

MINUTES
RILEY COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 2, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Riley County Office Building
2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Betty Book, Kelly Briggs, Jill Dalton, Steve DeHart, Steve Galitzer, Leon Hobson, Richard Miller, Dennis Peterson, Jeff Walters, Monty Wedel, Judy Willingham, Howard Wilson, and John Woods.

Others Present: Greg Wilson, Gary Rosewicz, Julie Winter, and Lisa Ruthstrom

Members Absent: William Clark, Karen McCulloh, Charly Pottorff, Paul Werle and Fran Zerby.

Steve Galitzer, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Sign-in, Introduction The sign-in sheet was completed. Introductions were made around the table.

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Update on Solid Waste Budget Gary Rosewicz went over the 2008 budget summary. The fuel surcharge is \$2.00 a gallon and Gary discussed the number of trips per month. July 2008 was the largest month at \$15,147.36 and December was the lowest at \$1,822.13. Sale of compost did not start until September 1, 2008 which left two months of not being able to recoup cost for fuel surcharge. The sale of compost has not been long enough yet to give a realistic report. The contract with Hamm expires July 2010.

Hay was bailed last year but has not been sold.

The BOCC wants to keep \$200,000.00 in reserve. The items that need to be addressed in 2009 are the Equipment shed (\$60,000) and replacement of a crane (\$150,000). Kelly brought up the issues of the scales.

Report on Works! Judy Willingham, John Woods and Dennis Peterson attended this conference in Lindsborg. Judy felt there was a lot of opportunity. Items presented were Best Way on E Waste, Recycling (R2) Certification and a presentation speaker. John

Woods discussed that all glass recycling is shipped over seas. Dennis Peterson toured the HHW facility at McPherson and indicated it was impressive and very clean. He said it is semi-privately run and has a bail up recycler and dump floor.

Dennis Peterson indicated that next years conference may be held in Junction City and volunteered our facilities for tours. Gary Rosewicz asked what the conference registration cost was per person. John indicated he believes \$149 which includes several meals.

John Woods indicated that equipment was obtained through KDHE grants. If grants are used then we can not raise our fees. John Woods gave the committee a pat on the back as he feels our plan is one of the best in the state.

5-Year Update Worksheet and 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Monty Wedel started with the worksheet and revisions were made. Under Obstacles on the worksheet it was discussed and approved by all that operating costs and lack of grant programs should be listed as Obstacles.

Dennis Peterson asked which trash company is picking up waste in the City of Leonardville. Betty Book will verify if Waste Management is still picking up their trash.

Jill Dalton asked if tonnage records are kept separate for Riley County and Ft. Riley. Julie Winter confirmed that the records are kept separate. Leon Hobson indicated that the tipping fees do not pay the entire tonnage bond.

Monty Wedel will get with Pat Collins about animal carcass disposal.

Each page of the Solid Waste Management Plan was reviewed with several changes being made through page 76. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. to finish reviewing the plan.

There was a lengthy discussion about conducting another Characterization Study. A suggestion was made to form a subcommittee to look at waste reduction and education.

Steve Galitzer discussed curbside recycling. Riley County has one private company, "Go Green", picking up recyclables at the curb.

Disposal of cell phones can be done at the courthouse, Alltel, Ray's and Dillon's.

Jill Dalton indicated that she would be resigning her position on the committee due to a job change at Ft. Riley. Jill resides in the City of Manhattan. The committee asked her to stay

on as a representative for the City of Manhattan. The committee will need a representative from Ft. Riley to replace Jill. Jill indicated she will let Julie Winter know who her replacement is.

Judy Willingham will be moved to General Public.

A list of member information was passed around and updated.

Meeting was adjourned.