

MINUTES
RILEY COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 1, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Riley County Office Building
2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Steve Galitzer, Leon Hobson, David Kreller, Perry Piper, Casey Smithson, William Spiegel, Monty Wedel, Ron Wells and Fran Zerby

Others Present: Gary Rosewicz and Karen McCulloh

Members Absent: Betty Book, William Clark, Dennis Peterson, Charly Pottorf, Dave Shover, Judy Willingham and Howard Wilson.

Steve Galitzer, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Sign-in, Introductions The sign-in sheet and introductions were completed.

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting

David Kreller moved and William Spiegel seconded to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion approved.

Update on Solid Waste budget

Gary Rosewicz presented the attached “2018 Solid Waste Advisory Board Report”. He said with projected revenues and expenditures he doesn’t recommend any increases to the current rates for 2018. He did indicate that this is barring any unforeseen major expenditures but will still have to overlay the roadway and area around the station. Mr. Rosewicz did state that eventually the crane will have to be replaced.

David Kreller asked if KDHE requires the county to have a reserve or bond.

Gary Rosewicz replied the county is not required to have a reserve or bond but the county does have an insurance policy. He also said the Hamm’s contract will be expiring in 2020. These contracts in the past have been written to automatically annually renew for a 10 year period which helps to keep the bid costs lower.

Leon Hobson clarified that they will be accepting bids for the new contract.

Steve Galitzer asked if there are still issues with commercial brush being bought in under residential brush.

Mr. Gary Rosewicz said yes but there is nothing that can be done about it.

Monty Wedel did note that commercial brush figures are up.

Annual Review of 2014 Solid Waste Management Plan

The Committee conducted their annual review of the plan. Monty Wedel asked if there were any issues or sections that needed to be addressed.

Karen McCulloh asked if there was a budget breakdown for the transfer station and recycling.

Mr. Rosewicz explained the budget for recycling and household hazardous waste no longer comes from Solid Waste but from the General Fund.

Mrs. McCulloh asked if there is a group working on recycling glass.

Mr. Galitzer stated Howie's does glass recycling for the county.

Mrs. McCulloh stated Ripple Glass out of Kansas City recycles glass into fiber glass.

William Spiegel stated that Ripple Glass pays Howie's \$2 a ton. He said K-State has to pay Howie's to recycle their glass so he has been seeking out other vendors and has found some that will place a dumpster on site and pay K-State \$15-\$20 per ton.

Monty Wedel said that Howie's is paid to be the recycler of glass, plastic and steel cans for the county.

Mr. Kreller stated it's not a good idea for the county to get into the commodity market and glass is hard to transport.

Mrs. McCulloh stated Howie's doesn't take glass in their curbside recycling program and there is not much effort being done on recycling. She also asked about drug recycling events.

Mr. Kreller said pharmaceutical recycling could be a huge liability for the county. The DEA disburses funds to the general attorney and the state has cut out most of the funding. He said the police then do not have the funds to handle such an event. Mr. Kreller stated recycling of drugs has to be done correctly to avoid becoming a major handler.

Mr. Galitzer said dealing with the DEA is difficult and the household hazardous waste does drug recycling for the county.

Ron Wells said the drugs taken to HHW are ground up and used in latex paint.

Mrs. McCulloh said HHW doesn't take opioids.

Mr. Wedel said he will note that the 5-year update needs to address recycling programs and education, pharmaceutical recycling and food waste.

William Spiegel moved to forward to the Board of County Commissioners that the annual review of the plan was completed and that the above three items should be reviewed in the 5-year update as stated by Mr. Wedel. David Kreller seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Kreller said the state is considering revising the regulations on household hazard waste.

The committee agreed to start the 5-year review at the next meeting, November 1, 2018. Monty Wedel said a reminder will go out in October to encourage the committee to start reviewing the plan and thinking about subcommittees.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

2018 Solid Waste Advisory Board Report

March 1, 2018

The Solid Waste Facility processed 46,659 tons of MSW in 2017. This was a decrease from 46,956 tons in 2016. This is a decrease of less than 1% and when taken into account with the MSW tonnages from 2015 and 2016, indicates the waste may have leveled out for the time being.

Residential Brush was down from 3243 tons to 3149 tons with Commercial Brush increasing from 1914 tons to 1990 tons.

Grass decreased from 1242 tons in 2016 to 1016 tons in 2017. We sold 270 tons of compost compared to 360 tons in the previous year. Additionally, at the direction of the County Commission, 32 tons were donated to the Community Gardens in 2017. Essentially, all of the compost we make is being sold or utilized elsewhere.

Under the contract with Hamm, the disposal cost went from \$41.13/ton to \$42.36/ton in July, 2017. This amount will increase to \$43.63 on July 1, 2018.

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. In 2017, we paid Hamm \$4951.92 for the fuel surcharge a difference of \$17,206.95. In January of this year, the fuel surcharge was \$1857.60. I believe this will continue to trend upwards and negatively impact our annual revenues.

Budget wise, we began 2016 with a reserve in the amount of \$604,208.24 and ended with \$594,558.80. Approximately \$110,000 was spent in 2017 to overlay the compost pad and making major repairs to the crane boom.

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 \$50,000 into reserves at the end of 2018.

With this in mind, I do not recommend any increase to the current rates for 2018.

Gary Rosewicz, P.E.
Assistant County Engineer/
Assistant Director of Public Works