

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021
THIRD FLOOR COMMUNITY ROOMS A/B

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Jenny Mongeau, Cliff Bang, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Roger Richman, Russ Colson, Chuck Hendrickson, Joe Pederson. Joining by Teams was Heather Nesemeier.

Others Present: Kirk Rosenberger, Shannon Thompson, Tom Fuchs, Steve Larson, Steve Iverson, Brett Rice, Darla Lewandowski, Matt Evans, Tom Fuchs, Todd Bratlien, Kory Koester, Jim Koester, Kathy Ihle. Joining by Teams were Julie Campbell, Andrew Feia, and David Crowell.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Jenny Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda.

On motion by Joe Pederson, seconded by Russ McDougall, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from September 23, 2021.

Commissioner Kevin Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and initiated introductions.

Citizens to Be Heard

Kory Koester came to the Solid Waste meeting to request that the new fence being installed at the Resource Recovery Facility be moved farther back from his property line. Koester said it will be difficult to farm because the fence is too close to the property line. He is concerned the fence and/or equipment might get damaged, and may become a snow fence with excess snow, moisture, and drainage. Koester is also concerned the property may become a weed trap in combination with county land.

Kevin Campbell suggested the matter be put on the agenda for next Tuesday's board meeting. Campbell invited the Koester's back for the board meeting.

Resource Recovery Campus Update – Tom Fuchs, Construction Engineers

Tom Fuchs reports sitework is wrapping up for the fall. Storm drain utilities are near completion. Asphalt pavement is complete. Portions of perimeter fencing are ongoing. MPS (Moorhead Public Service) will trench power to a transformer next week.

Building/structure foundation walls are finished along Grid 7. North retaining wall footings are ongoing. Foundation walls at Grids K, T, and 8 will follow. Transfer trailer bay anchor bolts are in transit. Areas A and B are prepped and ready. Building designs have been reviewed.

Clay County Comprehensive Plan – Matt Jacobson

Matt Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Manager, provided handouts of the 2045 County Comprehensive and Transportation Plan. The Comprehensive Plan guides the development of cities and rural areas in Clay County. The last time the Comprehensive Plan was updated was in 2002. This plan gives an idea where the County is in terms of demographics, education, and public health. It looks at issues and goals to guide land use development and services to be provided to the citizens of Clay County.

Jacobson is seeking input to promote effective SW management and recycling, utilize criteria for siting a new landfill, and promote proper storage, handling, recycling, disposal, and application of chemicals throughout the county.

MSUM Environmental Certificate – Russ Colson

Russ Colson said MSUM has been revisioning to ensure students have a clear track to jobs. He expressed thanks to Shannon Thompson and Kirk Rosenberger for their input that has been ongoing to conversations related to an environmental study initiative that would include different degree programs with opportunities for students to contribute with sampling, data analysis, and interacting with people at the landfill and in the community.

Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

Kevin Campbell met with the PLMSWA Board yesterday and reports things are going well. Multiple projects have been funded with the \$2 million bond. There is \$600,000 left for the remaining work. The price of the remaining work has gone up to \$730,000. Revenues over expenditures are anticipated for 2021 and there should be enough to cover the additional \$130,000 that is needed to finish the projects. The plant manager has been authorized to get the contract signed to lock in prices.

The Board discussed hiring an outside person to monitor insurance coverage issues in the future. Nothing has been decided yet.

Steam sales are up. There is concern rising gas prices may impact the plant.

Solid Waste Update – Kirk Rosenberger

Kirk Rosenberger handed out informational flyers regarding the Take Jack Back program and hopes it will be as popular as it has been in the past.

The landfill is waiting for the regulator to be delivered.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 am.