

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023
CLAY COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER
3322 15TH AVENUE NORTH
1701 34TH STREET NORTH
MOORHEAD, MN 56560

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Cliff Bang, Joe Pederson, Wayne Lepper, Roger Richman, Russell McDougall, Everett Nelson, Heather Nesemeier, Russ Colson

Members Absent: Jenny Mongeau, Chuck Hendrickson

Others Present: Corey Bang, Shannon Thompson, Steve Larson, Brett Rice, Julie Kennedy, Ashley Magelky, Andrew Koskela, Logan Bang, Chris Michlitsch, Todd Bratlien, Justin Sorum, Aric Berg, Kent Fuchs, Kathy Ihle

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

2:23 Everett Nelson made a request to add an item to the agenda regarding SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus).

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

On motion by Joe Pederson, seconded by Everett Nelson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from December 15, 2023.

Resource Recovery Center Update – Construction Engineers

Aric Berg reports the Certificate of Occupancy will be issued after the inspection on February 1.

Joe Pederson suggested the SWAC members be issued name tags to wear at the open house identifying themselves as SW board members.

6:55 Landfill Activities – Brett Rice

Rice introduced three new hires. The new truck drivers are Logan Bang and Chris Michlitsch. Ashley Magelky accepted the position of scale house attendant at the new Resource Recovery Center.

Rice reports the gas boiler has been running well but are they are still troubleshooting and will learn more. The diesel heater in the old shop was replaced with a propane heater. Substantial completion of landfill project. No frozen pipes. Everything is running well.

10:40: Solid Waste Updates – Corey Bang

Bang said the ribbon cutting for the Resource Recovery Center will be January 31 and will be open to the public February 6. Clay County is working with city of Moorhead to ensure everything is working as it should and all will be ready to go. Ashley Magelky will be in the scale house full-time.

The MPCA is holding classes for landfill operators at the new center on April 4, 5 and 6.

Bang reports all MPCA reporting is complete or in progress. The reports will be collaborated by himself, Brett Rice, and Stantec.

They have discussed delivering leachate to Pelican instead of Fargo. There have been three test loads. Pelican is running tests on their tolerance to be sure they can handle leachate. There haven't been issues with the first two loads. The third test was on Monday. Delivery to Pelican will start in March if all goes well. Pelican will charge 4 cents a gallon, instead of 3 cents.

12:56 Bang said 2.8 million gallons of leachate were delivered last year. This will be an annual cost savings of \$84,000, based on last year's numbers. SW will save \$85,000 with the hiring of the new drivers, instead of having a private company haul.

17:16 Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

Campbell said things are going well at the plant. Campbell reports that in 2022, the Perham facility had revenues over expenditures for the first time in the amount of \$497,000.

Revenues from recyclables were up last year. Perham is budgeting 54,000 tons again this year. Clay County's 15% share will be 8,400 tons. Last year, Clay County was 1,672 tons short. This year Clay County will be able to make the shortage up.

23:53 Campbell reports legislators are pushing for zero carbon emissions by 2040. Nothing can be put into the electric grid that is produced with carbon emissions. The language is written in a way where it could force the closing of the facility. Campbell said acceptable forms of energy after 2040 will be solar, wind, hydroelectric, and hydrogen. **25:53** The language in HF 7 has been amended to exempt biomass from waste facilities. Otherwise, the waste goes to the landfill and produces methane gas which is worse than what is generated through carbon emissions. The situation is being monitored.

30:26 Everett Nelson said the Hawley Fire Department has respirators available to sell to the landfill in case of a landfill fire. They would need new tanks and the masks need to be reconditioned.

On motion by Joe Pederson, seconded by Roger Richman, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved to research prices on reconditioning of the masks and if the pricing is reasonable, to proceed with purchase.

