

Solid Waste Board Minutes

Park County, Montana

June 17, 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; Courtney Lawellin, attorney; and John Mueller, minutes clerk.

Call to Order: @1:02:01 p.m., Vice-Chair Allen Carter called a meeting to order in the Commission Chambers of the City/County Complex to address citizen comments and requests.

A. Refuse Request Letters from Citizens/Guests: The board reviewed written requests for reassessment of refuse assessments as follows:

Citizens John and Tami McDonald submitted a written request to refund the residential refuse assessment on a house built in 1898 with Geo-Code: 49-0259-28-4-70-01-0000. State Assessor's Office documentation shows the house was not assessed refuse in Tax Year 2009 and 2010. *John Schuler moved to deny the request. Dennis Dodge seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Citizen Robert Delich submitted a written request to refund and remove the residential refuse assessment on a mobile home with Parcel #M006005. The State Assessor's Office assessed the mobile as a livable dwelling. *Dennis Dodge moved to deny the request. John Schuler seconded the motion. Motion passed.* The SWB denied the request per the State Assessor's Office assessment and in accordance with Rural Refuse District guideline #4. *"If a residence/business is livable, it will be charged with the Rural Garbage charge whether it is occupied or not. The service is available all year and to all units regardless of occupancy."*

Citizen Juanita Moe submitted a written request to refund the residential refuse assessment on a mobile home with Parcel #M007637. The State Assessor's Office assessed the mobile as a livable dwelling. *John Schuler moved to deny the request. Dennis Dodge seconded the motion. Motion passed.* The SWB denied the request per the State Assessor's Office assessment and in accordance with Rural Refuse District guideline #4. *"If a residence/business is livable, it will be charged with the Rural Garbage charge whether it is occupied or not. The service is available all year and to all units regardless of occupancy."*

The Swandal Ranch submitted a written request to refund the residential refuse assessment on a house burned down in 2004 with Assessor #G403000. State Assessor's Office documentation shows the house was not assessed refuse since Tax Year 2006. *John Schuler moved to deny the request. Dennis Dodge seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Commissioner Taylor presented the board with landfill methane monitoring reports and an EnviroCon transfer station contract data for review.

@1:30 p.m., Chair Sue Martin called the SWB business meeting to order.

Review Minutes: The board reviewed minutes from the May 19, 2011, meeting. *Bob Curry moved to accept the minutes. Edith Mundell seconded the motion. Motion passed.* John Schuler abstained from voting.

Old Business

A. Address Guest Citizen Comments: None

New Business

A. Correspondence: None

B. Discuss Concern with Blowing Trash at the Chico Green Box Site: Colin Davis of Chico Hot Springs asked what can be done publicly or privately about blowing trash at the Chico green box site. Refuse Manger Richard Wright said the best solution at the Chico site is a trash compactor, which instantly contains refuse. He said such would reduce the number of trips to the site from six to two or three times per week.

Wright said the county will need to put about \$30,000 into the Gardiner green box site before the fall to avoid bear issues that occurred last year. Wright said a compactor site would rectify that issue. There was discussion about compactor operation labor hours costing the county less than refuse truck driver labor hours.

Bob Curry moved to have current data on compactor sites for the next meeting. John Schuler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wright said he will provide the board with the costs to drive refuse trucks to the southern parts of the county in comparison to costs of proposed compactor sites.

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. Motion passed.

Commissioner Malone said he suggests the board visit the Cooke City compactor site to learn how that facility operates.

B. Report on Green Box Design: Carter provided visuals of a proposed experimental green box design that eases dumping of refuse from a vehicle into the box and from the box into refuse trucks, addressing wind issues. Carter said the cost for the proposal could be \$40,000, and he proposes trying it at the Trail Creek and Chico green box sites.

The board tabled the proposal until the next meeting.

C. Commissioner Report: Commissioner Taylor said the county's solid waste management study committee met on June 16 and has only a few tasks to complete in assisting Bell and Associates with the study. He said the committee hopes to submit its data next week.

D. Discuss Cost Analysis for Solid Waste Services with the City of Livingston: Bob Curry read into the record a statement from the City of Livingston saying the city would charge county citizens \$53/ton to dump refuse at the city transfer station.

Bob Curry moved the SWB ask the commissioners to form a small committee to include a commissioner to discuss with the city the potential of taking all county refuse materials through the city transfer station on a contractual basis. Allen Carter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The committee was formed to include Dennis Dodge, Bob Curry and Commissioner Taylor. Taylor said he will arrange a meeting with the city manager and director of public works.

Commissioner Malone said he thinks each SWB member should be familiar with how each element of the county solid wastes system operates, including costs, operation hours and available services.

Adjourn: @3:01:51 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Sue Martin
Chair