

SOLID WASTE POLICY BOARD MEETING

April 27, 2011
Solid Waste Department
9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leon Pfaff, David Eddy, Maureen Freedland, Steve Hogden, Jarrod Holter, Floyd Riester, Margaret Wood, Therese Walter

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Margaret Wood, Dale Hexom

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Hank Koch, Randy Nedrelo, Nick Nichols, Debbie Henriksen (Solid Waste Department), Larry Hougom, Gary Hougom, Pennie Pierce (Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling), Gary Harter and JT Grandin (Harter's Quick Clean-Up), Brian Kent (SEH, Inc.); Rick Frank (Houston County), John Staats (STCSWC); Gene Edwards (Vernon County)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Leon Pfaff, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

INTRODUCTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes (January 26, 2011)
- Previous Meeting To Do List
- Reappointments of David Eddy and Margaret Wood. New appointment of Theresa Walter.

MOTION by Eddy/Freedland to approve the Consent Agenda. **MOTION** passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments and questions were welcomed throughout the meeting.

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY OVERVIEW

John Staats from the Southern Trempealeau County Solid Waste Commission (STCSWC) presented information regarding the establishment of the Commission as a responsible unit (RU) by seven municipalities. As a somewhat rural community, they have done some things that are unique and have tried to diversify their funding and activities so that they are flexible as the market changes. Some specific projects include cardboard routes for businesses, apartments and schools, buyback of aluminum cans at a price less than private recyclers would be willing to pay, recycle textiles including clothing and shoes, etc. Their program has won various awards and has allowed them to not raise their cost to member municipalities or residents in nearly 15 years. They offer full service public recycling and their intent is to be able to handle whatever waste a home might generate.

VERNON COUNTY OVERVIEW

Gene Edwards from Vernon County provided information regarding issues at the Vernon County landfill regarding leachate. Their landfill is not large and is situated close to a trout stream. At specific times during this year when rain events have occurred, there has been concern about leachate spilling out of the landfill. Applied Ecological Services, Inc. (AES) has been hired to help resolve this with the goals to: 1) Reduce/stabilize operational costs, 2) Better control over future costs and 3) To be better financial and environmental stewards of the land. Options were reviewed and AES is working on a biofilter to filter and cleanse leachate and use that cleansed liquid in an area dedicated to growing prairie plants. The work with AES will require them to design a system and to get DNR approval of the project.

UPDATE ON REBATES AND TIPPING FEES

Hank Koch provided information regarding work to date on rebate agreements which include the possibility of extending landfill hours, including Saturday hours. Hank also presented a Power Point presentation regarding tipping fees at the landfill. This presentation helped to explain the current rates at the landfill and how we compare to other landfills in the area. Koch explained the difference between our gate rate, effective rate and average rate.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Items suggested for next agenda included: Election of officers, ag bag plastics, HHS activity regarding burn barrels, update on the property adjacent to the landfill, feedback on the annual meeting and discussion regarding fees for the annual meeting.

FUTURE MEETING DATE – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION by Eddy, Hodgen to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION** passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved, August 24, 2011, Debbie Henriksen, Recorder.