

Solid Waste Board Minutes

Park County, Montana

June 8, 2012

Attendance: Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allen Carter, Robert Currie, Dennis Dodge (via telephone), Dick Juhnke, John Kaiser, Ernie MacCracken and Bert Otis. Also present were Randy Taylor, commissioner; Barbara Woodbury, environmental health; Phil Ideson, Allied Waste; Ed Janney, DOWL HKM; and John Mueller, minutes clerk.

Call to Order: @1:02:20 Vice-Chairman Allen Carter called a meeting to order in the Commission Chambers of the City/County Complex.

Comments from Citizens/Guests: None

Review of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes from the April 20, May 4 and May 18 2012, meetings. *John Kaiser moved to approve the minutes from April 20, May 4 and May 18. Robert Currie seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Old Business

Discussion/Decision on Blowables at the Landfill: Allen Carter asked if all roll off boxes can go to the city to prevent blowables at the landfill. Bert Otis said an advertisement in the newspaper was a good effort to discourage blowables at the landfill. Commissioner Taylor said he told refuse employees no blowables are to leave the landfill and he will have landfill staff and county junk vehicle personnel check junk cars parked at the landfill to ensure they do not have blowables in them.

Robert Currie moved to design a sign (addressing blowables at the landfill) with Commissioner Taylor's approval to put on a steel post at the base of the landfill. John Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion/Decision on Chico Green Box Site Trial: Tabled

Discussion/Decision on Refuse Fee Schedule/Discuss Cascade County Pay-As-You-Go Fee System: Barbara Woodbury, environmental health, provided the board with Cascade County's punch-card pay-as-you-go system for review as an example and possible system in Park County.

Discussion/Decision on Gardiner Airport Green Box Site/Airport: Dick Juhnke reported on his June 1 visits to Cooke City and Gardiner. Juhnke said Cooke City folks would like to have a recycling bin for glass and plastics and Gardiner residents discussed the current green box site and putting a compactor site in that location, but they do not want roll off boxes or a site located on top of the bench of the current site. He said a Forest Service agent discussed a piece of Forest Service property that may serve as an alternate site.

New Business

Allied Waste Proposal: Phil Ideson, Allied Waste, asked the county to provide the top three options it has regarding solid waste collections and disposal in order for Allied to provide the county with a services proposal. Carter asked board members to submit their top three suggestions/preferences in the next 30 days for Allied to come up with price estimates.

Assessor's Report on Duties and Responsibilities: Tabled

Landfill Presentation by DOWL HKM: Ed Janney, DOWL HKM, provided the board with options to close an eight-acre portion of the Class II landfill that the county has not used in years. Janney said landfills or areas of landfills not used for 180 days are to close per Montana DEQ, and closing Park County's stagnant portion will reduce the county's annual closure payment from its trust fund. Janney said DOWL HKM has a task order and contract amendment for signature if the county is interested in hiring the firm to move ahead with closure efforts. He said such would require fledging out a generic satisfy requirements closure plan that has been on the books since 2000. Janney said such would provide enough construction detail to enable contractors to competitively bid on proposed closure efforts.

Discussion/Decision on Need for More Roll Off Boxes: Bob Currie provided dollar figures for roll off boxes needed for different green box site design options. He said boxes measuring 8'x8'x20' and over 40 cubic yards cost about \$7,000 per box.

John Kaiser moved to order six 40-yard boxes 8'x8'x20' hinged alike to be used at the Chico dump site, and go in the direction of a test run with some sort of manned site with possible hours to see how such sites would work with z walls for all county green box sites. Ernie MacCracken seconded the motion. In discussion, Juhnke said thinks the county should stay with one standard system, and the county already has compactors at some roll off sites. He said the refuse manager said the county will never get away from front loading refuse trucks and it will take more truck trips to implement the system proposed by Currie. Motion passed. Juhnke voted in opposition to the motion.

Discussion/Decision on Board Bylaws: Carter said he does not want the personal responsibilities administrative duties require, and proposes the board should change bylaws language stating the board is advisory and not administrative in nature. Juhnke said the administrative label resulted from attorneys discussing the Park County Concerned Citizens lawsuit. Currie said bylaw language read as though the board is an advisory board.

Robert Currie moved the Commission provide the SWB with information on the issue of the board being an advisory board versus an administrative board. John Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Other Discussion Items: Taylor said the county will begin another trial refuse effort with the city of Livingston on July 1 or as soon as possible for 30 days to ensure the city can handle the capacity of county refuse at high volume time. He said he will talk to Envirocon representatives about when the county can start the trial and temporarily suspend rail services with Envirocon as a result.

Juhnke said it will be interesting to see if the city can keep up with the county's waste at high volume, because it is already using more trailers to haul the city's volume.

Discuss Next Meeting Schedule and Agenda: The board said it will discuss green boxes, have feedback on bylaws and a report on the June 11 Gardiner Airport Board meeting.

Adjourn: @3:33:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Dennis Dodge
Chair