

## Solid Waste Board Minutes

Park County, Montana

November 16, 2012

**Attendance:** Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allen Carter, Robert Currie, Dennis Dodge, Dick Juhnke, John Kaiser, Ernie MacCracken and Bert Otis. Also present were Commissioner Malone; Barbara Woodbury, environmental health; Warren Newhouse II, refuse; Clint Tinsley, city of Livingston; Dave Leveret, Four Corners Recycling; Dan and Sue Nelson, citizens

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

**Review of Minutes:** The board reviewed minutes for the October 19, 2012, meeting. *Allen Carter moved to accept the minutes as read. Bert Otis seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Discussion/Decision on Tire Committee Report: John Kaiser said the committee was told a tire cutting company in Townsend would come to Livingston to cut tires for \$0.75 per tire at a 100-tire minimum, which would include car and light truck tires. He said the company would also cut tires at outlying green box sites for the same price per tire, plus mileage, and the company would offer disposal transportation for \$0.25 per tire. He said the committee needs more clarification on a mileage charge to figure a dollar amount for the different sites in order for the refuse manager to determine whether the county can do it cheaper. Barbara Woodbury, environmental health, said she will contact Montana DEQ about how long tires can be stored before shredded.

Discussion/Decision on Report on Compaction/Weights at Chico and Gardiner Green Box Sites: Newhouse said refuse drivers have delivered 10, 40-yard boxes from the Chico refuse site to-date, and the lowest weight was just over two tons and the heaviest was five tons. He said the five-ton box had compaction, the two-ton box did not. Newhouse said a box that came in that day was at five tons, and over the 10-day period an average of one roll off box per day has come from Chico. He said the first box in the site yard is not accessible by trucks, because it is too close to the fence. He said signage has been placed at the site.

Allen Carter said a backhoe purchased from the city was delivered to the Chico site the previous day, and an auxiliary switch may be required at an additional cost. Bert Otis said he has been doing all the compacting at the site with the backhoe, and he is not being paid for that work. Otis said he has been doing three compactions in the boxes, but he'd like to try a plate compactor before buying a thumb for the backhoe.

Discussion/Decision on SWB Recycling Working Group: Woodbury said the city of Livingston has been working with Dusti Johnson, Montana DEQ, to discuss how recycling operations can be improved. She said the hope is to start a subcommittee of the

SWB to consult with Johnson regarding the county's recycling efforts. Woodbury, Juhnke and Kaiser said they would participate on the committee, and there was talk about encouraging Sandy Wulf from the city of Livingston to participate, as well as an individual with Reclaim Montana.

Dave Leverit, Four Corners Recycling, said five-yard recycling boxes can be purchased for \$600 or rented for \$20 per month. He asked when the SWB will make a decision on what it will do with the \$600 metal bin he delivered to the county at no cost. The SWB said it would like the bin to remain through the end of the year, and Leveret can start sending the county a bill for rent of that box.

Commissioner Malone said he thinks it would behoove the committee to determine how the SWB can make grocery stores and bars, or provide incentive, to recycle cardboard to keep it out of their waste stream.

Discussion/Decision on SWB Member Mileage/Claims Reimbursements: Malone read into the record Item #7 from the SWB bylaws, which permits board member's to request reimbursement payment for mileage incurred while working on solid waste issues on behalf of the SWB.

**Other Discussion Items:** Newhouse said he has not received an official appraisal on the front loader truck that was tipped over by a refuse driver, but he expects it to be appraised as "totaled." He said the driver in the incident was not hurt.

Leveret said he was still not clear whether the SWB wanted to do a test site for cardboard at the Chico site with his new bins and keep the bid in Gardiner through the rest of the year. Malone said he suggests three bins be placed at Chico, because citizens were told recycling facilities would be installed there. *Ernie MacCracken moved to start the recycling effort at Chico on a temporary basis, with Newhouse coordinating with Leverit. Allen Carter seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

*Bob Currie moved to put cardboard bins at Gardiner at the same price and consideration as at Chico, possibly outside the fence to provide 24-7 service. John Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Sue Nelson, citizen, provided a history of the green bins at the fairgrounds. She said that site was put in by the SWB years ago as an east end dump site for people who lived on Swingley Road. She said her suggestion is to clean Harvat's Flat once a week with one truck instead of once a year with a loader and all the other equipment that would require.

Malone said the new educational pamphlet to go out with refuse tags will be a combined city/county effort. Revisions to the pamphlet will be made by city staff.

Dennis Dodge said the bid specifications for the new roll off truck and pup trailer will be let the following Tuesday. Carter said bids will close on November 29. Kaiser said no board member can answer questions about the bid if asked from any bidder.

Malone said anything dumped at the landfill as of January 1, 2013, will be charged \$75 per ton, as the one free ton option will go away at the end of 2012.

Malone said the board seats of Juhnke and Otis are due December 31.

Carter said an additional roll off truck for the new 40-yard bins is available for purchase. Newhouse said refuse employees would need to get their Class A CDL licenses immediately if a truck were purchased in the near future.

Kaiser said the next meeting agenda should include a discussion/decision on approving the refuse pamphlets. Malone said the first agenda item for each meeting should be a report from the refuse manager, and it is time for Newhouse to start submitting written reports with refuse and recycling weights, as well as monthly budget update reports. Currie said the board needs to discuss brush disposal options at its next meeting as an agenda item.

**Next Meeting Date:** December 11 at 1:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:** Nelson said she thinks the SWB should publicly notice in the newspaper the issue that the one free ton at the landfill will go away, because she thinks that will be a big blow to residents.

**Adjourn:** @3:04:16 p.m., the meeting adjourned.