

MINUTES
RILEY COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 6, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Riley County Office Building
2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: William Clark, Steve Galitzer, Leon Hobson, Dennis Peterson, Charly Pottorff, Dave Shover, Monty Wedel, Howard Wilson and John Woods.

Others Present: Gary Rosewicz and William Spiegel.

Members Absent: Dave Bollman, Betty Book, Kelly Briggs, Steve DeHart, Jeff Walters, Ron Wells, 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 Howard Wilson moved and Dennis Peterson seconded to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion approved.

Update on Solid Waste budget

Gary Rosewicz presented the attached "2014 Solid Waste Advisory Board Report". Discussion followed. Steve Galitzer, John Wood, William Spiegel and Monty Wedel will form a subcommittee to research alternatives for brush.

5-Year Update Solid Waste Management Plan

Monty Wedel stated the update needs to complete by June. The following subcommittees were formed with updates due in one month.

Special Waste – Dennis Peterson, Chair, Steve Galitzer, Howard Wilson, William Clark, Gary Rosewicz, Monty Wedel and Kelly Briggs.

Recycling and Education – Monty Wedel, Chair, Howard Wilson, John Woods and William Spiegel.

Yard Waste – Steve Galitzer, chair

Dave Shover will provide a report on the third class cities.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

2014 Solid Waste Advisory Board Report February 6, 2014

The Solid Waste Facility processed 44,866 tons of MSW in 2013. This was an increase from 43,596 tons in 2012 and seems to indicate the downward trend we have experienced in the MSW for the past few years may have leveled out.

Brush shows a decrease from 3178 tons to 2861 tons with Commercial Brush decreasing from 2661 tons to 1922 tons.

The brush was ground and hauled to Topeka by the Garick Co. for a charge of \$5000. This amount should remain unchanged for 2014 and the work is scheduled to take place in June or July.

Grass increased from 782 tons in 2012 to 865 tons in 2013 which can probably be attributed increased rainfall. We sold 254 tons of compost compared to 193 tons in the previous year.

Additionally at the direction of the County Commission, 32 tons were donated to the Community Gardens in 2013. Essentially, all of the compost we make is being sold or utilized elsewhere.

Budget wise, we began 2012 with a reserve in the amount of \$196,888.17 and ended with \$315,994.93. These additional funds can be attributed to the increased charges for MSW, commercial brush, and compost which took effect in August of 2012 along with the change in funding from Solid Waste to General Fund for the subsidy to Howie's and Household Hazardous Waste. Also, 2013 was the first year without a bond payment having retired the bond at the end of 2012.

In 2012, we paid Hamm \$69,049.96 for the fuel surcharge in 2013 this increased to \$70,634.15.

Under the contract with Hamm, the disposal cost went from \$36.54/ton to \$37.64/ton in July, 2013. This amount will increase to \$38.77 on July 1, 2014.

No Solid Waste fees were increased in 2013, but we also did not have any major expenditures or repairs. No decision has been made concerning fee increases in 2014.

Our current charges at the gate are \$48.00/ton for MSW, \$10.00/ton for commercial brush, and \$20.00/ton for compost.