

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022
THIRD FLOOR COURTHOUSE
MEETING ROOMS A/B

Members Present: Jenny Mongeau, Cliff Bang, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Roger Richman, Joe Pederson, Chuck Hendrickson, Heather Nesemeier

Joining by Teams: Kevin Campbell,

Members Absent: Russ Colson

Others Present: Shannon Thompson, Brett Rice, Julie Kennedy, Steve Iverson, Todd Bratlien, Justin Sorum, Joe Johnson, Leon Sevigny, Kathy Ihle

Joining by Teams: Matt Evans, David Crowell, Jen Pickett

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

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

On motion by Joe Pederson, seconded by Russ McDougall, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from June 23, 2022, with Heather Nesemeier's amendment to add *"The City of Moorhead staff was approved to work with seeding vendors to find seed options/alternatives for the Resource Recovery site", under Planting Native Grasses at Resource Recovery.*

Resource Recovery Campus Update – Construction Engineers

Leon Sevigny gave an update for the Resource Recovery Facility.

Sitework: Inbound/outbound scale and scale house structures are being paved. The prefabricated scale house building is scheduled to arrive the week of August 29. Electricians are working on trenching around the building. Many light pole bases have been poured. Select portions of landscaping and plantings have been placed.

Main Building/Structure: The foundation walls at Grid 8 are complete and are being backfilled. Push walls and ramp retaining walls are ongoing. Geofoam in Area C has been placed except for a small section along the east foundation wall. Shored slab is complete. The pre-engineered metal building erection is scheduled to resume next week. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough ins are ongoing in Areas A and B. Slabs on grade were placed in Area B last week. Masonry partition walls are ongoing and should be complete soon. Metal stud framing will begin this week in Areas A and B. Windows and doors will be installed within the next two

weeks in Areas A and B. Sevigny showed pictures and drone footage of the Resource Recovery Facility.

Landfill Project – Comstock Construction

Joe Johnson reports the boiler is running. The subcontractor will be on site next week with the manufacturer's representative to do a startup. Comstock will return in the fall to be sure the boiler is still working. The CS2 pump is running as it should be.

Landfill Drilling and Piping is onsite completing the drip leg installation to fix condensate that was building up in some of the pipes and hope to be finished by the end of the week. There is an ongoing issue with another condensate sump that the manufacturer is researching to find out what is causing the error code. Comstock is waiting for materials to arrive for a pressure relief valve in September and labels for the mechanical components to be delivered.

City of Felton – Jeff Rehder

Shannon Thompson said she has been working with the City of Felton for a few years to get a recycling center. The City recently obtained property through a foreclosure and the structure was torn down. They would like to build a two-stall building. Thompson said \$24,000 is available in the recycling budget for the project. Rehder said they have scaled down previous plans and have designed a 30' x 42' building that will cost \$75,300.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Everett Nelson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved to allocate \$24,000 from the SW recycling budget for the City of Felton's recycling building.

Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

Kevin Campbell announced the PLMSWA budget was approved for 2023 which amounts to a .7% increase in tipping fees. Brian Schmidt, (PLMSWA plant manager) believes that they will be able to go up to 55,000 tons in 2023, and each member will be responsible for their own percentage. Clay County's tons will go up 150 tons in 2023. Campbell said last year's budget number was \$306,000. That number will increase to \$312,000.

Kevin Campbell said the MPCA is asking all entities to pay \$50,000 to test for PFAS voluntarily. Campbell would like the MPCA to supply the funds for testing from the SW Management Tax that is collected in MN. They would like all member counties to work with the AMC Environmental Committee to develop a policy regarding the work that needs to be done. The director of PLMSWA will send a letter to member counties, county administrators, and SW directors across MN.

Jenny Mongeau reports the Clay County Board of Commissioners approved the hiring for the solid waste manager on Tuesday to start next week. That person rescinded their acceptance yesterday, and the position is open again. Clay County will continue to seek out a SW manager.

Campbell added that Steve Larson, Jenny Mongeau, and himself have met with Shannon Thompson and are going through a proposed 2023 SW budget to present.

Landfill Update

Brett Rice reports preventative maintenance is being done at the landfill before winter.

Rice brought a letter from the State of Minnesota requesting Clay County Landfill to test 15 wells for PFAS. Rice is working on a reply to let them know Clay County is working on an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). The deadline to reply is August 15th.

Kevin Campbell said he hasn't had a chance to go through the letter but thinks the coalition is similar to what was talked about at Prairie Lakes. The MPCA wants to collect data to determine the significance of the issue and remedies. The county needs to be sure the state understands that if this becomes significant, the local landfills and incinerators will be unable to fund the remedies or testing costs without help from the state.

Dave Crowell added that funding was being proposed for testing by the MPCA, but when the legislature broke without a budget, it didn't go anywhere. He hopes it will be brought up again in January.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Everett Nelson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved to reply to the MPCA letter with questions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 am.