

**Solid Waste Board**  
Park County, Montana  
April 21, 2011

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

**Call to Order:** @7:03:38 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 March 17, 2011, meeting, as well as minutes from the April 2010, meeting. *Dick Juhnke made a motion to accept the minutes for the April 2010, meeting. John Schuler seconded that motion. Motion passed. John Schuler made a motion to accept the minutes for the March 17, 2011, meeting. Dick Juhnke seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

**Old Business**

A. Letters from Citizens/Guests - Take Action: Citizen J. Whittle submitted a written request to refund a refuse assessment on a house removed from a property with Taxpayer #3362060. The State Assessor's Office assessed the property with zero (0) dwellings. *John Schuler made a motion to remove the assessment and refund for the current tax year. Dick Juhnke seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

Citizen Hunter Michelbrink submitted a written request to reassess four refuse assessments and refund assessments on a property with Taxpayer #4767000 Michelbrink claims has one dwelling. The State Assessor's Office assessed the property with three (3) dwellings. *Dick Juhnke made a motion to drop the property to three assessments and refund one assessment for the current tax year. John Schuler seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

Commissioner Taylor said he contacted Citizen Ron Jarrett and agreed the county would cut Jarrett's refuse assessments in half because of Jarrett's location in the Main Boulder and lack of use of county refuse facilities. *Dick Juhnke made a motion to half Jarrett's assessments. John Schuler seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

B. RFP Updates: Martin said the solid waste report restudy was signed by Bell and Associates. Taylor said the scope of work is the same, but the county will try to complete data gathering and updating work. He said the county is continuing to gather a team for that effort.

C. Report on Drop Off Box Design: No report

D. Report on Strong Lane Green Box Site at RY Timber: Sue Martin said Citizen Tom Curtis telephoned her and is very happy with the workmanship and fact the county met its contractual obligation to maintain Strong Lane.

In other discussion, Commissioner Taylor said the county is considering having the city pick up donut-area refuse and closing the Neads and Forest Service green box sites on a trial basis. Taylor said he is interested in disposing of Park County's refuse in the most equitable manner, period. There was discussion about whether the city and county could cooperate in such an effort. Dennis Dodge said such an effort may help heal past poor relations between the city and county, and the county would need the city's refuse if an incinerator were ever constructed.

### **New Business**

A. Consider Decision on Changing Board Meeting Times: Martin said she got feedback from people in the county there may not be representation from all types of people in the county if the board does not have working people on it. Dodge said the board seems to lack respect, and everything is currently delayed by a month with the 7:00 p.m. start times. He said the commissioners could provide input if meetings were held during working hours and Refuse Manager Richard Wright could attend. Dodge said he thinks commissioner input at meetings is important for the board's well-being.

Taylor said the Commission has openings in its calendar from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. one Thursday each month. Dodge said there has been a lot of bickering about the county commissioners and that does not need to continue if meetings are changed to daytime meetings. He said he wants to see a county commissioner at the meetings. Taylor said he will make sure another commissioner is present at SWB meetings if he cannot attend.

*Dick Juhnke made a motion to table the issue until Allen Carter and Bob Curry are in attendance for input. Edith Mundell seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

B. Correspondence: None

C. Select Members to Solid Waste Report Committee: Juhnke said Curry and Schuler will be the SWB appointees to the committee, and he and Jim Hunt will be the Concerned Citizens appointees. Juhnke said Alice Hartman will serve as the Clyde Park representative. Taylor said he would like to get the committee together next week, and the Commission will make the final decision on committee members.

D. Discuss Report Information and Suggestions to Improve Refuse Operations: The board said it needs to have changes to financial reports to better break down suggestions to make money for the county.

Juhnke said he would like to set up a three-person accident investigation team. Taylor requested a written proposal from Juhnke on the idea for review by the civil deputy county attorney and HR.

Taylor said Wright put together a proposal for a refuse compactor unit in Gardiner with 60'x60'x18' dimensions at \$150,000 with a warm-up room and bathroom. He said Commissioner Malone presented the compactor idea to the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, which was receptive.

**Adjourn:** @8:21:24 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Sue Martin  
Chairman