

Solid Waste Board Minutes

Park County, Montana

May 4, 2012

Attendance: Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allen Carter, Robert Currie, Dennis Dodge, John Kaiser, Ernie MacCracken and John Schuler. Also present were Marty Malone and Randy Taylor, commissioners; Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; Barbara Woodbury, environmental health; Richard Wright, refuse; Mark Westenskow, CTA; Camden Easterling, Livingston Enterprise; Citizens Bert Otis, Jim Hunt, Dan Dinsdale, Mike Fanning and Jim Taylor.

Call to Order: @1:00 p.m., Chairman Dennis Dodge called a meeting to order in the Commission Chambers of the City/County Complex.

Comments from Citizens/Guests: None

Old Business

A. Discussion/Decision on Solid Waste Master Plan: Barbara Woodbury, environmental health, provided an initial draft of a master plan she compiled from input provided to her by SWB members. She said development of the document will be ongoing. Board members provided input.

There was discussion about having a public presentation on a final draft in the future.

B. Discussion/Decision on Commissioner's Draft of Baseline Assumptions for Creating a Master Plan for Park County Disposal: No discussion.

New Business

A. Discussion of SWB Fieldtrip to Logan Landfill/Broadwater County: Dick Juhnke reported on Broadwater County refuse facilities operated by two county employees. John Kaiser reported on Logan Landfill's operations, fees and revenues.

B. Discussion/Decision of Any Changes at Chico/Gardiner Green Box Sites, Including Update of FAA Issues at Gardiner: Commissioner Malone said the county has not gotten any further with encouraging the county Airport Board to allow changes to the Gardiner green box site. Mark Westenskow, CTA Engineering, said operational improvements, such as better fencing or different style of green boxes may be permissible at the site, but compactors, changing grade and adding z walls may be considered significant changes and result in losing the site's grandfather clause associated with the Airport Affected Area.

Richard Wright, refuse, said Chico Hot Springs is interested in helping the county purchase a refuse compactor and building near the current Chico green box site. Wright

said the trial design being used at the Chico site was a waste of money in his opinion, because employees cannot compact refuse in boxes with truck forks due to site design. He said employees now must get into the boxes to compact them, and added labor costs will result with compacting refuse if the trail design remains. Wright said he has standing orders to pull Chico site green boxes on Saturday at noon if half full.

Robert Currie moved the Commission allow Allen Carter to enter the Chico site at his discretion to tamp the refuse in the boxes. John Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Carter said he will keep a log book of hours required for him to complete the tamping labor, as well as which boxes are tamped.

C. Discussion/Decision on Approach to Fee System for Future Years: Currie said he thinks the board is better off to work on the fee schedule as a board in a working session. Currie said he suggests the board start with Stillwater County regulations and fee schedule as a guideline document. Woodbury said she will request a master plan and fee schedule from Stillwater County.

Other Discussion Items

Wright said he has not gotten orders to take all roll off boxes to the city of Livingston. He said he has a standing order to take all Chico and Trail Creek roll off boxes to the city, as well as any green box that has noticeable blowables in them.

Allen Carter moved the Commissioners hire extra personnel to resolve problems of blowables leaving the landfill onto Sundling's property and in the draws. Robert Currie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dick Juhnke voted in opposition to the motion.

Commissioner Taylor said he will approach the HR Department to get people hired for the effort. Wright said he will attempt to have his personnel at the landfill better monitor refuse being dumped by private citizens to reduce blowable materials.

Juhnke said he has not seen an advertisement for a seventh SWB member in the newspaper. Taylor said the Commission will begin taking applications.

Discuss Next Meeting Schedule and Agenda

Old Business: Discuss master plan, fee schedule and blowables at the landfill. New Business: Carter will report on compacting at Chico.

Adjourn: @2:46 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Dennis Dodge
Chair