

MINUTES
RILEY COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 3, 2016
7:00 P.M.

Riley County Office Building
2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Steve Galitzer, Leon Hobson, David Kreller, Dennis Peterson, Charly Pottorf, William Spiegel, Monty Wedel and Judy Willingham

Others Present: Gary Rosewicz, Greg Wilson and Dave Schafer.

Members Absent: Betty Book, William Clark, Steve DeHart, Dave Shover, Jeff Walters, Ron Wells, Howard Wilson, John Woods, and Fran Zerby.

Steve Galitzer, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

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

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting

David Kreller moved and William Spiegel seconded to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion approved.

Follow up on recommendations to Public Works

Leon Hobson said his department has been researching the effectiveness of charging everyone for brush and closing the Transfer Station earlier in the day. He said the question they have been asking themselves is “what are we actually trying to accomplish?”

For example, he explained that last Saturday there were 117 tickets for brush. If each ticket had to be processed taking 2 to 3 minutes; it would have backed up traffic and could have taken a good chunk of the day. Possibly closing at noon or 2 p.m. would make the situation even worse because you would have more traffic in a shorter time period. Mr. Hobson said at this time, Public Works is considering:

1. Not making any changes
2. Closing the Transfer Station at 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays
3. Closing the Transfer Station at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays
4. Having longer seasonal hours from March to May

Mr. Hobson said there is a convenience factor that needs to be looked at. We are providing a public service to allow the taxpayers time to do their yard work and haul it to the Transfer

Station. He said before any change in hours, he would send out a survey to all commercial MSW haulers to verify if they currently allow the pickup of brush and limbs. Mr. Hobson said they should have an answer by the next meeting.

Greg Wilson said Howie's is done by noon on Saturday's.

William Spiegel stated K-State is done by 10:30 on Saturday's.

David Kreller asked when the contract with Hamm's will expire.

Gary Rosewicz replied 2020.

Steve Galitzer stated this would be the wrong time of the year to make these changes and would ultimately cost more.

Dennis Peterson stated commercial businesses are required to have a commercial license plate and suggested having a camera installed at the Transfer Station.

David Kreller said if the suggestions from the Brush Subcommittee are not implemented, there will not be any hard feelings.

Update on Solid Waste budget

Gary Rosewicz presented the attached "2016 Solid Waste Advisory Board Report".

Annual Review of 2014 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. Monty Wedel said the Board of Commissioners signed a Contract for Recycling Services with Howie's Recycling in the amount of \$15,000 for the next five (5) years.

Judy Willingham moved 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.

William Spiegel seconded. The committee voted 8 yays, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

2016 Solid Waste Advisory Board Report March 3, 2016

The Solid Waste Facility processed 46,820 tons of MSW in 2015. This was an increase from 44,196 tons in 2014. When taken into account with the MSW tonnages from 2012 and 2013, it seems to indicate the downward trend we experienced in the MSW over a number years may have leveled out.

Brush shows a slight increase from 3429 tons to 3466 tons with Commercial Brush decreasing from 2295 tons to 1757 tons.

The Garick Co., who had been grinding our brush pile for several years, is no longer in the picture for whatever reason. As a result, we have started burning the brush pile again.

Grass increased from 933 tons in 2014 to 1232 tons in 2015. We sold 292 tons of compost compared to 252 tons in the previous year. Additionally at the direction of the County Commission, 32 tons were donated to the Community Gardens in 2015. Essentially, all of the compost we make is being sold or utilized elsewhere.

Under the contract with Hamm, the disposal cost went from \$38.77/ton to \$39.93/ton in July, 2015. This amount will increase to \$41.13 on July 1, 2016.

In 2014, we paid Hamm \$64,931.98 for the fuel surcharge. In 2015, this cost was \$7,052.86, a decrease of \$57,879.12. Although I anticipate this is only a temporary trend, I believe it will be relatively stable for the remainder of the year.

Budget wise, we began 2015 with a reserve in the amount of \$402,759.32 and ended with \$417,277.50. \$132,682 was used to purchase a new loader in March, 2015 and \$6000 was spent to install a generator for the scale house.

Our current charges at the gate are \$50.00/ton for MSW with a \$12.50 minimum, \$10.00/ton for commercial brush with a \$5.00 minimum, and \$20.00/ton for compost. The MSW fee was increased from \$48.00/ton in August, 2015.

Projecting out our revenues and expenditures at the current rates and barring any unforeseen major expenditures, I would expect to put approximately \$90,000 into reserves at the end of 2016.

With this in mind, I would not recommend any increase to the current rates.

Gary Rosewicz, P.E. Assistant County Engineer