

Solid Waste Board Minutes

Park County, Montana

December 16, 2011

Attendance: Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allan Carter, Bob Currie, Dennis Dodge and Dick Juhnke. Also present were Randy Taylor, commissioners; Richard Wright, refuse; Barbara Woodbury, environmental health; Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; Lani Hartung, finance; Courtney Lawellin, Park County Concerned Citizens attorney; John Kaiser, Ed Schilling, Bob Raney, citizens; and John Mueller, minutes clerk.

Call to Order: @1:08:24 p.m., Chair Sue Martin called a meeting to order in the Commission Chambers of the City/County Complex.

Review of Minutes: The board was to approve minutes from the September 16; October 6; October 21 and November 18, 2011, meetings. John Mueller, minutes clerk, said he has not yet finished revising the October 21 minutes as requested. *Bob Currie moved to accept the September 16, October 6 and November 18 minutes as typed. Dennis Dodge seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Barbara Woodbury provided the board with questions for a proposed citizen survey regarding refuse alternatives for distribution with the annual hang tags.

Old Business

A. Letters from Guests with Refuse Requests; Tack Action: Citizen Ed Schilling said he has paid his taxes in protest for the last three years, and he asks the SWB to recommend to the Commission he be refunded \$370 he has been overcharged, as the SWB has not accurately assessed all home-based businesses in Park County. He said he long ago asked the SWB to reassess how the county assesses refuse for home-based businesses and households, which has not been done. Schilling said he believes ranchers are a home-based business, thus the SWB should reassess its refuse charges.

B. Reverse Motion Made at a Special Meeting on Removing One Free Ton Dumping Allowance at the Landfill: Carter said there was discussion at the weekly SWB discussions. Currie said there is more input on the matter since Carter took the motion off the table. *Bob Currie moved to table the issue until it can be brought up at the property time. Dennis Dodge seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

C. Develop a Comprehensive Plan for Operation of Solid Waste: Currie presented the board with logistics of Stillwater County compactor sites and said Park County should move forward with pursuing compactor green box sites. There was discussion about issues with the proposed location for a compactor site in Gardiner being in the Gardiner Airport Affected Area. Dick Juhnke said refuse within compactor boxes can freeze in the wintertime. He said Stillwater County employs fewer employees than Park County in its

refuse department. Richard Wright, refuse manager, said the county pays one fee to transport the county's refuse, which is \$48+ per ton. He said it would cost about \$70 per ton if the county took its refuse to the Billings landfill.

D. Discuss Hiring Green Box Caretaker for Chico and Trail Creek Green Box Sites: Wright said an individual will start that position after the first of the year.

E. Discuss Cooke City Green Box Hours: Wright said the Cooke City green box site hours were set because a part-time employee could not be obtained for the winter season. He said no objections were voiced by Cooke City residents regarding the new hours.

F. Carry Over Items from Special Meeting on October 6, 2011: The board said the agenda item was addressed with the one free ton dumping vote.

G. Date to Commence Trial Solid Waste Effort with City of Livingston: Commissioner Taylor said the county is waiting to hear back from Greg Frame of Envirocon, but MRL will not assess the county a fee for not sending refuse for a one-month trial period.

- Report from civil deputy county attorney regarding issues with trial effort relative to the county's EnviroCon and MRL contract: Civil Deputy County Attorney Shannan Piccolo said the contract does not contain provision allowing for a trial refuse period, so the county is in negotiations to address the issue.
- Report from civil deputy county attorney as to how public and board member comments will be collected for Bell and Associates draft report: No report
- Discussion on the definition of types of refuse permitted through the county hanging tag at charge or no charge: No discussion
- Review of Gardiner compactor green box site engineering plans and logistics: Taylor provided the board with the latest proposal for the Gardiner compactor site

H. Update on Bell and Associates Report: Taylor said he and Commissioner Malone are putting together a presentation of the Bell and Associates report in outlying county locations.

New Business

A. Correspondence: None

B. Discuss/Decide on Content and Mailing Date for Solid Waste Alternatives Survey: There was discussion about putting dollar figures on the survey for various solid waste alternatives and the ability of the general public to understand the survey's data figures. The board decided the survey will go out with refuse sticker mailings.

C. Report from Commissioner Taylor re. MRL/EnviroCon Fees Associated with Trial Refuse Effort with City of Livingston: Discussed above

D. Report from Commissioner Taylor and Possible Board Decision on Required Letter to MRL/Envirocon to Participate in Trial Refuse Effort with City: No discussion

E. Discuss Requirements for Citizen Vote on Solid Waste Alternatives Including Incineration Per a Park County Concerned Citizens Lawsuit Settlement: Piccolo said the level of public interest will determine whether the county goes out for a vote on incineration as a refuse alternative after the commissioner presentations conclude. Piccolo said the county will accept written public comment regarding refuse alternatives through January 31.

In other discussion, Juhnke asked why a board member advertisement states city of Livingston residents can sit on the SWB. Piccolo said the board should be made up of refuse district members, which excludes the city of Livingston.

Piccolo said the SWB needs to hold interviews of board applicants with more applications than seats, and she can contact the HR Department to assist in setting up the interviews when the board determines a date.

Adjourn: @2:41 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Chair