

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023
CLAY COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER
3322 15TH AVENUE NORTH
MOORHEAD, MN 56560
IN PERSON ONLY

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

Members Absent: Jenny Mongeau.

Others Present: Corey Bang, Shannon Thompson, Julie Kennedy, Steve Iverson, Todd Bratlien, Kathy Ihle.

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

On motion by Heather Nesemeier, seconded by Russell McDougall, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Wayne Lepper, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from January 26, 2023.

Landfill Activities – Brett Rice

Brett Rice was unavailable to give the landfill activities report. Corey Bang reports the landfill is fully staffed and things are going well.

Solid Waste Updates – Corey Bang

Corey Bang said there have been a few issues at the RRC. The Friday before opening the sprinkler lines were raised 8 inches when it was realized the trucks wouldn't fit in the truck bay.

The waterline at the scale house froze yesterday. There are problems with the overhead door seals. The floor on the public drop-off side is very slippery. Rugs have been laid down by the dumpsters and people are being warned about the floors.

The leachate testing in Pelican went well without problems. The product hasn't been noticed in their system. A temporary 6-month contract is being written that will begin April 1st. Clay County will haul the majority of leachate there. Pelican will continue running tests. If all works out, a formal contract will be considered for long term. Clay County will continue delivering leachate to Fargo.

Bang spoke with Tim Sandvik of the Hawley FD who informed him they will not be selling the fire masks because of liability reasons. Sandvik recommended purchasing masks at Menards. Bang said he would go to Menards and see what the costs for masks and filters will be.

Bang said he spent several days with Ashley Magelky going over insurance coverage for equipment and the grounds. Several changes have been made.

Bang would like to train someone to remove freon from appliances. Fuchs Sanitation is doing that now, but if volume gets to be too much, they may not be able to do it. Bang would like to see one or two people trained to do this.

Bang reported the Mack truck that was purchased should be on site next week. It will be added to insurance on February 24th.

Bang said the City of Moorhead has two 2007 semi-tractors w/300,000 plus miles available for purchase at a cost of \$20,000 each and wanted to discuss purchasing one of those tractors. Steve Iverson (City of Moorhead) said the trucks are scheduled for replacement. The tractors have been properly maintained.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Everett Nelson, and unanimously carried, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee recommended purchasing one of the semi-tractors from the City of Moorhead.

Bang wanted to discuss a third trailer option. Bang said they were going to retrofit the old trailer by taking the top off and running it through the pit. The issue is the trailer is 40 feet long and the pit is 53 feet long. Wilkin doesn't have anything used available now. A new trailer will cost \$108,000. Wilkin said our old trailer is worth \$50,000 - \$60,000. Campbell said there are some funds left and he and Corey will work with the auditor/treasurer and check into it.

On motion by Joe Pederson, seconded by Chuck Hendrickson, and unanimously carried, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee recommended researching a funding source to purchase the third trailer.

Shannon Thompson gave an update on recycled glass. Thompson said glass has always been an issue. It's a heavy commodity and Clay County is too far from the market. The State of Minnesota bases recycling percentages on weight. If there is no outlet, it can't be sold as recycling and cannot be collected as recycling. The Fargo landfill has been using the glass for leachate recirculation. PACTIV can't use newspaper that has been collected in no sort recycling because of the glass and contamination. Thompson said Public Works, Woodlawn, Clay County RRC, Dilworth and other small cities will accept the glass if separated from other recycling products.

Julie Kennedy said the wintertime is slow. She has been working on reports.

Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

The February Perham meeting was moved back to March 1. There was no Perham update.

Campbell reported that bids for the substance abuse crisis facility will open in April and the hope is that construction will start in May. The facility will be south of the RRC and west of the frontage road.

Campbell said the lease for the DMV ends November 2023. The lease provided for a 2-year extension and that extension will be asked for at next week's board meeting. Clay County is searching for a suitable space for the DMV as plans for the demolition of the Moorhead Center Mall are in place.

Roger Richman motioned to adjourn. Everett Nelson seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.