

MINUTES
RILEY COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 5, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Riley County Office Building
2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Steve Galitzer, Leon Hobson, Jeff Walters, Monty Wedel, and Howard Wilson

Others Present: Greg Wilson, Gary Rosewicz, and Lisa Daily

Members Absent: Betty Book, Kelly Briggs, William Clark, Steve DeHart, Karen McCulloh, Dennis Peterson, Charly Pottorff, Paul Werle, Judy Willingham, John Woods and Fran Zerby.

Steve Galitzer, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Sign-in, Introduction The sign-in sheet was completed.

Committee Member Changes – Monty Wedel

Monty Wedel shared with the Committee that Jill Dalton and Dick Miller have resigned from their positions. Mr. Wedel said Judy Willingham will replace Jill Dalton as a City Representative and Dennis Peterson will replace Dick Miller as a Representative of the Unincorporated Area. The Riley County Board of Commissioners approved these changes on April 18, 2011.

Steve Galitzer asked Mr. Wedel to try and find another person to fill the position of Representative of the Unincorporated Area since Dennis Peterson is the Director of Noxious Weeds for Riley County.

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the previous meeting, April 1, 2010, were presented.

Howard Wilson moved to approve the minutes with the amendment on page 3, correct 4,000 lbs. to 186,000 lbs. a year.

Jeff Walters seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0.

Update on Solid Waste budget – Gary Rosewicz

Gary Rosewicz provided an update of the Solid Waste budget as follows:

- The Solid Waste Facility processed 47,149 tons of municipal solid waste in 2010 which is an increase from 46,278 tons in 2009.
- Brush shows a decrease from 4,067 tons in 2009 to 3,308 tons in 2010 while commercial brush for which there is a fee charged, increased from 3,727 tons to 4,109 tons.
- Grass decreased from 1,166 tons in 2009 to 926 in 2010.
- Compost sales were \$2,980.00 which was an increase from \$1,389.00 in 2009.
- Beginning of 2010 the budget reserve was \$518,505.97.
 - Equipment Shed - design, construct and equip, \$137,980.00
 - Tractor – used primarily in composting operations, \$53,512.65
 - Reconditioned Crane- Transfer building, \$95,166.90
- Total purchases \$286,659.55 ending the budget at \$224,229.69.
- \$40,000.00 was spent to subsidize Household Hazardous Waste.
- Effective August 2010 entered into a new contract with Hamm, Inc.
 - The disposal cost paid to Hamm changed from \$29.48/ton to \$34.45/ton, which is a 17% increase.
 - This amount will increase at a 3% rate annually in July for the term of the contract.
 - Effective August 2010 the gate tipping fee was increased from \$40.00/ton to \$42.00/ton for MSW, in anticipation of the increased disposal cost. The \$3.00/ton for commercial brush remained unchanged.
 - The activation point for the fuel surcharge will be when the average cost of diesel for this region as shown on the CPI is over \$2.50/gal. The original contract price was \$2.00/gal but was re-negotiated to \$2.50 gal. Fuel surcharge paid in 2009 was \$23,086.23 and \$42,206.37 in 2010. Through March of this year, \$13,480.27 has already been paid in fuel surcharge.

- Due to the 3% annual rate increase with Hamm, Inc., the gate tipping fee will increase \$2.00-\$3.00 effective July 1, 2011. The increase will be posted 30 days in advance. The annual increase is partly due to the fact MSW tonnage has decreased over the years. The contract states if the tonnage drops below 43,000 tons, the contract can be re-negotiated.

Mr. Rosewicz said Garick Co. has approached the County with a proposal to grind and remove the brush accumulated at no cost. He said this would be done once or twice a year as necessary. Garick operates the City of Topeka tree dump and has a contract with Frito Lay to supply the Topeka plant with bio-mass which is then converted to energy used in the plant. Garick is a national company and operates several of these sites throughout the country. Mr. Rosewicz plans to submit Request for Proposals in the next 2 weeks. This would potentially eliminate the need to burn the brush.

Annual Review of 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan

Monty Wedel explained that the SWMC must conduct a review of the plan annually. The purpose of the review is to identify any changes that have occurred with our solid waste management in the past year

Leon Hobson asked if the grinding and removal of brush needs to be added to the plan.

Mr. Rosewicz stated this procedure has not been implemented but possibly would need to be added next year.

No one on the committee was aware of any needed changes at this time.

Howard Wilson moved that the Solid Waste Management Committee conducted the annual review of the Solid Waste Management Plan for 2009 and no changes were identified.

Jeff Walters seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0.

KSU E-Waste drive – Steve Galitzer

Steve Galitzer said the KSU e-waste recycling event held on April 30th was successful and filled a semi-trailer plus. Mr. Galitzer stated the vendor, PSC, did not charge any fee for the event and that none of the e-waste is sent over seas. Some funds were

raised to help defray cost; however, the report is not available at this time. He said he will provide the figures as soon as this report is completed. Mr. Galitzer stated several businesses donated items such as safety glasses, gloves and ponchos in the event of rain. He said PSC would not take any HHW material so KSU did pick up a lot of batteries which they took to their recycling facility.

General Discussion

Steve Galitzer asked how often Garick would grind and remove the brush.

Mr. Rosewicz stated at least once annually but to be determined in the contract and Garick stated they would also be available during storm events. He said our facility is an all weather site which makes it appealing. Our facility also takes root balls which can take 3-4 weeks to burn down.

Leon Hobson asked Greg Wilson how curbside recycling is going.

Monty Wedel asked what percentage of their clients participate in the curbside recycling.

Greg Wilson stated this new service is being offered free of charge to all customers interested for three months. He said they currently have 750 customers participating out of a total of 3,000. The customers do not have to sort the recycling material but glass is not accepted. Mr. Wilson said Saturday mornings is still busy as ever.

Steve Galitzer asked about the composting program.

Gary Rosewicz said it is going very well with lots of wind rows with leaves from last fall and this spring. He did say green grass needs to be added.

Meeting was adjourned.