

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021
ROOM B, 3RD FLOOR, CLAY COUNTY COURHOUSE

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Jenny Mongeau, Cliff Bang, Russ Colson, Chuck Hendrickson Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Roger Richman. Attending virtually: Heather Nesemeier.

Members Absent: Joe Pederson

Others Present: Kirk Rosenberger, Shannon Thompson, Julie Kennedy, Steve Larson, Steve Iverson, Todd Bratlien, Matt Evans, Cassidy Tieman, Ben Matson, and Kathy Ihle. Attending virtually: David Overbo, Jenn Pickett, Heidi Ringhofer, Jeannie Given.

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.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Chuck Hendrickson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from April 29, 2021.

Resource Recovery Campus Update – Construction Engineers

Ben Matson introduced himself as the senior project manager with Construction Engineers out of Grand Forks. Matson is working with Burns & McDonnell to review ways to reduce building costs for the Resource Recovery Campus project. Matson referred to Bid Packet 1 that was provided and describes material for the building, permits, bonds and insurance costs. The total cost is \$14.7 million.

Landfill Project Update – Burns & McDonnell

Matt Evans gave an update on the landfill project. Comstock is finishing up the punch list. The flare is running well, and they are waiting for the final boiler pieces to complete the work.

Landfill Fires – Kirk Rosenberger

Rosenberger said there were two landfill fires this month. The first fire started around 4 p.m. and a few days later the second fire started around 1:30 a.m. Hawley FD came and put 3500 gallons of water on the fire. A large pile of dirt and a 3500-gallon water tank will be available to assist with smothering further fires. Clay County is looking into the price of oxygen tanks and masks to provide the landfill crew.

Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

Campbell reports the plant is doing well. The first 2022 budget meeting was held two weeks ago. There was concern because there were zero dollars in the 2022 budget for the internal service fund. Campbell said a few years ago the campus was not doing well financially but now they are financially sound.

An insurance survey of the facility was done regarding recommendations on how to reduce risks and make improvements. They are looking for bids to change insurance carriers on July 1 with the hope it will drop the annual premium by \$100,000.

General Updates – Kirk Rosenberger

Kirk Rosenberger reports extensive water testing around the landfill was done for several residents living nearby. Results will be sent to the residents when the data is input into the MPCA system and are open to meet with the residents and township officials if needed.

Rosenberger invited Jeannie Given (MPCA) to speak. Jeannie Given said they are waiting on the final project pricing and financial plan, as well as a board resolution confirming how the project will be paid for. These are requirements for a final grant agreement between the MPCA and the County.

Shannon Thompson reported the business collection went well. The High School FFA kids helped and did a fantastic job.

Julie Kennedy reports the Spring collections went well. More residents are coming in to drop off, but less product is coming in. Drop off hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 8 – 4 and the first Saturday of each month 8 – noon. The product exchange is still closed because it is difficult for her to tend to the drop offs and monitor the exchange. Kennedy mentioned that Jim Olson worked with her part time for seven years and recently retired.

The next SWAC meeting will be held at the landfill.