

## Solid Waste Board Minutes

Park County, Montana

July 15, 2011

**Attendance:** Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allen Carter, Bob Curry, Dennis Dodge, Sue Martin, Edith Mundell and John Schuler. Also present were Randy Taylor, commissioner; Marty Malone, commissioner; Richard Wright, refuse manager; Lani Hartung, finance; and John Mueller, minutes clerk.

**Call to Order:** @1:09:18 p.m., Chair Sue Martin called a meeting to order in the Commission Chambers of the City/County Complex.

The board determined it will begin its meetings at 1:00 p.m. to hear citizen comments. If no citizens are present, the business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

**Review Minutes:** The board reviewed minutes from the June 17, 2011, meeting. Dennis Dodge requested a revision, noting Allen Carter's green box design proposal is for Deep Creek box site as a trial. John Schuler clarified a motion to state, "*Allen Carter moved to look at a compactor unit in Gardiner as a test site. John Schuler seconded the motion adding, after a 60-day successful test at Gardiner, the county put a compactor site at the Chico green box site, if feasible. Motion passed.*"

*John Schuler moved to approve the minutes as amended. Bob Curry seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

### Old Business

A. Hear Citizen/Guest Comments: None

B. Compactor Site Cost Analysis Report from Refuse Manger: Refuse Manager Richard Wright said a \$45,000 compactor will pay for itself in two years with money saved in the areas of fuel, labor and trucking costs. The board discussed putting a compactor site in Gardiner. Bob Curry reported on a fieldtrip he took to Columbus compactor sites.

*Dennis Dodge moved to give the Commission the go-ahead on proceeding with a compactor site in Gardiner. John Schuler seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Commissioner Taylor said he will go out for a Request for Proposals for an engineer to look at compactor site plans.

Carter asked Wright if he thinks having the Deep Creek green box site is feasible. Wright said he would close the Deep Creek site and have citizens dump refuse at the Trail Creek site. Wright said the Deep Creek site is not used as much as other sites, and access issues with bear boxes have caused many residents to use other sites. Curry said a

master plan is needed to show residents the entire county is being considered regarding proposed refuse changes.

Taylor said the city cannot pick up the county's donut refuse and reported on options the city of Livingston presented to Park County to collect county donut-area refuse. Taylor said the options are no feasible. Taylor said Allied Waste asked to present solid waste management options to the SWB at its next meeting.

C. Report on Solid Waste Study Update Subcommittee: Commissioner Taylor said all information was sent to Bell and Associates, except for an incinerator manual, which is still being looked for.

D. Follow-up on Blowing Trash at Chico Green Box Site: No update, as no new complaints were made.

### **New Business**

A. Review Correspondence/Citizens Refuse Requests: James Foster requested the refuse assessment on a mobile home at 10 Fiddler Creek Road be removed from the tax roll. The Assessor's Office verified the mobile was moved from the property to Gallatin County on July 12.

*John Schuler moved to remove the refuse assessment from the tax roll. Dennis Dodge seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

B. Financial Reports: Finance Director Lani Hartung provided the board with financial reports with expenses split out between the landfill, transfer station and collections.

C. Discuss Hiring Green Box Caretaker for Chico and Trail Creek Sites: Commissioner Malone said the proposed position would be to clean up sites, conduct some avian control and fill in as a driver when refuse drivers are on vacation.

*Allen Carter moved the board recommends the Commission look into hiring an individual as a caretaker to monitor the Trail Creek and Chico green box sites, stop into the Deep Creek site if time permits, and to fill in as a driver when necessary. John Schuler seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

The board scheduled a fieldtrip to Stillwater County/Absorkee compactor sites for July 28 leaving the courthouse at 10:00 a.m. and said Dodge, Carter and Wright will attend.

D. Commissioners Report – Review Cost Analysis of Solid Waste Options with City of Livingston: The board discussed a trial program with the city of Livingston with dumping green box site roll offs at the city transfer station as a trial effort. Taylor asked for Wright to submit a written proposal of what will be delivered to the city and on which days and he will give it to the city for review. Wright said six to eight roll offs a week from Chico and Trail Creek would be a good starting estimate.

*Bob Curry moved to recommend the Commission consider a trial period to take roll offs from appropriate sites to the city as an experiment by coordinating with the city manager on scheduling. John Schuler seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**Adjourn:** @2:57:35 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Sue Martin  
Chair