

COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025
CLAY COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER
3322 15TH AVENUE NORTH
MOORHEAD, MN 56560
IN PERSON & TEAMS

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

Members on Teams: Chuck Hendrickson, Russ Colson

Others Present: Corey Bang, Ella Holiman, Ashley Magelky, Darren Brooke, Paul Fiechtner, Todd Bratlien

Others via Teams: Julie Kennedy, Mike Earl, Jen Pickett, Mara DeRung

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

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

On motion by Everett Nelson, seconded by Wayne Lepper and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from April 24, 2025.

Solid Waste Update – Corey Bang

We continue to have discussions with Blue Horizons on the solar project at the landfill and we are looking at financials and state funding at this time.

Spring water testing was completed at the landfill. Stantec will hopefully be at the next meeting to go over results as well as the Barr PFAS study results.

On May 19, Corey met with Jacque in our communications department about creating a video on proper disposal of propane tanks and fire extinguishers.

On May 21, Corey met with Steve, Darren, Lori, and Brian regarding the Moorhead contract. We presented our numbers to Moorhead on June 4th and Moorhead is reviewing the information.

On June 2, one of our landfill summer employees started and the second employee starts this week.

The Barnesville HHW and Electronics collection event was June 7. We have started rotating Hawley and Barnesville every other year. In Hawley in 2024, we had 9 customers and this year we had 55. We had the Barnesville FFA show up to volunteer for the event.

The Moorhead Cleanup Weeks residential drop off numbers for the RRC are as follows:

- 297.75 yds garbage
- 21 freon appliances
- 47 non-freon appliances
- 70 pieces of furniture
- 30 mattresses (garbage)
- 20 mattresses (recycling)
- There were 311 unique customers, 44 of which made multiple trips. 401 private loads were charged to the City of Moorhead.

We hauled 77 loads of garbage to the landfill and 11 loads to Perham during this time.

On June 10 there was a closed session regarding remediation for the RRC garage doors.

On June 10 Corey had a walk thru at the RRC with our MCIT insurance representative and there were no issues.

Budgets are due this week, but numbers would change if Moorhead vacated the RRC agreement.

Corey, Ella, and Ashley will attend a table-top training with other local entities regarding disaster response after a tornado.

All MPCA reports have been submitted. Ella and Corey have started working on the certificate of need which will be due shortly.

Yesterday, the Clay Demo Landfill had a surprise visit from the MPCA and were shut down due to contamination. They were able to come to an agreement to allow commercial loads from reputable companies to still dump (for example, Clay County, City of Moorhead, and Fuchs). This means that all demo besides the really large loads will have to go through either our landfill or the RRC. This is going to greatly increase how quickly we need to swap out demo dumpsters at both locations, as dump trailers of shingles etc will have to go to our landfill and quickly fill our rolloffs. Clay County will then take these rolloffs of demo to the demolition landfill. At this point, the demo landfill is rejecting small loads at their gate. Kevin is wondering how to get this information out to the public. Everett mentioned calling the FM Builders Assoc. to share this information, Corey will do this. Corey will also coordinate with Clay County communications to get the information out to the public.

As of Monday we will be fully staffed, with Matt as the new landfill operator and Jordan as the new RRC scale attendant.

Joe Pederson wanted to stress to the Moorhead commissioners how important it is for the entirety of Clay County that the county and city come to a mutually beneficial agreement in regards to the RRC.

Kevin asked Corey about how many citizen drop off happen per day at the landfill vs the RRC. Corey will gather that information for the next meeting.

Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

Prairie Lakes had a meeting at the end of May and things are going well. The budget committee meets next week then is presented to the full board at the end of the month. This will determine the tipping rate, which then impacts Corey's budget.

Kevin has a couple videos involving the reclamation of ash and use in a OTC highway project near Wadena. The ash landfill is filling up so a company has been brought in to test cleaning the ash (removing metals to potentially sell plus other materials). The clean ash would be used in Becker or OTC, as hauling to Clay would be expensive. The ash is below the hard surface, mixed in with the aggregate. 17% of the underlying base is ash, anything higher than that can cause the road base to harden too much. MNDOT is also taking an interest in the ash project. The usage of ash would also help reduce the demand for aggregate in MN.

Perham has been limiting loads and telling us what days we can bring loads to spread out the trash deliveries throughout the week. This has caused some issues with coordinating with Becker County for load sharing.

Meeting adjourned.