

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018
ROOM B, 3RD FLOOR, CLAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Grant Weyland, Russ Colson, Chuck Hendrickson, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Joe Pederson, Sara Watson-Curry

Members Absent: Roger Richman, Everett Nelson

Others Present: Kirk Rosenberger, Shannon Thompson, Julie Kennedy, Mary Aldrich, Steve Moore, Todd Bratlien, Brian Berg, Paul Kalibabky, Matt Evans, Kathy Ihle

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

On Motion by Sara Watson Curry, seconded by Russ McDougall, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the Minutes from April 26, 2018.

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

COLLECTION UPDATE – SHANNON THOMPSON

Shannon Thompson reported Barnesville Collection in mid-April went well. Volunteers from the Barnesville 4-H group collected 135 drop offs. The MSUM Sustainability Club helped with the Moorhead Collection this year. FAA volunteers at the Hawley Collection Site were busy with 125 drop offs.

The Business Electronics and Fluorescent Bulb Collection is today at the Clay County Landfill from 8:30 am to 10:30 am, and in Moorhead at the Clay County Residential Electronic Recycling Shed from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Breakfast on the Farm and the Hawley Rodeo have been scheduled.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION UPDATE – Julie Kennedy

Julie Kennedy reported things are going well at Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). A pesticide collection is scheduled in Ulen on July 10th from 2 pm to 4 pm. Kennedy said there are a lot of nonhazardous items that people try to drop off that she cannot take at the facility. She is educating the public about what can be accepted.

Kennedy will meet next week with Steve Pincuspy, Minnesota Program Manager of PaintCare, to give feedback on PaintCare operations. Kennedy will be attending a HHW meeting in Duluth on June 14th.

LANDFILL UPDATE – LARRY HENRY

Kirk Rosenberger gave the landfill update for Larry Henry. Cleanup Week brought 60 additional transfer trailers during cleanup week. Roster employees are planting 150 – 200 trees today on the north end of the landfill to shield the area better. Laura Wessberg is at the landfill collecting electronics and fluorescent bulbs today.

Rosenberger said he will schedule the next SWAC meeting at the landfill next month because of upcoming projects that may impact some of the landowners. Next year a new cell will be built.

PERHAM UPDATE – KEVIN CAMPBELL

Kevin Campbell reported stack testing was done at Prairie Lakes (PL) and the new system is functioning as it is supposed to. The testing determines how much steam can be generated daily. Testing shows there is more steam available to sell.

Members of the PL Municipal Solid Waste Authority went through a year-end reconciliation plan for all counties. Each county is responsible for bringing their percentage of ownership in terms of tonnage to the facility. The PL facility had a major deficit in 2016. All counties had a cash call to come up with the bond payment that was more than 1.5 million. That was turned around last year. This year PL is forecast to be \$250,000 dollars in the black. At the end of the year the reconciliation process will look at what counties were over delivery, and which were under delivery. If one of the counties is under there could be a credit up to 1000 tons for the following year where 1000 tons more could be brought in without paying for it. The plant manager will monitor the delivery to ensure all counties are staying within their monthly targeted range.

The new director, Chris McConn reported a possible energy audit. PL would pay \$40,000 for the audit. When that amount is paid, a return check for \$20,000 will be received. PL will amend its policy on waste delivery and each county will amend their waste delivery agreements. Resolutions will go before the county board for final approval.

GENERAL UPDATES – KIRK ROSENBERGER

Kirk Rosenberger reported that Laura Wessberg met with the Fargo City Commission to give an update on educating the public regarding how to recycle plastic bags and to encourage the use of reusable bags. The Task Force will place plastic bag recycling bins at grocery stores to discourage shoppers from throwing bags in the trash. The Task Force asks that city leaders from Fargo, West Fargo, Moorhead, and Dilworth to proclaim June 5th as “A day Without Plastic Bags.”

Commissioner Jenny Mongeau is interested in increasing the fee to Hawley township from \$5,000/year to \$6,000/year.

Rosenberger reports Clay County is unable to move forward with transfer station currently. A lot of time and effort was put forth visiting with state officials, legislators and the PCA. Clay County will Move ahead with the Material Resource Facility (MRF).