

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018
Meeting Room B, Clay County Courthouse

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Joe Pederson, Roger Richman, Sara Watson Curry, Russ Colson

Members Absent: Grant Weyland, Chuck Hendrickson

Others Present: Kirk Rosenberger, Shannon Thompson, Julie Kennedy, Larry Henry, Brett Rice, Chase Monson, Steve Moore, Dave Olek, Todd Bratlien, Ivy Seo, Dave Overbo, Jenn Pickett, Kathy Ihle

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

On motion by Sara Watson Curry, seconded by Russell McDougall, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the Minutes from July 26, 2018.

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

Plastic Bag Update – Laura Wessberg

Laura Wessberg reported the Clay County and City of Moorhead websites have been updated to help residents learn where they can recycle plastic bags and other materials. Wessberg met with Moorhead City Council, Fargo City Commission, and Clay County Commission resulting in a joint proclamation declaring June 5th “**A Day Without Plastic Bags.**” A grocers’ convention will be held September 10 and 11 to meet with partners in the industry.

Anaerobic Digester – Brett Rice/Chase Monson

Brett Rice and Chase Monson presented information to SWAC members on Anaerobic Digestion. Rice reported he and Monson have met with local food waste producers to see if there is interest in participating in food waste recycling. Rice said the goal is to maximize food waste recycling benefits by generating biogas for heat and electricity while utilizing the byproduct as a nutrient additive for local farmers. Rice emphasized the anaerobic digester is a last stop shop and encourages food waste producers to donate food to process food into unperishable food if possible.

Recycling Update – Shannon Thompson

Shannon Thompson reported the loaner recycling bins are being used for many community activities this year. The recycling bins at gas station pumps have been relabeled and Clay County is working with Heartland Industries to get the containers back out to the Holiday Stations.

The Empty Pesticide Container Recycling Collection was held last week. Two thousand 2½-gallon containers and fifty of the larger containers were received.

Registration is open for the September Master Recycling Class being offered through Moorhead Community Education.

A new intern will start working with Clay County Solid Waste who will be responsible for the Plastic Bag Task Force and revising the Clay County solid waste webpage.

Clay County has recycled a ton and a half of (2,830 pounds) of batteries in the last three years. Shipping and boxing of rechargeable batteries are paid for through a producer program.

Landfill Update – Larry Henry

Larry Henry reported the trees planted earlier in the spring are doing well. The landfill site looks good. He is searching for ways to deal with seagulls and he is open to suggestions.

Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

Kevin Campbell reported the Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Committee met for a budget meeting. Prairie Lakes approved a budget which calls for tipping fee going from \$118/ton to \$123/ton. Included in the budget was repayment of an outstanding debt to Otter Tail County as well as funding an internal service fund. The internal service fund will be used to pay for equipment replacement.

Campbell reported there has been extensive discussion on a new waste supply agreement as well as other ownership issues.

The Prairie Lakes facility is doing well. The steam stacking test shows the facility can generate and sell more steam.

General Update – Kirk Rosenberger

Kirk Rosenberger stated a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued seeking bids for engineering and construction services for a landfill cell construction. The cost estimate for the project was between \$1.6 - \$2 million. Two responses were received from Burns & Mac and Wenck, Inc. This expansion should provide an additional 8 to 10 years landfill capacity. A technical review panel will be created to select the appropriate proposal.

Plans to do additional concrete work at the landfill will be put on hold due to the high costs.

Solid Waste staff will begin advertising for a new SWAC member to replace DiAnn Streifel.

Tree and brush will soon be being received at the landfill.

Clay County was approached by a power company for an easement near the demo site. The easement will be for relocation of overhead power lines to an underground site.

Roger Richman received a long lost MPCA appreciation certificate.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.