

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021
THIRD FLOOR COMMUNITY ROOMS A/B

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Cliff Bang, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Roger Richman, Russ Colson, Chuck Hendrickson, Joe Pederson. Joining by Teams was Heather Neseimeier

Members Absent: Jenny Mongeau

Others Present: Kirk Rosenberger, Shannon Thompson, Steve Iverson, Julie Kennedy, Tom Fuchs, Todd Bratlien, Steve Larson, Matt Evans, Cassidy Tieman, Kathy Ihle. Joining by Teams were Brett Rice and Jeannie Givens

On motion by Everett Nelson, seconded by Roger Richman, 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 July 22, 2021.

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

Resource Recovery Campus Update – Tom Fuchs, Construction Engineers

Tom Fuchs passed out handouts and showed drone footage of the Resource Recovery site. The utility work is complete on 15th Avenue North. Concrete entrances and aprons on 34th Street and 15th Avenue are done and portions of curbing on site are complete. The deepest foundation of the building structure has been dug out for the transfer trailer bay area. Footings and foundations are ongoing. The transfer station will be south of entrance on the north and will be used for trucks leaving for Perham.

Resource Recovery Campus CAP Grant Update – Jeannie Given, MPCA

Jeannie Given said her team secured the final design documentation on July 28 and are currently reviewing. Given has received GMP (General Maximum Price) and the final cost summary for the project. Before the grant can be executed, full funding verification must be approved by MN Management and Budget.

Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

Kevin Campbell reported on the budget meeting he attended last Friday. It was thought there would be a 5.5 percent increase in tipping fees for the facility. After reviewing the budget, they were able to get that number down to two percent. The 2021 budget included a savings for insurance premiums.

Solid Waste Updates – Kirk Rosenberger

Rosenberger handed out copies of the proposed 2022 budget. \$630,000 is being proposed for the bond payment for the new facility. \$200,000 is being transferred from the operating budget to help with capital costs.

Solid Waste anticipates revenues will cover \$630,000 for bond servicing and the increase of \$218,000 paid to Perham, money going into an internal service fund and other capital costs.

Solid Waste contributes \$120,000 annually to the general fund of the County. To balance the budget, we are proposing to raise the service fee \$3/year (\$42 to \$45) on individual parcels. This hasn't been done in many years.

Rosenberger said staff recommends raising tipping fees \$10/ton (\$50/ton to \$60/ton) which is consistent with what other counties are doing. Several members cautioned against increasing that significant amount.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Joe Pederson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the recommendation to increase the tipping fee.

Julie Kennedy reported the pesticide collection was not well attended in July and the Department of Agriculture will hold another collection next year.

Roger Richman moved to adjourn, and Russ McDougall seconded.