

MINUTES
RILEY COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 2, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Riley County Office Building
2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Steve Galitzer, Leon Hobson, David Kreller, Kevin Schindlbeck, Casey Smithson, William Spiegel, Monty Wedel and Judy Willingham

Others Present: Gary Rosewicz, John Wood and Jay Anderson

Members Absent: Betty Book, William Clark, Steve DeHart, Dennis Peterson, Charly Pottorf, Dave Shover, Ron Wells, Howard Wilson, 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 March 3, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion approved.

Update on Solid Waste budget

Gary Rosewicz presented the attached “2017 Solid Waste Advisory Board Report”.

David Kreller asked if there was an alternative since Garick Company was no longer grinding brush.

Gary Rosewicz said not really because Garick approached Riley County as they were needing bio mass for Frito Lay. He said Riley County paid a nominal fee of \$5,000 a year. Mr. Rosewicz explained the grinding of brush into pellets turned out not to be viable for Frito Lay. He also stated Garick’s equipment was not reliable and that they had started stockpiling material. Mr. Rosewicz said they would call Garick to come grind and would be told they would be out in two or three weeks which turned into months.

Jay Anderson, representing Howie’s Recycling & Trash Service said they also have ran into the same thing with Garick Company. He said they need to have pallets recycled but can’t find a company that will actually recycle them. Mr. Anderson said they can find companies that will grind the pallets but not recycle them. He said no one wants the product.

David Kreller asked about a front loader that needed to be upgraded.

Mr. Rosewicz said that was replaced last year. He said eventually the material handler will need to be replaced at a cost of \$150,000-\$180,000, asphalt needs to be maintained, and the buildings themselves and the scales will need to be upgraded.

Steve Galitzer stated that he is concerned that burning brush will not be an option someday.

Casey Smithson, City of Manhattan Parks Department, said they grind a portion of their brush to be used around town. He asked about an incinerator.

Mr. Rosewicz said the Transfer Station is self-supporting and it's all about economics.

Annual Review of 2014 Solid Waste Management Plan

The Committee conducted their annual review of the plan. Monty Wedel explained the review process for the two new committee members. He then reviewed the Action Plan for each chapter. The Committee discussed that the five year update will be in 2019 and that they should start the process in November of 2018.

The Committee discussed possibly doing a waste stream study again and curbside recycling. There were no changes noted to the solid waste system since last year.

David Kreller 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. Judy Willingham seconded. The committee voted 8 yays, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

2017 Solid Waste Advisory Board Report March 2, 2017

The Solid Waste Facility processed 46,956 tons of MSW in 2016. This was an increase from 46,820 tons in 2015. When taken into account with the MSW tonnages from 2014 and 2015, it seems to indicate the downward trend we experienced in the MSW over a number years may have leveled out.

Brush was down from 3466 tons to 3243 tons with Commercial Brush increasing from 1757 tons to 1914 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 decreased from 1232 tons in 2015 to 1042 tons in 2016. We sold 362 tons of compost compared to 297 tons in the previous year. Additionally, at the direction of the County Commission, 32 tons were donated to the Community Gardens in 2016. Essentially, all of the compost we make is being sold or utilized elsewhere.

Under the contract with Hamm, the disposal cost went from \$39.93/ton to \$41.13/ton in July, 2016. This amount will increase to \$42.36 on July 1, 2017.

In 2015, we paid Hamm \$7052.86 for the fuel surcharge. In 2016, Hamm paid us \$12,255.03 due to the cost of fuel dropping below the \$2.50/gal. base cost used to calculate the fuel surcharge. This is a decrease of \$77,187.01 for the cost in 2014. 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 2016 with a reserve in the amount of \$408867.94 and ended with \$604,208.24.

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 2017.

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

Gary Rosewicz, P.E.
Assistant County Engineer