

**Solid Waste Board**  
Park County, Montana  
March 17, 2011

**Attendance:** Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Bob Curry, Dennis Dodge, Dick Juhnke, Sue Martin, Edith Mundell and John Schuler. Marty Malone, commissioner; Richard Wright, refuse manager; Rom Curtis, citizen; and John Mueller, minutes clerk.

**Call to Order:** @7:02:26 p.m., Chairman Sue Martin called a meeting to order in the West Room of the City/County Complex.

**Review Minutes:** The board reviewed minutes from the January 20, 2011, meeting. *Bob Curry made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dick Juhnke seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

**Old Business**

A. Letters from Citizens/Guests - Take Action: Citizens Bruce and Mardella Brock submitted a written request to reassess the residential refuse assessment on a cabin at 179 Quinn Creek Road with Taxpayer #3414000. The board said the county refuse service is available whether used or not. *John Schuler made a motion to deny the request. Dick Juhnke seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

Citizen Judy Parks submitted a written request to remove and reimburse a residential refuse assessment on a garage structure at 185 Canyon View Drive with Taxpayer #38478 the State Assessor's Office has assessed as an unfinished garage. *Bob Curry made a motion to accept Judy Parks's request to reimburse and remove the assessment. Dick Juhnke seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

Citizen Patricia Morris submitted a written request to remove and reimburse a residential refuse assessment on a dwelling at 10 Taylor Lane with Taxpayer #6766000 the State Assessor's Office has assessed as an unlivable dwelling. *John Schuler made a motion to accept Judy Parks's request to reimburse and remove the assessment. Edith Mundell seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

In other citizen comments issues, Martin said she checked on Strong Lane and its condition is no better than when she brought a complaint to the board some time ago. Citizen Tom Curtis said five property owners at the end of Strong Lane own the right of way to Strong Lane and have a contract with the county stating the county will maintain the road. He said the road conditions are very bad and he does not understand why the contract is not honored. Curtis said he asked the county to pave Strong Lane past the green boxes five years ago.

*Sue Martin made a motion Strong Lane is graveled and taken care of by March 25, is maintained no less than bi-weekly as needed and the board recommends and expects the*

*road will be improved by pavement, tailings or some solid surface by no later than the end of June. John Schuler seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

*Sue Martin made a motion the county correct the water issues and low spots and flooding and drainage problems within the framework of the fenced areas in which the green boxes sit in a like maintenance schedule. Edith Mundell seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

B. RFP Update: Martin provided an update about a Zia solid waste management report update request for proposals. Martin said the cost of the report has increased with a requested increase in time spend on incineration. She said the county will update the statics/data compilation phase of the report. Bob Curry said a separate specialist firm will assist Bell and Associates with the incinerator portion of the study.

C. Report on Design of Drop Off Box: No report

## **New Business**

A. Report from Refuse Manager and Commissioner Malone:: Refuse Manager Richard Wright said the refuse department will need to hire a part-time scale person as soon as the end of April to enable equipment operators to run equipment all day. He said the scale person will work one to two days per week through the summer. Wright said illegal dumping into transfer station collections continues to increase, particularly with more wood and house construction waste. Wright said some city and county residents will not pay to dump at the landfill or the city transfer station as long as they can illegally dump in wide open green box sites.

Wright said his #2 garbage truck is almost 12 years old and a quote for a new front loading garbage truck without the strongest available body is \$220,740. Wright said that price is why he supports compacting sites out in the county. He said the county could put one and a half compactor sites together for the cost of one new dump truck. Wright said it costs the county an extra 13 gallons of fuel as soon as refuse trucks go above Chico, and diesel in winter is \$3.20 per gallon.

Dennis Dodge said he and Allen Carter accompanied Commissioner Malone to Gardiner where Malone presented an option of compactor refuse sites to the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce. He said the chamber was favorable to the idea. Martin asked Wright for statistics on costs of the current solid waste operations for next meeting. Wright said refuse personnel must currently go to Gardiner five days a week, but with a compactor site in Gardiner the number of trips would be reduced to one trip each 12 days.

Martin asked Malone about the pecking order of the board and the definition of an administrative board. Martin said she feels there has been no communication between the Commission and the board, and today was the first time anyone in the Commission Office told the board a citizen is having issues with a green box site.

Malone said SWB members should ask what they need in order to make a decision and inform the public about the county's solid waste operations. He said the board should ask Wright if collecting 16,055 pounds of refuse material in a roll off truck is the best expenditure of county tax dollars and research whether green box caretakers are doing their jobs with maintaining sites and assisting citizens. Malone said the board should determine whether green box signage should be improved to educate citizens as to what types of refuse can be deposited in green boxes. Malone said SWB members should know all of the refuse system rules and be able to defend Park County with data when citizens have complaints. Malone asked board members the cost to the county for one ton of refuse. There was no answer from board membership. Malone said the board needs to understand the figures on the financial reports, and to ask for a different report if members do not understand the current format.

There was discussion about SWB meetings being held in the daytime hours to improve Commission and employee attendance, as well as communication between the board and the Commission. Curry said he like to discuss the pros and cons of meeting in front of the Commission and vote on it at the next meeting.

B. Correspondence: None

C. Select Members for Report Update Committee: There was discussion about how many individuals should serve on the Zia Report update subcommittee. There was discussion the subcommittee could consist of two SWB members, two Park County Concerned Citizens members, one commissioner and two local business people owners.

D. Other Discussion Items: Dodge said he will report on animal composting at the next meeting.

**Adjourn:** @9:00:57 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Sue Martin  
Chairman