

Solid Waste Board Minutes

Park County, Montana

October 19, 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 Taylor; Barbara Woodbury, environmental health; Warren Newhouse II, refuse; Jill Ouellette, HR; Raea Morris, administrative assistant; Clark Kinney, Rocky Mountain Truck Center; and John Mueller, minutes clerk

Call to Order: @ 1:08:24 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 4, 2012, meeting. *Allen Carter moved to accept the minutes as read. John Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Discussion/Decision on Specifications for Truck & Pup for New Roll Off Boxes: Clark Kinney, Rocky Mountain Truck Center of Belgrade, said he drafted specifications for the roll off box truck and pup trailer with the help of an individual with a similar setup in Yellowstone National Park. Bert Otis said Warren Newhouse, interim refuse manager, and refuse personnel can add specifications to the bid after it is let, if necessary. John Kaiser said the board needs to receive bid specifications to at least get an idea of cost figures, and then options can be added or subtracted from there.

Allen Carter moved to proceed with submitting the bid sheet for the pup and trailer to the county attorney to send out as soon as possible and consult with Kinney with questions. Bert Otis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kinney said he expects the bids to be around \$160,000. He said money will be saved when the next chassis needs to be ordered, as the old chassis will be worth a minimum of \$10,000.

Refuse Manager Report: Newhouse said the Pine Creek Fire dump site is winding down as frequency of use has dropped off significantly and the attendant is polling citizens to see where they are with their cleanups. Carter said he would like to see the boxes remain, weather dependent. He said contractor Chad Standish asked to have a 40-yard box delivered to the Chico green box site. Newhouse telephoned and directed his staff to deliver a box.

Carter said one box has a bent lid and a shaft on a hydraulic cylinder was bent. He said he told the county site attendant employee to clean his personal machine being used at the site, but the employee refused.

Newhouse said it took 90 pumps to get the lid up on the new 40-yard green boxes when it was warm outside. Carter said the pumps must have an adjustment to reduce that number.

Newhouse said he has been consulting people about Peterbilt truck and pup specifications. He said he viewed the Bigfork green box site, which is similar to Park County's Chico site, and Flathead County is switching to a roll off system like Park County currently has because they do not have green box monitors. He said refuse personnel he talked with in Flathead did not understand why Park County was switching from compaction since its green box sites will soon be manned.

Newhouse said he directed the Gardiner green box site attendant to stop operating Bob Currie's equipment there, as such work is not in his job description so doing so is a liability to the county. Currie said he will drive up to Gardiner to conduct all tests with equipment operation at the site. He said he wants to know when boxes there fill up so they can be driven across the Forest Service scales are RY Timber to get accurate weights.

Carter said Commissioner Malone held a work day at Pine Creek where he used Carter's skid steer to push refuse into the refuse box there to get compaction. He said that is where the idea came from to try the same effort in Gardiner.

Newhouse said he had questions about the refuse budget and problems with learning about purchases made from that budget after they had been completed. He said he needs more knowledge about what is going on with is budget before the money is spent. The board said Newhouse and the commissioners can discuss that issue.

The Commission scheduled a meeting for the following week to discuss staffing of the Chico green box site. The board said it would like an attendant at the site seven days a week.

Discussion/Decision/Update on City Contract Status and Three Question Items:

Commissioner Taylor said he met with City Manager Meece about the proposed county refuse contract with the city of Livingston, and the SWB's three questions were addressed and included in the draft contract: 1) the rate to dump per ton would be \$53; with 2) no escalation clause; for a 3) five-year contract.

Discussion/Decision on Status of Envirocon Contract: Taylor said Civil Deputy County Attorney Piccolo advised the Commission it cannot submit a contract termination letter to Envirocon until it has taken official action in another direction regarding its refuse services.

John Kaiser moved to accept the city-county contract to dispose of county refuse per the memorandum in front of the SWB. Bert Otis seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dick Juhnke voted in opposition to the motion.

Bert Otis moved to sever the contract with Envirocon. Ernie MacCracken seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dick Juhnke voted in opposition to the motion.

Taylor said Envirocon is ready to use the bottles previously used by Park County, elsewhere.

Newhouse asked when the board will ride around with refuse personnel to witness current operations. Dodge asked why a ride-around would matter at the current time with the new collections direction the board has gone. Newhouse said he just does not think that direction is the proper way to do things.

Newhouse said the county needs to determine whether the green box attendant at Gardiner can operate machinery. Jill Ouellette, HR, said green box care taker attendant positions do not have the licensing requirements to operate heavy machinery. She said she sees it problematic that Grade 8 or 9 employees will become equipment operators with the SWB's proposed changes to the green box sties.

Ouellette said refuse employees need to be notified in writing if they will have to test for updated Class A CDL licenses with purchase of the new roll off truck and pup. The board said it will retain qualified, existing refuse department employees. She said she will have issue with employees not being trained on new equipment and procedures before conducting work at green box sites. Ouellette said the county should not have employees operating equipment it does not own. The board ensured Ouellette such is no different than renting a piece of equipment from a contractor. Currie said he does not intend to charge hours to the county for test efforts, as he entered the SWB as a volunteer to the county.

Other Discussion Items: Carter said Currie is compacting garbage at Gardiner with his Bobcat and asked if the board is in agreement with running boxes across scales at RY Timber to get accurate weights. The board said it is okay with that effort. Currie said he is conducting the test at Gardiner, and an agreement he had with the Commission was to take the truck across RY scales as an independent source and a convenience to him as a condition for him to agree to conduct the test.

Next Meeting Date: November 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: @2:46:42 p.m., the meeting adjourned.