

MINUTES
RILEY COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 14, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Riley County Office Building
2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Dave Bollman, Kelly Briggs, Steve Galitzer, Leon Hobson, Charly Pottorff, Monty Wedel, Howard Wilson and Fran Zerby.

Others Present: Gary Rosewicz, William Speigel and Greg Wilson.

Members Absent: Betty Book, William Clark, Steve DeHart, Karen McCulloh, Dennis Peterson, Jeff Walters, Paul Werle, Judy Willingham and John Woods.

Steve Galitzer, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Sign-in, Introductions The sign-in sheet was completed and all attendees introduced themselves. William Speigel announced that he would be taking over for John Woods on the committee.

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting Monty Wedel moved and Fran Zerby seconded to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2012 and June 14, 2012 meetings as presented. Motion approved.

Update on Solid Waste budget

Gary Rosewicz presented the attached "2013 Solid Waste Advisory Board Report". Discussion followed. The changes that were implemented last year are working and no fee increases are projected at this time.

Review of effectiveness of commercial brush fee increase

Gary Rosewicz presented the attached "Effects of Commercial Brush Fee Increase". Discussion followed. The consensus was that the new fee structure was working well and no changes are needed at this time.

Annual Review of 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan

The Committee conducted their annual review of the plan. There were no changes noted to the solid waste system since last year. The 5-year update of the plan will be done next year starting with a meeting on January 30, 2014 to begin organizing. Monty Wedel moved and Howard Wilson seconded to forward to the Board of County Commissioners that the annual review of the plan was completed and that no changes are recommended at this time. Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

2013 Solid Waste Advisory Board Report

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The Solid Waste Facility processed 43,596 tons of MSW in 2012. This was a decrease from 45,619 tons in 2011 and seems to indicate the downward trend we have experienced in the MSW for the past few years continues. One of the smaller carriers decreased by approximately 200 tons, but the biggest decrease was from Waste Management which came in over 3600 tons. Obviously, several of the local carriers are picking up some of Waste Management's business.

Brush shows an increase from 2817 tons to 3178 tons with Commercial Brush decreasing from 3118 tons to 2661 tons. This will be discussed later in the program.

The brush was ground and hauled to Topeka by the Garick Co. for a charge of \$5000. This amount will remain unchanged for 2013 and the work is scheduled to take place in May or June.

Grass decreased from 993 tons in 2011 to 782 tons in 2012 which can probably be attributed to lack of rain. We sold 193 tons of compost compared to 241 tons in the previous year.

Additionally at the direction of the County Commission, 36 tons were donated to the Community Gardens in 2012.

Budget wise, we began 2012 with a reserve in the amount of \$122,347.99 and ended with \$196,888.17. These additional funds can be attributed to the increased charges for MSW, commercial brush, and compost which took effect in August.

We spent \$31,923.28 to subsidize Household Hazardous Waste plus \$15,000.00 to Howie's for recycling. Effective January 1 of this year, these costs will now be taken from the General Fund.

Also at the end of 2012, the bond for the construction of the Transfer Station was retired. This amounted to \$38,350.00 for the final year.

Under the contract with Hamm, the disposal cost went from \$35.48/ton to \$36.54/ton in July, 2012. This amount will increase to \$37.64 on July 1, 2013.

In 2011, we paid \$70,178.18 for the fuel surcharge in 2012, \$69,049.96.

Our current charges at the gate are \$48.00/ton for MSW, \$10.00/ton for commercial brush, and \$20.00/ton for compost. I see no reason to increase these fees for 2013.

Effects of Commercial Brush Fee Increase

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Effective August 1, 2012, the fee for disposal of Commercial Brush at the Riley County Solid Waste Facility was increased from \$3.00/ton to \$10.00/ton.

When compared to 2011, the volume of Commercial brush in 2012 decreased from 3118 tons to 2661 tons.

To break this down farther, from January through July in 2011, 2004 tons of commercial brush was received. During this same time period in 2012, 1953 tons were received. For August through December, the amounts were 1114 tons in 2011 and 708 tons on 2012 for a difference of 406 tons.

15 out of 50 carriers who disposed of commercial brush in the first part of the year did not utilize it in the last part. 14 of these cannot be considered regular customers of commercial brush and most had totals of 6 tons or less for the period of January through July.

One landscaping company did bring in 16 loads for a total of 4.42 tons sometime during the January through July time period and did no business afterwards.

Due to fluctuations in development, weather, and other factors, it is impossible to say whether the increase in charges impacted the amount deposited as commercial brush. It can be pointed out though, the 708 tons brought in the last part of 2012 generated \$7080 at \$10.00/ton while the 1114 tons in 2011 generated \$3342 at \$3.00/ton.