

MINUTES
RILEY COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 1, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Riley County Office Building
2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Betty Book, Kelly Briggs, William Clark, Steve DeHart, Steve Galitzer, Leon Hobson, Karen McCulloh, Jeff Walters, Monty Wedel, Judy Willingham, Howard Wilson, John Woods and Fran Zerby

Others Present: Greg Wilson, Gary Rosewicz, and Lisa Daily

Members Absent: Jill Dalton, Richard Miller, Dennis Peterson, Charly Pottorff, and Paul Werle.

Steve Galitzer, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

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

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

Judy Willingham moved to approve the minutes.

Karen McCulloh seconded the motion.

The motion carried 13-0.

Update on proposed solid waste facility at Herington

Monty Wedel indicated that Leon Hobson, Gary Rosewicz and himself attended meetings concerning the new solid waste recycling facility supposedly coming to Herington in Dickinson County. Dickinson County was seeking a commitment from Riley County to send our waste to this facility. He said the company claimed they would be able to recycle up to 95% by separating recyclables from the waste stream and manufacturing products through use of various mills surrounding the facility. Following some investigating through the Department of Commerce, the internet, phone calls to persons who had past dealings with the company and a conversation with Bill Bider with KDHE, Riley County staff decided against participating at this time. Monty expressed to

Dickinson County that Riley County is not interested at this time but will re-evaluate should the facility actually get up and running and demonstrate its viability.

Update on Solid Waste budget and transfer station re-bid process

Gary Rosewicz stated the Solid Waste Facility processed 46,278 tons of MSW in 2009 which was down from 50,351 tons in 2008 and 51,587 in 2007. Gary said "while we didn't deal with any tornados or other disaster events in 2009, this does indicate a downward trend in the MSW brought in for disposal which is in line with other such facilities in our region".

Gary stated brush and commercial brush also showed a decrease from 4,700 tons to 4,067 tons and 4,206 tons to 3,727 tons respectively. He said "grass, on the other hand, is up from 1,088 tons in 2008 to 1,166 in 2009".

Gary stated the budget reserve began in 2009 at \$446,157.95 and ended at \$518,505.97. Gary said "of that, \$104,418.00 will be spent from the reserve for an equipment shed which is currently in progress and \$53,512.65 for a tractor which will primarily be used in the composting operations". Gary stated that they intend to replace the Grizzly Crane in the transfer station and is estimating a replacement cost of \$85,000 for a reconditioned crane with a warranty. Gary also stated that in 2009 the scales at the transfer station were replaced at \$38,550 and a safe room was installed for \$4,668.

The cost paid due to fuel surcharges in 2009 was \$23,086.23 as opposed to \$49,865.64 in 2008. Gary stated that the fuel surcharge applies when the average cost of diesel for this region as shown on the CPI is over \$2.00 a gallon.

Current charge at the gate is \$40.00 per ton for MSW and \$3.00 per ton for commercial brush. Gary stated the current cost to Hamm is \$29.48 per ton and the contract expires on July 1 of this year. Gary said he expects the Request for Proposals for the new contract to be advertised by mid April and openings in May and that Hamm, Inc. was sold last year and is now currently owned by Summit Materials LLC.

Gary stated that \$1,390.00 of compost was sold last year.

Discussion on renewal of Contract for Recycling Services with Howie's Recycling

Monty Wedel stated that the contract with Howie's to subsidize recycling of plastic, newspaper and glass at \$15,000 per year has expired.

Greg Wilson stated that glass does not pay for itself. Greg stated that if the subsidies go away, Howie's will not be able to continue to accept this item. Howard Wilson stated they lose anywhere from \$22,000 to \$32,000 per year just on glass.

Steve Galitzer asked if \$15,000 is acceptable and Greg Wilson replied, "yes for now".

Monty Wedel asked Greg Wilson to explain how their curbside recycling is going. Greg said, "it started March 1 and so far has been successful." They have 250 customers to date with pickup twice a week. Last week they added 15 commercial accounts. Greg stated it is their intent to grow their trash business otherwise they would not be in it.

Kelly Briggs asked how much glass is recycled.

Greg Wilson stated 186,000 lbs. a year.

Karen McCulloh stated the funds do not come out of sales or property taxes.

Judy Willingham moved to continue the five year contract at \$15,000 for collection of steel cans, plastic and glass on an annually renewable basis.

Fran Zerby seconded the motion.

Karen McCulloh and Howard Wilson abstained.

The motion carried 11-0.

Annual Review of 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan

Monty Wedel explained that the SWMC must conduct a review of the plan annually. The purpose of the review is to identify any changes that have occurred with our solid waste management in the past year. Monty stated that he was not aware of any changes since we completed the 5-year update last year. No one on the committee was aware of any change either.

Howard Wilson moved the Solid Waste Management Committee reviewed the Solid Waste Management Plan for 2010 and no changes were identified.

Betty Book seconded the motion.

The motion carried 13-0.

General Discussion

Steve Galitzer asked the committee be informed of the bidding of the transfer station contract.

Monty Wedel asked if anyone attended the Works Conference in Junction City.

John Woods stated he attended the conference and reported the state is looking at raising the tipping fees by \$1.00 to start grants on composting. The E-waste pilot programs will end shortly and have not been real successful. John stated rates will probably have to be increased to make it work in Riley County.

Meeting was adjourned.