

## **Solid Waste Board Minutes**

Park County, Montana

June 15, 2012

**Attendance:** Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allen Carter, Robert Currie, Dennis Dodge, Dick Juhnke, John Kaiser and Ernie MacCracken. Also present were Commissioners Malone and Taylor; Barbara Woodbury, environmental health; Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; and John Mueller, minutes clerk.

**Call to Order:** @1:05:24 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 March 2 and June 8, 2012, meetings. *Dennis Dodge moved to accept the (March 2) minutes as written. John Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion passed. John Kaiser moved to accept the (June 8) minutes. Dennis Dodge seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

### **Old Business**

Discussion/Decision on Blowables at the Landfill: Commissioner Taylor said he talked with the junk vehicle manager about not hauling junk cars to the landfill containing blowables. John Kaiser said someone should follow up weekly on whether vehicles sitting vehicles at the landfill have blowable refuse in them.

Commissioner Malone said Ray Sundling is happy with the county's effort to pick up refuse on his property adjacent to the landfill.

Discussion/Decision on Chico Green Box Site Trial: Bob Currie said the board will make a proposal in the future after legwork is completed regarding MACo insurance requirements and green box sizes.

*John Kaiser moved the Commission apply for an access permit at Chico to enable movement on proposed improvements at the Chico green box site. Bob Currie seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Discussion/Decision on Refuse Fee Schedule The board said the county is locked into the current financial year and needs to know costs before any fees are set.

Discussion/Decision on Gardiner Airport Green Box Site/Airport: No report

## **New Business**

Report on June 11 Gardiner Airport Board Meeting: Kaiser reported on a June 11 Airport Board meeting. Kaiser said he thinks the Airport Board has to have the stance to protect public safety, by default.

Assessor's Report on Duties and Responsibilities: Tabled

Discussion/Decision on More Roll Off Boxes: The Commission said it held a meeting on the topic that morning and will order the boxes as proposed by the SWB.

Solid Waste Disposal and Costs: Commissioner Malone said the Commission is considering submitting the following as disposal cost parameters: disadvantages of the current system: the landfill blowable issue and pending lawsuit; consistent escalation of rent from MRL; transfer station building maintenance needs; advantages/disadvantages of building a new transfer station.

Malone said Montana Waste would charge \$49 per ton to haul county refuse from the transfer station to Billings including disposal using a live bottom trailer. He said that option would require the county to build a transfer station, which would cost \$900,000. He said the county must have a solid waste disposal option decision and an explanation of why it made that decision by June 30. Malone said he can provide the board with a draft for review.

Discussion/Decision/Follow-up on Board Bylaws: Civil Deputy County Attorney Shannan Piccolo said the board would have to put an agenda item on the agenda to consider removing the term "administrative" board from the bylaws and inserting "advisory" board.

**Correspondence:** None

**Other Discussion Items:** Taylor said he will ask Envirocon what length of contract it would be willing to sign with the county. Carter read into the record from Envirocon quoting a cost of \$5,553 to suspend refuse transfer services for a July trial with the city.

*Robert Currie moved the Commission run the trial the month of July and pay the cancelation fees. Ernie MacCracken seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dick Juhnke voted in opposition to the motion.*

Taylor said the trial would commence on July 1. The board said it will run for the 31 days of July. Taylor said he will monitor operations to ensure they go smoothly and he will serve as the contact individual for the trial. He said the Commission will find work for current refuse workers to do during the trial period.

**Discuss Next Meeting Schedule and Agenda:** The board would like a report on the trial refuse test with the city; discussion of Assessor's Office duties relative to refuse; a Chico

green box site report: update on landfill closure; update on lawsuit settlement and June 30 deadline submittal.

Taylor said he will call Greg Frame and Roger Bridgeford on the proposed July test; MDT for an access permit at Chico; Envirocon for the cost of a disposal contract with and without a transfer station for five years if possible; and a five-year rate with inflation.

**Adjourn:** @2:51:36 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Dennis Dodge  
Chair