

MINUTES  
RILEY COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 14, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

Riley County Office Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Kelly Briggs, Steve Galitzer, Leon Hobson, Dennis Peterson, Charly Pottorff, Jeff Walters, Monty Wedel, Howard Wilson, and John Woods

Others Present: Gary Rosewicz, Joe & Janet Mallon, Travis Hummel, Nick & Denee Sheffield, Dave Schafer, Paulo Tolentino and Elias Tolentino.

Members Absent: Dave Bollman, Betty Book, William Clark, Steve DeHart, Karen McCulloh, Paul Werle, Judy Willingham and Fran Zerby

Steve Galitzer, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Sign-in, Introductions The sign-in sheet was completed and all attendees introduced themselves.

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting The Chairman stated the minutes of the May 24, 2012 and June 14, 2012 meetings would be approved at the next scheduled meeting.

Update on Solid Waste budget shortfall actions by Board of County Commissioners

Gary Rosewicz explained that the recommendations from the Solid Waste Management Committee to address the budget shortfall were presented to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board decided to implement all of the SWMC recommendations as follows:

1. To move the funding for the HHW Program from the Solid Waste Department to the General Fund. This is a net reduction to the Solid Waste Fund of \$35,000. The General Fund is currently receiving the reimbursement for labor and equipment associated with the HHW Program.
2. To move the funding for the subsidy to Howie's to the General Fund. This is a net reduction to the Solid Waste Fund of \$15,000.
3. To raise the price of commercial brush from \$3 per ton with a \$3 minimum to \$10 per ton with a \$5 minimum.

4. To raise the price of compost being sold from \$10 per ton with a \$2 minimum to \$20 per ton with a \$10 minimum.
5. To raise the MSW tipping fee \$3 per ton.

Rosewicz explained when the changes would be implemented and answered general questions regarding the changes.

### Annual Review of 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan

The Committee conducted their annual review of the plan, with particular focus on the aspects of the plan that would be impacted by the BOCC actions. The Committee reviewed the relevant Action/Policy Plan sheets that would require examination and/or modification in the next 5-year update. There was considerable discussion and debate regarding the increase in the commercial brush disposal fee and whether or not the free disposal should be maintained for the general public and other governmental entities. Chairman Galitzer suggested that the Committee meet in 6 months to further review this area of the plan. Dennis Peterson also informed the group that the BOCC recently decided to discontinue the public collection of e-waste as Howie's has begun accepting the material. In summary, the Committee identified the following specific items within the SWMP for review and/or modification:

- Education – The recycling directory should be published in a digital format only and discontinue the hardcopy printing and distribution.
- Recycling – The subsidy will be funded from General Fund instead of Solid Waste Fund.
- Yard Waste Processing – Review whether or not the free drop-off should be continued. Review whether or not changes need to be made to the brush burning/chipping policy. Review again the feasibility of using wood chips for energy. Add the charge for commercial brush to the action/policy list.
- Household Hazardous Waste – All Funding Sources in this section should be changed to the General Fund.
- Special Wastes – The public option for collection of e-waste should be removed from the action/policy list.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.