

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Town of Ford – Gilman (County Meeting Room)

Members present were Mike Roiger, Francis Martin, Tony & Ruth Prasnick, Bob & Sharon Baker, Rick & Jenny Nehls, Harry Sweda, Darrell Thompson, Randy Mayer, Ray Soper and Leigh Sahlin. Also present were Matthew Sweda, Del Kroepin, Arlen Albrecht, Sue Noland, and Kyle Noonan. Absent were Grover, Hammel, Cleveland, Jump River and Little Black. Excused were Browning, Goodrich and Deer Creek.

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

Introduction of New Administrator, Kyle Noonan, was made and each town member introduced themselves.

Meeting Minutes & Agenda: Motion by Randy Mayer and seconded by Leigh Sahlin, to approve the August 21st, 2012 minutes and the agenda as mailed. Motion carried.

Tonnages & Expenses to Date:

1. Third quarter totals are down slightly but we have miscellaneous slips to add which were just turned in. Currently, we have collected 137 tons to date.
2. Our current balance is \$47,800. We are expecting approximately \$13,200 expenses till the end of this year. We anticipate about \$34,000 to carry forward to 2013.

Review Veolia Bills: A three month summary of Veolia bills was discussed. Costs for September, October, and November were \$6468.81 to service containers at all 18 sites.

Recycling Contract Bids: Our current recycling contract will expire December 31, 2012. A request for bids was sent to six potential vendors. Bids were received from Veolia Environmental Services and Eagle Waste & Recycling. A comparison by container size, cost per container, CPI, and fuel surcharge was reviewed. In comparing costs, there is a savings of \$1345/month between the 2 bids. This calculates to a \$16,140/year difference or \$72,705 savings over five year contract.

Collecting recyclables as single stream vs. comingled was also discussed. Comments from towns were to keep two sorts. Motion by Bob Baker, second by Leigh Sahlin, to contract with Veolia Environmental Services for five years and stay with two sort collection. Motion carried.

Tire Collection: Tire program was discussed. A summary was reviewed of tires received, weight calculations, dollars the towns had received, Bee Line weights and charges, and excess charges acquired by towns. After discussion, motion by Randy Mayer, second by Bob Baker, to forego the extra dollars the towns would owe and invoice the towns only the amount they received at time the tires were collected. Motion carried.

Super Totes/Ag Plastic: Arlen reported 125 – 130 bags were handed out. There were approximately 50 bags brought in and 10 bales of plastic from collections held on October 24th in Medford and October 25th in Gilman. The next collection will be April 17 in Medford and April 18 in Gilman. We anticipate more ag plastic volume after the winter months when bales and bags are fed. The plastics program has also been expanded to the towns to collect household plastic from bird seed bags, grocery bags, salt and wood pellets, fertilizer bags, garden plastic, etc. Super tote bags are brought to County Hwy shops on designated dates. It was the consensus that we continue with the program. Motion by Leigh Sahlin, second by Del Kroepin, to continue with film plastic program. Motion carried.

Clean Sweep Summary: The volumes for the 2012 Clean Sweep held in May and August were reviewed. There were a total of 14,196 pounds of hazardous waste from the four sites, 338 pounds of pharmaceuticals, 4,643 fluorescent tubes, 300 gallons waste oil, 200 appliances and 1,460 electronics. The collections were again a good event and went smoothly.

City, Rib Lake & Little Black Contracts: It was reported Joint Rib Lake signed agreement with Taylor County Recycling Authority for one year for 2013. City of Medford signed agreement for three years for 2013 – 2015 and Little Black signed agreement for five years to coincide with Recycling contract from 1-1-13 to 12-31-17.

Brochures/Report Cards: Brochures were discussed. The hours and days of operation were discussed and any garbage collection fees. The film plastic recycling will be added to brochures and 2 sort program will remain the same. We will check on #6 Styrofoam to see if it is acceptable. Brochures will be distributed with tax bills in December.

