

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, November 16, 2010
Pershing Town Hall

Members present were Mike Roiger, Francis Martin, Tony & Ruth Prasnick, Harry Frosch, Otto Klinger, Rudy Soper, Ed Hamel, Ray Sackmann, Bob Baker, Dan Hoffman and Randy Mayer. Also present were Scott Mildbrand, Larry Hartzel, Chris Blair, Brian Stuner, and Walt Lang, Arlen Albrecht, Sue Noland, and Larry Peterson. Cleveland and Goodrich excused absence. Absent were Lublin, Grover, Jump River, Holway and Maplehurst.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roiger at 8:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes & Agenda: The August 17th, 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Francis Martin and seconded by Otto Klinger, to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion carried. Motion by Dan Hoffman and seconded by Harry Frosch, to approve the agenda with no add-ons. Motion carried.

Length of Term for Chairman: Mike Roiger has currently been Chairman for 4 years. After discussion, motion by Scott Mildbrand and seconded by Dan Hoffman, to elect a chairman every 2 years; conducted at the 1st RA meeting after election of Town Officers. Motion carried.

Review Veolia Bills: Summary for September, October and November were reviewed. There was one change in servicing for Cleveland.

Tonnages & Expenses to date: Tonnages and expenses were reviewed.

1. Tons: The volumes are up slightly from previous quarter total and also from last year quarter totals. There is approximately a 15,000 – 25,000 pound increase.
2. Expenses: The current balance is \$78,464. We will be adding approximately \$3900 when all payments are received from towns for tire collection.

Plastic Collection: Discussed taking #3 – 7 plastic in our collection program. Plastic with numbers from 1 – 7 would be accepted. Not accepted is Styrofoam, plastic bags, pesticide or herbicide containers and microwave containers. Motion by Dan Hoffman and seconded by Scott Mildbrand, to accept #3 – 7 and aseptic containers. Motion carried. Information will be sent out to site attendants. Also briefly discussed the possibility of single stream recycling in the future. We will try to set up a tour of Veolia merf in Plover after February meeting.

Carry-over Dollars: Administrator reported there may be approximately \$80,000 carry-over dollars and possible projects for using the dollars. Discussed was allowing free tire collection. Also discussed was allowing residents within RA towns a free Clean Sweep collection. This would be for electronics and appliances. Motion by Scott Mildbrand and seconded by Dan Hoffman, to allow free appliance and electronics at all the Clean Sweep sites in 2011 for our member municipalities. Motion carried. Free tires were also reintroduced for discussion. Motion by Dan Hoffman and seconded by Randy Mayer, to allow 20 free tires per household. Any tires over the 20 free would be charged \$1 car, \$5 truck, & \$10 tractor. No rims will be allowed. Motion carried. The only advertising for tires will be on the report card that is distributed within each municipality.

Ag Plastics: Ag plastic was discussed by Arlen. Genesis Poly plastics is totally out of business. Arlen discussed possible future plants in Rothschild and Flambeau that recycle plastic. Arlen passed around a picture of a cage made to loosely bale plastic on the farm until it is transported to a recycling facility. Peterson reported there is a Special Committee working on options for all kinds of plastic film. Some options they are looking at are:

- 1) Require manufacture of ag plastic to finance or create a program to recover.
- 2) Require dealers of these materials to maintain drop-off facilities.

- 3) Establish a voluntary collection system.
- 4) Require each county to maintain drop-off facilities for used ag plastic film.
- 5) Prohibit ag films that interfere with recycling systems.

Arlen will research more. Item will be tabled until next meeting.

Container Changes: There were no container changes/frequency of service changes at this time.

Site Improvements: Town of Cleveland chain link fence site improvement project was discussed. Ray was not at meeting but he indicated they still want to complete the project. They should be able to have the posts installed this month. Motion by Randy Mayer and seconded by Brian Stuner, to grant final opportunity to have project completed by December 31st. A letter will be sent to Ray. Motion carried.

Cooperative Agreement with Rib Lake: The cooperative agreement will expire on December 31, 2010. The Rib Lake group will meet in December. Motion by Ray Sackmann and seconded by Bob Baker, to approve agreement with Joint Rib Lake and sign once they approve at their meeting. Motion carried.

Report Cards: Report cards/brochures will be printed again with new information about free tires and free electronics and appliances for member townships. Discussed the days and hours recycling centers are open with the towns that were present. Also discussed the towns with low volume weights on a per capita basis. They are Taft, Roosevelt/Lublin and Holway. Possible ways to try to increase volumes could be: place posters requesting more participation, direct mailings to residents, and youth groups go door-to-door. Peterson and Albrecht will plan some options and bring back to next meeting.

Tire Collection: Tire collection this year collected 47½ tons. The collection costs were \$5900. The towns will pay approximately \$3900 with the RA paying the \$2000 difference.

Clean Sweep: The 2010 Clean Sweep collection was again successful. There was 11,855 pounds of waste collected; 178 pounds of medications; 4300 fluorescent tubes; 345 gallons of waste oil; 157 oil filters; 139 old appliances; and 391 electronics.

Comments, Problems & Questions:

1. A tour of the Veolia merf in Plover will try to be set up for February/March 2011 after our next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2011 at Maplehurst Town Hall. Motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM by Harry Frosch and seconded by Larry Hartzel. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, August 17, 2010
Hammel Town Hall

Members present were Mike Roiger, Francis Martin, Tony & Ruth Prasnick, Mark Nosko, Harry Frosch, Otto Klinger, Rod Kropp, Rudy Soper, Ray Mallo, Ed Hamel and Bob Baker. Also present were Scott Mildbrand, Leonard Nichols, Dave and Shirley Lemke, Sue Noland, and Larry Peterson. Deer Creek, Holway and Arlen Albrecht excused absence. Absent were Lublin, Grover, Little Black, Jump River, and Stetsonville.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roiger at 8:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes & Agenda: The May 18th, 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Rod Kropp and seconded by Harry Frosch, to approve the minutes as mailed and the agenda with no add-ons. Motion carried.

Tonnages & Expenses to date: Tonnages and expenses were reviewed.

3. Tons: We are down slightly.

4. Expenses: We pay Veolia approximately \$2,000.00 a month for servicing. Harry Frosch asked about the price changes for Holway and Grover. This was due to the change in their servicing frequency.

Currently we have \$93,000. The balance of site improvement expenses and tires need to be paid yet.

Changes in Containers: None at this time.

Grant Dollars: We have received \$130,446.70 in grant dollars. We distributed to the City of Medford \$37,124.00 and to Joint Rib Lake \$24,579.00. Taylor County Recycling Authority retained \$68,743.00. Grant dollars came through from the State with no deductions.

Site Improvements: Site improvements for the Towns of Browning, Cleveland, Ford, Goodrich, Grover, Hammel, Jump River/McKinley, Little Black and Roosevelt/Lublin were reviewed. Cleveland stated they could not find anyone to pound in the posts to put up the fence. Grover had their project completed but did not have separate bills as supplies were purchased with other projects. Motion by Harry Frosch and seconded by Bob Baker, to approve the site improvements presented with Grover only being paid for warming shed but not sign as it was not done. Motion carried. Dollars to pay out at this time is \$10,169.01. Cleveland will try to get their fence completed. This will be discussed at the November meeting.

Tire Collection to Date: Collection to date was discussed. A question was asked whether rubber cow mats could be recycled. Bee Line did take them. The mats were weighted and they are approximately 100 pounds each. We figure this is equivalent to a truck tire, so told the town to charge the resident for \$30 (6 mats @\$5 each). It appears the number of tires collected us up from last year. The last collection will be this weekend (August 21). Bee Line will also pick up tires at Melvin Company.

Clean Sweep: The Clean Sweep was conducted on Saturday, May 22nd in Medford and Gilman. There was 7084 pounds of hazardous waste collected with 169 vehicles coming to event. Collected were: 188 lbs. of pharmaceuticals, 41 thermometers, 2181 fluorescent tubes, 290 gallons of waste oil, 121 oil filters, 107 appliances and 294 electronics. Medford was a good turn-out and Gilman was a little slower. Our second event will be Thursday, August 19 in Rib Lake and Holway.

Genesis Plastics: An e-mail was received that stated Genesis Corporation has terminated all its employees. It appears they are out of business. This firm recycled ag plastic and Recycling Authority was considering working with this company to recycle bale and silage wrap plastic.

Comments, Problems & Questions:

2. A question on accepting 5 gallon pails was asked. Veolia will take but not larger than five gallon if they have a #1 or #2 on pail.
3. Also discussed recent article in paper about Veolia accepting plastic #3-7 in the future. We will talk to Dale about this. Recycling Authority may consider collecting #3 – 7 in the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2010 at Pershing Town Hall. Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM by Rod Kropp and seconded by Tony Prasnick. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Town of Browning Town Hall

Members present were Mike Roiger, Ray Sackmann, Francis Martin, Tony & Ruth Prasnick, Mark Nosko, Harry Frosch, Rick and Jenny Nehls, Otto Klinger, Rod Kropp, Rudy Soper and Randy Mayer. Also present were Scott Mildbrand, Larry Hartzel, Leonard Nichols, George and Nancy Daniels, Melva Klinger, Arlen Albrecht, Sue Noland, and Larry Peterson. Jump River excused absence. Absent were Lublin, Grover, Taft, Little Black and Cleveland.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roiger at 8:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes: The February 16th, 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Harry Frosch and seconded by Francis Martin, to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Otto Klinger and seconded by Mark Nosko, to approve the agenda with no add-ons. Motion carried.

Tonnages & Expenses to date: Tonnages and expenses were reviewed.

5. Tons: We are currently above the same quarter volumes from last year.

6. Expenses: There is approximately a \$32,400.00 balance available. There was \$71,000 brought forward from 2009. Some site improvement payments need to be made once the projects are completed.

Review Veolia Bills: There were no container changes so each town charges have been okay for the last three months. It costs approximately \$2000 per month to service all containers.

Town Reimbursement: Town reimbursements of excess funds were paid in February. The total paid out was \$27,343.39.

Site Improvements: Site improvements that are suspended were reviewed with the towns that were present. These need to be completed by towns by June 30th to get paid.

Little Black Tires: It was discovered during deer hunting season that the tires at Little Black site were not picked up. Just recently Bee Line went back to site to pick-up. There were 3 more car tires, 9 more truck tires and 4 grader tires than was initially reported. The extra cost would be \$110. Bee Line indicated they enjoy working with Taylor County and since it was partially their fault for extra tires because they should have picked up last August; they said the extra cost will be forgiven.

Clean Sweep: The Clean Sweep will be conducted on Saturday, May 22nd in Medford and Gilman. Household and Ag chemicals, fluorescent tubes, white goods, electronics, oil filters, motor oil, scrap, pharmaceuticals, thermometer exchange, etc. are some of the items collected. A second weekday collection will be held on August 19th in Rib Lake and Holway.

Ag Plastics: Arlen Albrecht gave update on ag plastics. He handed out pictures of compaction box and a baler. He also reported on information from Genesis Poly from Mankato Minnesota who would like to work with various counties to collect plastic and bale.

2009 Annual Report: The 2009 annual report was completed and submitted to the DNR. We have again met our recycling requirements by exceeding the 83.94 pounds per capita. The Taylor County Recycling unit collected 117.25 pounds per capita.

2010 Tire Collection: The 2010 tire collection proposed dates were reviewed. The group decided no free tires again this year. Last year charges were as follows: \$1 car, \$5 truck, and \$10 tractor. Motion to leave policy the same as last year by Francis Martin and seconded by Harry Frosch. Motion carried. Recycling Authority will make up difference at end of collection if there are shortfalls.

Comments, Problems & Questions:

4. 2010 grant dollars that we should be receiving is \$130,446.70. These funds are distributed per capita to Taylor County Recycling Authority, City of Medford and Joint Rib Lake. This will be done when we actually receive the dollars which should be by June 1st this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2010 at Hammel Town Hall. Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM by Randy Mayer and seconded by Rod Kropp. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, February 16, 2010
Town of Holway Town Hall

Members present were Mike Roiger, Ray Sackmann, Francis Martin, Tony & Ruth Prasnick, Mark Nosko, Harry Frosch, Rick and Jenny Nehls, Ed Hamel, Otto Klinger, Bob Baker, Rod Kropp, Rudy Soper and Dan Hoffman. Also present were Scott Mildbrand, Don Walworth, Bryan Jochimsen, Sarah Holtz, Craig Kawa, Arlen Albrecht, Sue Noland, and Larry Peterson. Absent were Lublin, Grover, Stetsonville, Jump River and Cleveland.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roiger at 8:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes: The November 17th, 2009 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Harry Frosch and seconded by Tony Prasnick, to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Harry Frosch and seconded by Tony Prasnick, to approve the agenda with no add-ons. Motion carried.

Tonnages & Expenses to date: Tonnages and expenses were reviewed.

7. Tons: The tons through Year-end 2009 were reviewed. We are down slightly from previous quarter totals.
8. Expenses: Expenses through Year-end 2009 were reviewed. The balance at year-end is \$71,549.82. There are the remaining site improvement payments that also need to be paid totaling approximately \$9800. There are two towns that will also have their tire reimbursement dollars added into account.

Review Veolia Bills: The summary of bills from Veolia for December, January and February was reviewed. There were some problems with December and January bills due to container changes in Ford and Taft. We have resolved the issues with Veolia and our updated monthly costs are matching.

Container Changes for Containers: The number of containers at each site was discussed. There are no proposed changes at this time.

Single vs. Dual Stream Recycling: Administrator Peterson reported he talked to Dale from Veolia and Dale indicated Veolia was looking at possibly going to a single stream from the current dual stream we now have. It would be easier with no sort, but there will be more breakage and contamination and therefore cost would be higher due to more landfilling and less quality of materials recycled.

Proposed Recycling Site Improvements: Proposed recycling site improvements since the November meeting were reviewed and discussed. The \$1500 allocations proposed were reviewed. It was discussed and approved when two towns share same site, that site will only get one maximum payment of \$1500, not for each town, as it is a "site" improvement. Motion by Dan Hoffman and seconded by Rod Kropp, to approve the suspended proposals for projects to be completed this spring. Motion carried. The projects need to be completed, pay the bill and submit invoice for reimbursement. All projects are to be done by June 30, 2010 to be eligible for payment. Little Black, Cleveland and Lublin/Roosevelt need to furnish information to administrator on site improvement plan.

Year-End Balance: The Year-End Balance was discussed. With the current balance of \$71,549 (missing 2 tire payments) it was discussed to do an additional payback to the towns. Proposed was distributing \$27,343.39 on a per capita basis. Motion by Rod Kropp and seconded by Dan Hoffman, to approve the reimbursement. Motion carried. This will leave an operating balance of \$44,694.

Tire Recycling: The Administrator explained that it was discovered the tires were never removed from the Little Black site. We talked to Bee Line and they will pick up tires this spring. All towns have paid their bill except Little Black. Little Black said their payment is in the mail.

Clean Sweep Dates: Proposed Clean Sweep dates are Saturday, May 8th in Medford and Gilman and Thursday, July 15 in Rib Lake and Holway. These are tentative dates and sites need to be approved with municipalities.

Electronics Recycling: Electronics Recycling was discussed. The State law requires us to contract with a registered vendor for disposal. We are a licensed collector. We will be setting up Clean Sweep Program and checking vendor prices in the near future.

Ag Plastic: Arlen Albrecht and Administrator Peterson checked into ag plastic collection with Veolia. Veolia is not interested in collecting.

Comments, Problems & Questions:

5. Discussed the Year-End office expenses for computer, printer and wages for disbursing. It was decided to transfer the dollars (\$5620) into the Clean Sweep account for 2009 expenses.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2010 at Browning Town Hall. Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM by Rod Kropp and seconded by Harry Frosch. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary