footage and gave an update of the Resource Recovery Facility. Construction on the inbound/outbound scale and scale house structures will begin soon. Main building level two stairwell footings are complete. North push wall footings are complete and wall placement is scheduled. Foundation walls at Grid 8 will resume. Shallow footings and foundations are complete in Area B and ongoing in Area C. Area B backfill is scheduled to resume. Pre-engineered metal building (PEMB) erection is ongoing.

Landfill Project – Comstock Construction

Joe Johnson of Comstock Construction came to the SWAC meeting to talk about the landfill project issues. He informed the group that when the pump charges it will run until the batteries are drained. The manufacturer said if a level sensor is installed it will work the way it was intended to.

Kirk Rosenberger said things are moving forward, but key components have yet to be addressed. There is a sag in the line on the west side because of issues with scheduling. The previous two project managers said Comstock would fix that. There also needs to be a berm on the west side of the new cell. Lastly, the CS2 in the NW corner, where the pipe runs condensate up to the main leachate tank, has a solar piston pump that isn't pumping as designed.

The main gas line that runs from the top of the hill froze up the last two years. It affects performance of the boiler and the flare. Rosenberger added that the boiler is a disaster and needs to be resolved immediately.

Kevin Campbell said the MPCA is requesting an inspection of the flare which will cost between \$5,000 and \$30,000. He does not think it's Clay County's responsibility to cover that cost. He hopes the County, contractor, and subcontractors will find a solution.

Earth Week Happenings – Shannon Thompson

Shannon Thompson reported the Earth Week press conference held at MinnKota Recycling was well attended. The Moorhead Public Library held a Trash Art contest that was judged by representatives from the Rourke Art Museum. The winning Earth Week t-shirt design was a combination of a few entries. Some t-shirts are sold and many are given away for prizes. The Red River Zoo held a "Party for the Planet" to celebrate Earth Day. The West Central Initiative Spring Convivium at River Haven was well attended. There were 118 electronic drop-offs and 76 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items collected at the collection sites in Barnesville in April. There will be another HHW collection in Moorhead on May 7th and in Hawley on the 14th.

Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

Kevin Campbell said the Perham plant is running well. The summary of monthly revenues and expenditures are in line with what was projected. The purchase of a front-end loader was approved.

The MPCA inquired whether PLMSWA was interested in disposing of drugs that come in from around the state. Chris McConn reached out to Polk County and asked if they would accept Law Enforcement Seized Drug Wastes and they agreed.

A wage rate study was done for PLMSWA employees. A new grid has come out and is being reviewed. There was discussion of hiring a risk manager who would review insurance policies. It was tabled so the commissioners could discuss further.

Feedback on Letter Sent to Hawley Citizens and Trash Pick Up – Everett Nelson

Everett Nelson thanked Shannon Thompson for sending letters to citizens of Hawley and said there was a lot of positive feedback on the residential drop-off site at the landfill and on materials that can be recycled.

Nelson drove by the landfill in March and was surprised to see plastic bags on the fence and concerned how the landfill is containing the litter. The County needs to find a way to contain the plastic bags.

General Updates – Kirk Rosenberger

Kirk Rosenberger announced that he will be retiring Clay County on August 2nd but will utilize vacation time starting June 17th.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Everett Nelson, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.