

Solid Waste Board Minutes

Park County, Montana

May 19, 2011

Attendance: Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allen Carter, Bob Curry, Dennis Dodge, Dick Juhnke, Sue Martin and Edith Mundell. Randy Taylor, commissioner; and John Mueller, minutes clerk.

Call to Order: @7:05:09 p.m., Chair Sue Martin called a meeting to order in the West Room of the City/County Complex.

Review Minutes: The board reviewed minutes from the April 21, 2011, meeting. *Bob Curry made a motion to accept the minutes. Dick Juhnke seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

Old Business

A. Letters from Citizens/Guests - Take Action: None

B. Discuss Changing Meeting Dates and Times: Bob Curry said the board is never quite up to speed with the Commission and vice-versa when the board meets on a monthly basis. Curry said it seems like changing meeting times is a good opportunity to close the communication loop and have direct discussion and debate with the commissioners and he is all for it.

Commissioner Taylor said he thinks moving the meetings to daytimes would be good for communication and Refuse Manger Richard Wright could attend meetings. Juhnke said he would not make it to daytime meetings for three months during the hunting season. Martin said she could not physically make the meetings but a speaker phone effort is possible.

Martin said communications could be better if the Commission communicated regularly with the board chair for agenda items, and the Commission's administrative staff could used for that communication. She said running the board should not be a one-man show. Martin said working folks may not be able to attend daytime meetings.

Allen Carter made a motion the board move its meetings to the afternoons on a trial basis for six to eight months and review how that works. Dennis Dodge seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Bob Curry made a motion the board meet for its first meeting on the third Friday in June at 1 p.m. for the citizen portion and 1:30 p.m. for the business meeting. Allen Carter seconded that motion. Motion passed. Allen Carter, Bob Curry, Dennis Dodge and Edith Mundell voted in favor of the motion. Dick Juhnke and Sue Martin voted against the motion.

New Business

A. Correspondence: None

B. RFP Committee Members: Martin read into the record names of committee members as Dick Juhnke, Jim Hunt, Bob Currie, Nick Currie, Joe Chapman, Randy Taylor, Burt Otis, Jim Taylor and Richard Wright.

Commissioner Taylor provided the board with an information request from Bell and Associates for the county solid waste study rewrite. Taylor provided instruction on information, timelines and scheduled committee meeting times. Curry said a specific cost analysis with honest numbers is an important outcome for the study.

In other discussion, Taylor said he is ready to turn over review of landfill water and air sampling reports to the SWB board and asked where the board will keep records. The board said perhaps it can store report data electronically via scanning. Taylor said he thinks the SWB should be negotiating Envirocon and Montana RailLink contracts. He said he thinks it would be better contract negotiating terms with the entire SWB and Commission at the table with MRL attorneys.

There was discussion about the city of Livingston and Park County joining solid waste operations on various levels. Curry said the county has to take advantage of potential cost savings with its solid waste operations when such savings are available.

Carter said Ray Sundling told him he is close to suing the county again for trash blowing onto his property from the landfill. Taylor said he is talking with 4-H clubs to pick up the blown trash for a cash reward from the county.

Curry said he would like to discuss solid waste service options with the city at the next meeting and would like Taylor's two-page report addressing costs for the city to take on some of the county's refuse in advance of the meeting.

Martin said the fence at the Forest Service green box site needs to be fixed.

Adjourn: @8:05:31 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Sue Martin
Chairman