Comments, Problems & Questions: Other business discussed was that Taft needs 2 padlocks for containers and McKinley/Jump River needs 4-5 padlocks. Sue will contact Dale @ Veolia. A Recycling Program evaluation from DNR was received. This evaluation was done prior to former Administrator retiring. DNR indicated Taylor County has an excellent recycling program and program meets effective recycling program criteria.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2013 in Town of Goodrich at the Town Hall. Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM by Leigh Sahlin and seconded by Harry Sweda. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

Jean M. Thompson Library – Stetsonville

Members present were Mike Roiger, Francis Martin, Tony & Ruth Prasnick, Ray Sackmann, Bob Baker, Rick & Jenny Nehls, Harry Sweda, Dennis Raasch, Del Kroeplin, Randy Mayer and Leigh Sahlin. Also present were Scott Mildbrand, Mark Berglund (Star News), Arlen Albrecht, Sue Noland, and Larry Peterson. Absent were Browning, Grover, Maplehurst, Hammel, Cleveland, Jump River and Little Black.

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

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Harry Sweda and seconded by Dennis Raasch, to approve the May 15th, 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

Meeting Agenda: Motion by Dennis Raasch and seconded by Leigh Sahlin, to approve the agenda with add-on of discuss results of advertising effectiveness. Motion carried.

Tonnages & Expenses To Date:

1. Second quarter totals are 322,547 pounds compared to previous quarter of 294,147 pounds. We are up slightly.
2. We have \$54,905 currently in grant dollar funds. We will be paying tire collection costs and four months of container servicing.
3. We are anticipating approximately \$10,000 in costs to the end of the year.

Review Veolia Bills: The three month summary of Veolia bills was reviewed. Costs for June, July and August were \$6468.81 to service containers at all 18 sites.

Clean Sweep: Clean Sweeps were held in May at Medford and Gilman and in August at Rib Lake and Roosevelt/Lublin. In May there was 9700 pounds of chemicals and paints, 341 pounds of pills, 300 vehicles, 200 gallons waste oil, 259 oil filters, 2394 fluorescent bulbs, 1006 electronics and 157 appliances. In August there were 94 participants in Rib Lake, 29 appliances, 286 electronics and 40 gallons waste oil collected. Roosevelt/Lublin had 41 participants, 169 electronics, 14 appliances and 55 gallons oil collected. It was also reported there is a drop box in the jail lobby where pharmaceuticals can be dropped off at any time. Drop box will be operational on August 21, 2012.

Tire Collection: The Tire Collection has been completed and figures from 2009 – 2012 were reviewed. In 2011 the numbers were high (8300 tires) due to free tires accepted. This year approximately 2100 were collected.

Contract Negotiations: Administrator reported our current recycling contract expires on December 31, 2012. Negotiations need to start soon. There are currently three vendors: Waste Management, Veolia and Express Disposal. It was decided to send bid packets out in September and request bids back by mid-October. Bid specs will request a 5 year contract, 1 vs. 2 sorts and being paid for commodities. This will allow the negotiating committee to review bids before the November Recycling Authority meeting.

Little Black Agreement: The Town of Little Black's agreement with the Taylor County Recycling Authority will expire on December 31, 2012. Discussed was the fact they are the only town who has not signed an indefinite agreement. Motion by Ray Sackmann and seconded by Harry Sweda, to ask Little Black to sign an indefinite term agreement like the rest of the Recycling Authority. Motion carried.

City & Rib Lake Contracts: The cooperative agreements between Taylor County Recycling Authority and Joint Rib Lake and City of Medford will expire on December 31,

2012. Motion by Ray Sackmann and seconded by Scott Mildbrand, to approve agreement with City of Medford for three years and Joint Rib Lake will be negotiated for 1 to 3 years. Motion carried.

2013 Grant Application: The 2013 Recycling Grant application is due October 1, 2012. We need to update our authorized representative resolution due to retirement of administrator. The Solid Waste & Recycling Committee will need to sign resolution.

Ag Plastic Recycling: Arlen Albrecht reported that the ag plastic super totes have been distributed. There are 3 different sorts: 1) The black & white plastics go in one bag; 2) All white is second sort, and 3) Twine, mesh and feed sacks. No chemical containers. Bags will be collected in October at Medford and Gilman Highway Shops. It was discussed whether a bag should be placed at each town Recycling Authority site to collect wood pellet, water softener, bird seed, grocery bags, etc. from residents. The towns will discuss and report back if they would like one. A contract was discussed with the company that will take the ag plastic to pay \$30/ton for collected plastics. This is a one year trial period and will be evaluated in October 2013.

Recycling Funding Lawsuit: Administrator reported a lawsuit was filed from City of Milwaukee and City of Madison against the Department of Administration seeking restoration of \$13 million dollars to the recycling grant fund that was transferred to the general fund in 2011. The allegation states the transfer of funds violates provisions of the Wisconsin Constitution.

Advertising Effectiveness: An article on advertising effectiveness was handed out. The article indicates no certainty of what will or won't work. Factors are demographic preferences, buying behavior and marketing campaign. Currently television/print media win the race at 59%, followed by promotional products at 28%, radio at 15% and billboard advertising at 17%.

Comments, Problems & Questions: Recycling Coordinator commented this was his last meeting and was proud of what the group has accomplished over the years. The Recycling Authority is a good hard working group. The Recycling Authority in turn applauded Larry Peterson for his dedicated hard work for the group.

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Susan Noland, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, May 15, 2012
Cleveland Town Hall

Members present were Mike Roiger, Francis Martin, Tony & Ruth Prasnick, Ray Sackmann, Bob Baker, Archie Williams, Rick Nehls, Mark Nosko, Del Kroeplin, Harry Sweda, Chris Nowak, Randy Mayer, and Dale Strama. Also present were Scott Mildbrand, Mathew Sweda, Jim Harp, Sam Zagowski, Allen Kurth, Mary Quante, Arlen Albrecht, Sue Noland, and Larry Peterson. Absent were Browning, Grover, Roosevelt and Little Black. Goodrich was excused.

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

Meeting Minutes and Agenda: Motion by Bob Baker and seconded by Del Kroeplin, to approve the February 21st, 2012 minutes and the agenda. Motion carried.

Tonnages & Expenses To Date:

1. We do not have a completed quarter as weights were not received from Veolia. January & February volumes were reviewed.
2. We have a current balance of \$18,396. It is anticipated we will receive \$88,726 in grant dollars in June. The \$88,000 will be distributed among the Recycling Authority, City of Medford and Joint Rib Lake.
3. Administrator reported on lawsuit because a program that helps municipalities pay for recycling was raided for other purposes by the Governor. Approximately \$13.1 million was taken. The lawsuit is asking for restoration of the diverted landfill tipping fees.

Review Veolia Bills: The summary of bills from Veolia for March, April and May were reviewed. The cost is approximately \$2100 per month for all 18 municipalities servicing. Motion by Harry Sweda, seconded by Mark Nosko, to approve the summary of bills from Veolia. Motion carried.

Clean Sweep: Clean Sweep will be held Saturday, May 19, 2012 in Medford and in Gilman. We will accept appliances, electronics, pharmaceuticals and hazardous waste. Any Taylor County resident can bring above items to the collection sites. Everything is free except for appliances.

Tire Collection: The proposed tire collection schedule was reviewed. Collection is set for the first three weeks of August. The quotes we received were \$160/ton from Bee Line and \$159.50/ton from Liberty. Motion by Francis Martin, second by Bob Baker, to set prices to be car \$2, truck \$5, tractor \$10. An amendment was made to that motion by Dale Strama for \$2 car, \$10 truck & \$20 tractor. Motion died for lack of second. The original motion was voted on; all aye. Motion carried.

Discussed was the fact that the two bids are close. Motion by Randy Mayer, second by Francis Martin, to take the low bid after final negotiations are conducted by Administrator. Motion carried.

The group also discussed overruns previously paid by Recycling Authority (RA). It was felt the RA could make up 5% over cost and the town would pay anything over 5%. It was decided this was not adequate. Motion by Scott Mildbrand, second by Randy Mayer, to allow a 10% leeway. RA will pay up to 10% and over 10% will be paid by Town. Motion carried.

DNR Annual Report: The DNR Annual report for 2011 was completed and submitted prior to April 30. The report indicated total costs of program, cost per capita, and cost per ton. Our program is within DNR standards.

Hepatitis B Shots: Hepatitis B Shots for site attendants was discussed. Randy Mayer reported the Stetsonville Fire Department is receiving voluntary shots. A discussion was

held about costs, responsibility and necessity. It will be up to each town to decide if they want their site attendants to get the Hepatitis shots.

Comments, Problems & Questions: Arlen Albrecht talked about a procedure that recycles approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of silage bags but does not compact them. The plastic is put in a hanging tote and pick-up and collection would have to be arranged.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2012 at the Jean M. Thompson Library in Stetsonville. Motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM by Bob Baker and seconded by Del Kroepflin. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
Roosevelt/Lublin Town Hall

Members present were Mike Roiger, Francis Martin, Tony & Ruth Prasnicky, Otto Klinger, Rudy Soper, Ray Sackmann, Bob & Sharon Baker, William Dmytro, Dennis Raasch, Archie Williams, Steve & Patty Deml, Dan Hoffman, Rick & Jenny Nehls, Darrell Thompson and John Lorenz. Also present were Scott Mildbrand, Chris Blair, Del Kroeplin, Harry Sweda, Dave Shewyzk and Mary Quante, Sue Noland, and Larry Peterson. Absent were Jump River, Grover, Stetsonville and Maplehurst. Arlen Albrecht was excused.

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

Meeting Minutes: The November 15th, 2011 meeting minutes were read by Secretary. Motion by Francis Martin and seconded by Dennis Raasch, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Dan Hoffman, seconded by Francis Martin, to approve the agenda as mailed. Motion carried.

2011 Year-End Revenue & Expense: For 2011, the revenues we had for operating was \$155,842.95. This included previous year carry-over, current year grant and tire collection revenue. The total expenses for 2011 was \$124,732.46 which leaves a Year-End balance of \$31,110.49. This will be carried forward to 2012. We will anticipate the same grant dollars of \$84,000 for 2012.

2012 Expense Report: Current balance is \$26,355. There is only two months of servicing so far.

2011 Year-End Tonnages & 2012 To Date: Volumes collected:

1. Tons: 291,065 pounds collected in 4th quarter.
2. Total collected in 2011 was 629 ton and in 2010 was 562 ton. There was a significant increase in tonnages overall.
3. For January 2012, collected were 100,000 pounds.

Review Veolia Bills: Summary of bills from Veolia for December, January and February were reviewed. There were no changes so charges were \$2156.27 for each month for a total of \$6468.81.

Container Changes: Changes in containers was discussed. There are no additional containers required at this time, but various comments were made on existing containers. The Zoning Office will address necessary changes with Veolia.

Veolia Waste Possible Sale: Veolia, one of the largest solid waste businesses, is up for sale. Likely they are over extended and need to pay off debts. They are ranked #6 for hauling and disposal and have approximately 10,000 employees. They are being investigated for irregularities in their business practices. Veolia is our current service provider.

Recycling Pounds/per person: Recycling pounds per person for 2011 was reviewed. Data is based on actual volumes for first nine months and estimated the last three months. All municipalities are exceeding the required pounds per capita except one. Overall, the average is 134 pounds per capita for the Recycling Authority members.

Contract Negotiations: Contract negotiations will need to start soon. We have a Negotiating Committee established that will request bids. A firm from Thorp has indicated they are interested in our operation. Current contract will expire 12-31-12.

Clean Sweep: Clean Sweep will be held on May 19, 2012 in Medford from 8:30 am to 11:45 am and in the afternoon in Gilman from 1:45 pm to 3:15 pm. The second Clean Sweep will be held on August 16, 2012 in Rib Lake from 9:15 am to 11:15 am and in the afternoon in Roosevelt/Lublin from 1:30 to 3:15 pm. Posters and brochures will be sent out later to members.

Comments, Problems & Questions: Administrator Peterson commented even with the 40% cut in recycling dollars we have been able to operate and should be okay yet for 2012. We are unsure for 2013 due to new contract negotiations.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2012 at Cleveland Town Hall. Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM by Dennis Raasch and seconded by Otto Klinger. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary