

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, November 15, 2011
Chelsea Town Hall

Members present were Mike Roiger, Francis Martin, Tony & Ruth Prasnicky, Otto Klinger, Rudy Soper, Ray Sackmann, Mark Nosko, Randy Mayer, Bob & Sharon Baker, Archie Williams and Chris Blair. Also present were Scott & Gail Mildbrand, Brian Stuner, and Mary Quante, Arlen Albrecht, Sue Noland, and Larry Peterson. Absent were Lublin, Jump River, Grover, Little Black and Hammel. Holway and Goodrich were excused absence.

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

Recycling Administrator Peterson welcomed Archie Williams, Representative/Chairman Town of Cleveland and Mary Quante, a student at UW Green Bay interning for Environmental Planning with the Zoning and Recycling office.

Meeting Minutes: The August 16th, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Otto Klinger and seconded by Mark Nosko, to approve the minutes and agenda as mailed. Motion carried.

Tonnages & Expenses: Tonnages and expenses were reviewed.

1. Tons: 3rd quarter totals were 338,928 pounds, which is down slightly from last quarter but up from 3rd quarter last year.
2. Expenses: Current balance is \$34,824.00. With remaining anticipated costs we should have approximately a \$30,000.00 balance at year end.

Review Veolia Bills: Summary of bills from Veolia for September, October and November were reviewed. The only change was for Hammel with a container added.

Container Changes: No container additions or servicing changes were requested.

Tire Collection: Administrator reported the total cost of the collection was \$19,161 with Bee Line. There was a tremendous number of tires due to allowing free tires. The amount that was paid by the local towns was \$1541 for the tires that the residents paid for above the free tires. Motion by Sharon Baker and seconded by Otto Klinger, to approve payment of bill and have the Recycling Authority make up the difference. Motion carried. Even though the program was expensive it was felt the tires are cleaned up and not in ditches, etc.

Clean Sweep: A statistical summary for Clean Sweeps from 2011 back to 1995 was reviewed. The volumes from the May and August 2011 events were also reviewed. Again there was a huge amount of electronics due to being free in 2011.

Contract 2012: Our current recycling contract will expire on December 31, 2012 for servicing our recycling containers. We should set up a committee to decide on specifications and start negotiations so we are ready with a new contract. Issues we want to look at are one vs. two sorts and also the possibility of being paid for commodities. Volunteers were Randy Mayer, Mike Roiger and Dan Hoffman to work on contract negotiations along with Larry Peterson and Arlen Albrecht. Mary Quante also asked if she could participate with the negotiations.

Cooperative Agreement: Cooperative Agreement with Joint Rib Lake was reviewed. This is an annual agreement we sign with Rib Lake for funding purposes. Motion by Scott Mildbrand and seconded by Bob Baker, to approve one year contract with Joint Rib Lake. Motion carried.

Recycling Brochures: Recycling brochures and report cards were discussed. We went over any changes to be made for towns present. We will also slightly modify the sort policy. The brochures will be printed and distributed again with tax bills.

Comments, Problems & Questions: Arlen Albrecht gave an update on agriculture plastic. Also reported was scrap cannot be credited that is collected in 10 yard containers, 2012 grant application was submitted, and Arlen explained and showed pictures of how they recycle in Columbia.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2012 at Roosevelt/Lublin Town Hall. Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM by Brian Stuner and seconded by Mark Nosko. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, August 16, 2011
McKinley Town Hall

Members present were Mike Roiger, Francis Martin, Tony & Ruth Prasnick, Otto Klinger, Rudy Soper, Ray Sackmann, Rick & Jenny Nehls, Mark Nosko, Randy Mayer, Dennis Raasch and Chris Blair. Also present were Bob Hindal and Betty Ahlers, Arlen Albrecht, Sue Noland, and Larry Peterson. Absent were Lublin, Jump River, Cleveland, Grover, Ford and Hammel. Little Black was excused absence.

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

Meeting Minutes: The May 17th, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Mark Nosko and seconded by Francis Martin, to approve the minutes and agenda as mailed. Motion carried.

Tonnages & Expenses: Tonnages and expenses were reviewed.

1. Tons: 2nd quarter totals are up approximately 45,000 pounds. Great job towns!
2. Expenses: Current balance is \$61,464.00 with the grant dollars received. There are 4 more months of servicing and tire collection costs to be paid yet this year plus miscellaneous costs.

Review Veolia Bills: Summary of bills from Veolia for June, July and August were reviewed. All billings were correct.

Container Changes: Hammel requested that an additional container be added for comingled products. This request was put through to Veolia and they will add a container to Hammel site.

Tire Collections to Date: We are two-thirds done with collections. There is approximately 56 ton so far. The vendor also indicated that there are quite a few more tires at the sites when picked up than was reported from the towns. We will work out the billings later. It is anticipated that we will spend approximately \$10,000 on tires.

Oil Filter Recycling: The Town of Pershing is doing oil filter recycling on their own at Town Hall. It may not be feasible to do individually by town. The towns will have to decide individually if they want to provide the service to their citizens. The Recycling Authority will not administer this program.

Consolidation of other RU's: Consolidation with other Responsible Units was discussed. There were a few comments made about individual Responsible Units joining the County Responsible Unit. The consensus of the Recycling Authority was to leave our program as is unless it becomes advantageous to the Recycling Authority having other units join. Presently, there is no economic advantage for the Recycling Authority to do any consolidation.

Recycling Funding: Grants will continue with the 40% reduction. Starting in 2012, we can also apply for a consolidation grant for additional dollars. We are now eligible for the consolidation grant.

Town of Cleveland Site Improvements: The Town of Cleveland asked if they are still eligible for the \$1500 site improvement dollars. At the February 11th Recycling Authority meeting, there was a motion to not allow payment. The motion still stands. The dollars had been available from August 2009 to December 2010.

Clean Sweep: Thursday, August 18 we will have a collection in Westboro and Maplehurst. Chemicals, electronics, appliances, etc. will be collected.

Ag Plastics: Arlen Albrecht reported ag plastic grant was not approved by the UW Solid Waste Research Council. There is a farm in Taylor County that is doing the ag plastic cage on their own.

Comments, Problems & Questions:

1. Handed out Recycling Fact Sheet. For info only.
2. Taylor County Solid Waste Department is sponsoring Timothy Wenk – Magic of Recycling Program for K – grade 4 on September 26 & 27 in Taylor County Schools.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011 at Chelsea Town Hall. Motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM by Mark Nosko and seconded by Rudy Soper. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, May 17, 2011
Little Black Town Hall

Members present were Mike Roiger, Francis Martin, Tony & Ruth Prasnick, Otto Klinger, Rudy Soper, Ray Sackmann, Rick & Jenny Nehls, Mark Nosko, Randy Mayer, Jason Malchow, Bob Baker, Dennis Raasch and Chris Blair. Also present were Scott Mildbrand, JoAnn Smith and Marion Nuernberger, Arlen Albrecht, Sue Noland, and Larry Peterson. Absent were Lublin, Jump River, Cleveland and Hammel. Dan Hoffman was excused absence. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roiger at 8:00 PM.

New Member Introductions: New members introduced themselves and what town they represented.

Elect Vice Chairman: Ray Mallo was the previous Vice Chairman. Randy Mayer nominated Dan Hoffman for Vice Chairman, second by Rick Nehls. Motion by Mark Nosko to close nominations for Vice Chairman, seconded by Scott Mildbrand. Motion carried. Dan Hoffman was elected Vice Chairman.

Meeting Minutes: The February 15th, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Francis Martin and seconded by Dennis Raasch, to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Scott Mildbrand and seconded by Jenny Nehls, to approve the agenda as mailed. Motion carried.

Review Veolia Bills: Summary for March, April and May were reviewed. Each monthly charge is \$2118.12 as there were no changes in number of containers or servicing frequency. It costs approximately \$25,000 for a year of services.

Tonnages & Expenses: Tonnages and expenses were reviewed.

1. Tons: Total pounds at end of 1st quarter were 246,046. Slightly down from last quarter.
2. Expenses: The current balance is \$28,360.00. Not reflected in balance is the Veolia and Rock Oil tour bus bill of \$550. New Grant dollars should be received in June.

Reduction of Funds: We have been notified that there will be a reduction of 40% for 2011 grant dollars. The grant dollars are split among Taylor County Recycling Authority (TCRA), City of Medford, and Joint Rib Lake. The TCRA should have approximately \$41,600 in new grant dollars for operating in 2011. The grants had been proposed to be totally cut for 2012 but there may be some changes to that proposal. The State may require the consolidation of Responsible Units to join together in order to receive grants.

Clean Sweep May 14 in Medford/Gilman:

- Medford: There were 280 households through Hazardous Waste, five-30 Gallon barrels of pharmaceuticals, 1327 electronics were collected, 332 participants, 152 appliances with 83 participants.
- Gilman: There were 50 participants in Hazardous Waste, half-barrel of pharmaceuticals, 255 electronics were collected from 65 participants and 27 appliances from 22 participants.

Free Electronics & Appliances: Free electronics and appliances that were initially to be offered to Recycling Authority residents was discussed. It was felt due to dollar cuts that we would not allow free appliances, only the electronics were free to all.

Tire Collections: Discussion on upcoming tire collection. Motion by Francis Martin and seconded by Tony Prasnicki, to allow free the equivalent of 20 car tires, which equates to 20 car tires, 4 truck tires, 2 tractor tires. No rims will be allowed. Motion carried. Cost above the free tires would be \$1 car, \$5 truck and \$10 tractor. We will check with vendors to seek the most advantageous cost per ton. Last year the fee was \$125/ton. We will be contacting 2-3 potential vendors.

Veolia Merf and Rock Oil Tour: The tour of the Veolia merf in Plover and Rock Oil in Stratford was discussed. The tours were very interesting. There is approximately 80 tons of recyclables that is processed and shipped each day. A lot of hand labor is required to do the sorting of recyclables. Rock Oil does oil refining and oil filter recycling. They also offer for \$40 - \$50 to have a 55 gallon barrel at a town site for filters to be collected and then they are picked up for recycling. It was decided for members to discuss this at the town level and we will discuss again at the August meeting to see if anyone is interested.

Container Changes: Possible changes in containers or servicing frequency were discussed. No changes are required at this time.

Promoting Recycling in Low Volume Municipalities: We briefly discussed the promoting of recycling in low volume towns. Those municipalities have sent letters out to their residences and are already seeing some increases.

Ag Plastics: Arlen Albrecht reported a grant was applied for to assist with ag plastic recycling. The grant was not awarded to Taylor County but Arlen will be working on another grant in June. The Delmar and JoAnn Smith Farm has constructed, on their own, a cage to collect/recycle ag plastic. They will keep us updated on the project.

Comments, Problems & Questions:

1. A town member asked what authority the town has about recyclables in garbage. Briefly discussed was the Recycling Ordinance.
2. Comparison was reviewed of cost/capita and pounds/capita for Taylor County Recycling Authority.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2011 to be hosted by McKinley/Jump River. Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM by Dennis Raasch and seconded by Tony Prasnicki. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, February 15, 2011
Maplehurst Town Hall

Members present were Mike Roiger, Francis Martin, Tony Prasnicky, Harry Frosch, Otto Klinger, Rudy Soper, Ed Hamel, Ray Sackmann, Dan Hoffman, Rick Nehls, Mark Nosko and Randy Mayer. Also present were Scott Mildbrand and Walt Lang, Arlen Albrecht, Sue Noland, and Larry Peterson. Absent were Lublin, Grover, Jump River, Cleveland, Ford and Goodrich.

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

Meeting Minutes & Agenda: The November 16th, 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Harry Frosch and seconded by Francis Martin, to approve the minutes as mailed and approve the agenda with no add-ons. Motion carried.

Review Veolia Bills: Summary for December, January and February were reviewed. There was a rate increase effective January 1st. The current monthly charge now is \$2118.12. There has not been a rate increase for fuel charge at this time.

Year-End Tonnages & Expenses: Tonnages and expenses were reviewed.

1. Tons: Year-end tonnages to date are 1,057,161 #. This is an all time high. Increased volumes may be due to accepting #3-7 plastic.
2. Expenses: The current Year-end balance for 2010 is \$79,358.24. Following is discussions for use of excess funds.

Projected Costs for Clean Sweep & Tire Collection: At the November 2010 meeting it was decided to use excess funds to pay for tires, appliances and electronics for Recycling Authority residents for 2011. It is expected we should be able to do this for approximately \$10,000.

2010 Year-End Distribution: Year-end distribution to towns was also discussed. A total of \$28,107 was discussed to distribute back to the towns (\$3.00/per capita). Motion by Otto Klinger and seconded by Rick Nehls, to approve to reimburse funds back to the towns. Motion carried.

Site Improvements: Town of Cleveland chain link fence site improvement project was discussed. Nothing has been submitted by Cleveland and project is likely not done. At the November meeting a motion was made to grant until 12-31-10 to get the project completed or no reimbursement. Motion by Ray Sackmann and seconded by Harry Frosch, to not pay. Motion carried.

2011 Expenses to Date: To date approximately \$4716 has been expended for January and February. New grant dollars won't be received until June. We will operate on carry-over dollars until new grant is received.

#3-7 Plastics: #3-7 plastics were discussed. It is possible volumes went up due to its acceptance. All has been going good.

Veolia Merf Tour: A tour of the Veolia merf in Plover was discussed. Also talked about stopping at Rock Oil as most of Taylor County's oil filters go to their refinery for recycling. Arlen reported bus costs of: \$550 Krug coach bus seating 47 or 42; \$425 School bus or BRI bus at \$300. The dates of March 22 or 23 will be checked with Veolia to see if a tour is possible. We will get date back to towns so they can let us know how many will be going.

Container Changes: Possible changes in containers or servicing frequency were discussed. Everything has been okay and no changes are required at this time.

Cooperative Agreement with Rib Lake: The cooperative agreement with Joint Rib Lake Consortium has been signed by both parties. The agreement is for one year.

Advertising Article: An article for advertising was discussed. This article indicates brochures, fairs/events and word of mouth are top promoting tools. We feel we are getting to most of the people recycling and the ones not recycling never will.

Promotional Suggestions for Low Volume Recycling Sites: There are two sites in the Recycling Authority that are not meeting their 83.7 #/per capita requirement. We discussed suggestions for low volume municipalities to increase their recycling volumes. After discussion, it was felt a letter to those town residents may help as this is what Chelsea had done previously to increase volumes. Also discussed using clear bags for garbage to insure no recyclables are going into the garbage.

Ag Plastics: Ag plastic research project was discussed. Albrecht reported on research grant that will be pursued. The research will decipher different kinds of plastics and volumes within the County. As part of the grant program, if Taylor County is selected, we will receive ten cages to store ag plastic, costs to pick-up baled plastic and dispose of plastic. Taylor County is required to invest \$4000 to match the States' money. Motion by Scott Mildbrand and seconded by Ed Hamel, to approve and submit for grant application for Ag Plastic research. Motion carried. Roiger signed letter of approval to submit by grant deadline of February 16, 2011.

Comments, Problems & Questions:

1. Timothy Wenk Magic of Recycling Shows may come to Taylor County Schools this spring if Mr. Wenk locks in 2 additional sites in Wisconsin.
2. There are approximately five towns that need to submit their local recycling expenses. We need this information as soon as possible for Annual Report to be completed to the DNR.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2011 at Little Black Town Hall. Motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM by Dan Hoffman and seconded by Randy Mayer. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary