

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, October 15, 2019
Browning Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Mayer at 7:00 PM.

Members present/absent were:

Browning: Larry Virnig	Jump River/McKinley: Bill Miller Jr
Chelsea: absent	Little Black: excused
Cleveland: absent	Maplehurst: absent
Deer Creek: absent	Pershing: absent
Ford: Bob Baker & Leonard Nichols	Roosevelt/Lublin: Leigh Sahlin & Harry Sweda
Goodrich: Erhardt/Catherine Lemke	
Grover: absent	Stetsonville: Randy Mayer
Hammel: Joe/Renee Zenner	Taft: absent
Holway: Rick/Jenny Nehls	

Also present were Kyle Noonan, Michelle Grimm and Sue Noland.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Sweda and seconded by Sahlin, to approve the June 18, 2019 minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Sahlin and seconded by Zenner, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Tonnages & Expenses through September 2019:

Tons: Report was reviewed through September 2019 vs. 2018 comparison. Overall, weights are up slightly by a ton.

Expenses: Administrator reported expenses to date are \$39,345. The current balance available is \$74,834. All expenses are up to date. It is anticipated there will be an additional \$10,000 of expenses before Year-End and approximately \$1700 received in revenue. An anticipated balance forward to 2020 is around \$66,000.

Tire collection: The 2019 tire collection was conducted in August at 4 different sites. There was a total of 93 participants with 1805 tires collected. This included tires for Westboro residents. Bee Line picked up 54.77 ton of tires, which included tires from the Highway Dept. and Forestry Dept. for a cost of \$10,954.00. Westboro and the two county departments will reimburse their charges back to the Recycling Authority. Summaries were reviewed for number of tires collected by site, by town, number of participants, comparison of current and previous tons, and expenses/revenues. Total expenses for the tire collection was \$11,640.00 with revenue reimbursements of \$8243.22 which leaves a balance of \$3396.78. Motion by Baker and seconded by Sahlin, to allow the Recycling Authority to make up the difference of \$3396.78. Motion carried.

Advanced Disposal Tour: A letter was sent to all towns for participation in touring Advanced Disposal MRF and landfill. Four different dates were presented, but only 4 municipalities responded; therefore, the tour was cancelled. A tour may reschedule sometime in the future if there is interest.

Cooperative Agreement: A cooperative agreement with Joint Rib Lake was discussed. The agreement allows all parties involved to obtain more grant dollars rather than if submitted separately. The Recycling Office prepares all the grant applications and does annual reports based on each entity's expenses and tonnages. The Joint Rib Lake group signs an agreement annually. Motion by Jenny Nehls and seconded by Virnig, to accept the agreement. Motion carried.

Other Business: a) 2020 grant was submitted to the DNR by the October 1st deadline. b) 2020 brochures will be prepared with updated report card and distributed with tax bills. Any site changes were reviewed. The "Dirty Dozen" brochures will also be distributed. This brochure indicates what is and is not acceptable in recycling. c) Sweda discussed his concern of plastic bag usage. He would like to see the bags banned as a couple other States have done.

The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2020 at the Hammel Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Sahlin and seconded by Zenner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Holway Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Acting-Chairman Mayer at 7:00 PM.

Members present/absent were:

Browning: absent	Jump River/McKinley: Bill Miller & Rick Kramer
Chelsea: absent	
Cleveland: absent	Little Black: excused
Deer Creek: Ray Sackmann	Maplehurst: absent
Ford: Bob Baker & Leonard Nichols	Pershing: absent
Goodrich: absent	Roosevelt/Lublin: Leigh Sahlin & Harry Sweda
Grover: absent	
Hammel: Joe/Renee Zenner	Stetsonville: Randy Mayer
Holway: Rick/Jenny Nehls, Sarah Holtz & Amber Larson	Taft: Del Kroeplin

Also present were Kyle Noonan, Michelle Grimm and Sue Noland.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Sweda and seconded by Zenner, to approve the February 27, 2019 minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Sahlin and seconded by Baker, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Tonnages & Expenses through May 2019:

Tons: Report was reviewed through May 2019 vs. 2018 comparison. Overall, weights are up 6.5%.

Expenses: Administrator reported grant dollars were received from the DNR of \$88,644.07. The City of Medford and Joint Rib Lake have been paid their share. To date, expenses are \$15,207. The current balance available is \$92,351 (this includes the balance carried forward from 2018).

Appliances & Electronics: The dual collection was conducted on Saturday, May 4 in Medford and Gilman. There were 431 participants which brought in 31,600 pounds of miscellaneous electronics, 335 gallons waste oil, 269 old appliances, and 313 TVs and computer monitors. There was 28 pounds of pharmaceuticals from 25 households.

Clean Sweep: The Clean Sweep collection was conducted on Wednesday, June 12 in Medford. There were 150 participants. We do not have the volume of waste collected at this time, nor number of fluorescent tubes or oil filters. It is noteworthy to see that 39 participants have never been to a Clean Sweep before. This is the 25th year we have been conducting Clean Sweeps.

Tire collection: Administrator Noonan reported the bid from Bee Line is \$200/ton for a tire collection. Rib Lake recently had a collection and their cost was \$250-\$300/ton with a different company. It was agreed to have Bee Line pick up tires at the same 4 sites as last year.

Dates for the collection will be August 10 for Medford, Gilman and Roosevelt/Lublin sites; and August 17 for Holway site. Collection hours will be 8 AM to Noon. Sizes and prices were discussed. Motion by Sweda and seconded by Sahlin, to increase car tires and set price/size as: up to 18" is \$3; 19" to 22" is \$5; 23" to 24" is \$10; over 24" (tractor) is \$20; and oversized tires (end loader, skidder, etc.) is \$50. Motion carried. Towns will be allowed 10 free tires if picked up out of road ditches. Members present had no problem if other entities (Westboro & Aurora) wanted to participate in the collection. All other aspects of the program will remain the same as last year.

Advance Disposal Tour: At the February meeting, Dale Marth offered a tour of their facility. After contacting Krug Bus, the price for a trip to Plover is \$600 for motor coach. An inquiry will be sent to each RA member to see if their municipality would be interested in a tour. Motion by Sweda and seconded by Kroeplin, to proceed with possible tour. Motion carried.

Other Business: a) Grant dollars received were \$88,644.07 with disbursements going to City of \$25,924.04; and to Joint Rib Lake of \$18,567.08.

b) Discussion on teaching young children the importance of recycling.

c) Michelle handed out a brochure with data from Advance Disposal called the "Dirty Dozen". This brochure indicates what is and is not acceptable in recycling.

The next meeting will be held on October 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM hosted by either the Town of Browning or Hammel at the Town Hall.

Motion by Zenner and seconded by Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY RECYCLING AUTHORITY
Wednesday, February 27, 2019
Deer Creek Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Acting-Chair Randy Mayer at 7:05 PM.

Members present/absent were:

Browning: absent	Jump River/McKinley: Bill Miller & Rick Kramer
Chelsea: excused	
Cleveland: absent	Little Black: excused
Deer Creek: Ray Sackmann	Maplehurst: absent
Ford: Bob Baker	Pershing: absent
Goodrich: absent	Roosevelt/Lublin: excused
Grover: absent	Stetsonville: Randy Mayer
Hammel: Joe/Renee Zenner	Taft: Del Kroeplin
Holway: Rick/Jenny Nehls	

Also present were Dale Marth from Advanced Disposal, Kyle Noonan, Michelle Grimm and Sue Noland.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Bob Baker and seconded by Joe Zenner, to approve the October 16, 2018 minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Ray Sackmann and seconded by Jenny Nehls, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Dale Marth presentation: Dale from Advanced Disposal was present and gave presentation on recycling and the markets. Advanced operates a single stream MRF facility in Plover. In summary, Dale explained how the process works through the MRF, and the impact of the recycling markets. China has imposed strict quality standards and there are no alternative markets to replace China. This has had a significant impact on recycling in the U.S. China limits contamination to 0.5% on materials shipped to them when they will take it. This has led to lower revenues, higher processing costs and higher transportation costs. Dale assured the group they are not landfilling the recyclables.

Dale handed out "*Recycling Right*" information on what can be recycled, how to prepare and common recycling mistakes. We can help by ensuring the quality of materials. We may look at "tweaking" our current brochure to incorporate this info.

Dale also explained how the weights are determined from our containers. The driver completes a log at each site by cubic yard for each commodity. The hopper on the truck is 2 cubic yards. The cubic yards are then converted to pounds/tons and a spreadsheet is prepared and submitted to the recycling office. Dale noted an impact of the lower weights could be due to the thinner plastic of water bottles and also thinner aluminum cans. A comment was made about again weighing a load and sort the material to see if the estimation process needs to be revamped.

Other areas: discussed importance of education, chains and locks on containers, and snowplowing of the sites for servicing the containers.

Dale was thanked for attending this meeting and his informative presentation.

Tonnages & Expenses through Year-End 2018:

Tons: Year-end reports were reviewed for 2018. Pounds collected in 2018 were 1,060,781. This is 18½ ton less than collected the prior year. This equates to 530.39 tons vs. 548.84 tons in 2017. Dale commented towns throughout the State and the industry are seeing the same reduction. Per capita pounds were reviewed for the last couple years. One town is less than the 83.7#/capita, but we are doing well with an average of 112.11#/capita.

Expenses: Administrator reported expenses for 2018 were \$76,064.52. Approximately \$63,000 will be carried forward to 2019. Our grant dollars should be received in June.

Clean Sweep: We were notified the vendor for the hazardous waste collection will not do weekend collections this year. Therefore, we will be conducting the waste collection separate from the appliances and electronics. The appliances and electronics will be collected on Saturday, May 4 in Medford and Gilman. The Household & Ag hazardous waste collection will be on Wednesday, June 12 in Medford. The prices for the electronics will close to the same as last year. Appliances will have free "white goods" and see a slight increase for items with Freon. Once all the logistics are worked out, we will start the advertising campaign. We will be looking for volunteers to help.

Other Business:

a) 2019 tire collection will be held in August. Group said to get quote for all 4 sites the same as last year.

b) The annual and accomplishment report will be completed for April submittal to the DNR.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Holway Town Hall.

Motion by Joe Zenner and seconded by Rick Nehls, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried.

Susan Noland, Secretary