

Solid Waste Board Minutes

Park County, Montana

April 20, 2012

Attendance: Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allen Carter, Robert Currie, Dennis Dodge, Dick Juhnke, John Kaiser, Ernie McCracken and John Schuler. Also present were Marty Malone and Randy Taylor, commissioners; Shannan Piccolo, civil deputy county attorney; Barbara Woodbury, environmental health; Ray Sundling, citizen; John Mueller, minutes clerk.

Call to Order: @ 1:03:51 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 from the April 6, 2012, meeting. John Kaiser noted Agenda Item H should read, "Commissioner Malone said the cost per ton for all county refuse in the trial period with the city was \$55.02, which included tires, refrigerators and all items above the flat \$53 per ton promised by the city." *Allen Carter moved to accept the minutes as read. Ernie McCracken seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Comments from Citizens/Guests: Citizen Ray Sundling said he is present to discuss refuse blowing onto his property from the landfill for the last 35 years. Sundling said no one has ever done anything to fix the issue, including numerous county commissions that promised to do so. Sundling said things will change with the county's landfill operations if it does not stop blowables from reaching his property. He said landfill workers do not even pull garbage off the fence separating his property from the landfill, and garbage has been in low-lying areas so long that grass is growing through it. Sundling said the source of the problem needs to be solved.

A citizen who lives between Livingston and Clyde Park said abuse of refuse sites will not stop if green box sites remain unmanned.

Review/Take Action on Citizen Refuse Assessment Requests: None

Old Business

A. Review Landfill Water Monitoring Reports: The board reviewed landfill gas monitoring reports.

B. Update of Solid Waste Survey/Public Presentation: Woodbury said she had nothing to add to the presentation.

C. Status of Rolloffs at Trail Creek and Chico Sites: Malone provided a photograph of a newly installed, lowered roll off box at the Chico green box site. Malone said Refuse Manger Richard Wright is concerned that he cannot compact the refuse in the box with

the truck due to current site design. Allen Carter said he has had positive comments from citizens using the box, who stated the county should have the same design for household refuse.

D. Report from Legal Counsel on PCCC Settlement and Envirocon Contract: Civil Deputy County Attorney Shannan Piccolo said the Park County Concerned Citizens (PCCC) granted the county an extension to June 30 to look more closely at cost per ton disposal numbers and research Billing's landfill prices. Piccolo said the county needs to renew its expired contract with Envirocon for one year, but either party can withdraw from the contract with 60 days notice.

E. Discuss Fee Schedule Revision: The board discussed establishing a working group to revise the county refuse fee schedule. Kaiser said he thinks the county should table all ideas until get green box site decisions are made.

Robert Currie moved to table the item until the June 15 meeting to set up a committee at that time. Dick Juhnke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

G. Discuss Use of Existing Gardiner Site for Rolloffs and Compaction: Malone said the Commission signed a contract with CTA to recommend a green box site at the existing site with cost estimates since it still has not heard anything from the FAA regarding an Airport Affected Area at the Gardiner Airport.

New Business

A. Refuse Contract with City: Kaiser said wording of any contract with the city needs to state any and all amounts of refuse can be taken to the city or elsewhere so the county can get out of the agreement at any time without penalty. Piccolo said any decision made by the county must be a long-term solution to its refuse system per the PCCC settlement, and the county is still working with PCCC in determining what a long term plan is. Juhnke said he thinks the county should continue to take rolloffs with blowables to the city and not make a decision on a contract with the city, as PCCC is working on better numbers.

John Schuler said the city has screwed the county every time it could in the seven years he has served on the SWB. He said he would like to know how the county will save the money per ton stated in the Bell report and he would like to know how report figures were derived. Schuler said the Commission needs to do more research on the proposal, as \$53 per ton seems high. Dodge said the SWB will consider other per ton dollar figures if brought forth. Malone said the county will use the Bell and Associates study figures when presenting proposed options to the citizenry.

Allen Carter moved to table the discussion of taking refuse to the city at this time until further information is gathered for lawsuits with the Concerned Citizens and that information is brought back to the board for review. Dick Juhnke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Tour of Helena and Broadwater County Refuse Facilities: Malone said he is offering to host a tour of Broadwater County and Helena refuse facilities and current disposal operations.

C. Decision to Renew Leases on Green Boxes on MDT Property: *Robert Currie moved to renew the leases with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). Dick Juhnke seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

D. Blowables at Landfill: Piccolo said the settlement agreement with Sundling says the landfill will only be used as a Class IV facility. Malone said the Commission has directed Clay Williams to spend all the time he can to appease Sundling by picking up refuse.

Allen Carter moved to have the commissioners send all rolloff boxes at this time to the city because of the chance of blowables being in them, and no sorting should be done at the landfill on conditional approval by Envirocon. Robert Currie seconded the motion. In discussion, Juhnke said rolloffs presorted at selected sites, such as Cooke City, do not need to be taken to the city, as they should have no blowables in them. *Motion passed.* Juhnke voted in opposition to the motion.

Taylor said he will inform Envirocon the county is trying to solve the blowable problem at the landfill, and such is why refuse volumes will drop on the rails to Helena. Taylor said Malone will telephone Sundling about the board's motion.

Juhnke said the county will lose \$36,000 from the city because it is not recycling metal. Kaiser said the measure is temporary until the problem of blowables in green boxes is solved.

E. Discuss Purchase of New Rolloff Boxes: Currie asked how the board determines how many rolloff boxes are needed in order to meet the needs of the upcoming master plan.

Robert Currie moved the SWB moves in the direction of eliminating green boxes and replacing with compaction or rolloffs for all county refuse. John Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

F. Master Plan: The board said each member will submit their ideas for a master plan and Woodbury will compile them.

G. Decision on Financial Base Assumptions: Malone said the county has to come up with costs as part of the county's settlement with PCCC, so he wants to be on same base with all associated costs of all refuse options. Malone said base assumptions are as follows: the county will have to assume any cost to keep blowables from blowing from the landfill; house refuse trucks or contract out truck services; and install compactor boxes at all green box sites so all refuse can be loaded straight onto bottles for transportation to a landfill. Piccolo asked Malone to forward her a copy of his list of financial based assumptions in order to send it to the PCCC attorney for review.

Kaiser said he got a quote of \$47 per ton for Allied Waste to take waste to Billings with a tipping fee increasing to \$20 at the Billings landfill within two months.

H. Correspondence: The board considered accepting a refuse assessment notification form designed to capture refuse assessments currently not being assessed, when discovered. *Robert Currie moved to accept the draft letter prepared by county legal staff as written for its intended use. John Schuler seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Dodge said he is going to limit meeting comments to three minutes apiece and agenda items to 15 minutes in order to shorten meeting times.

Schuler said will resign from the board effective today, but he will stay on to attend any work sessions he can if need be prior to the regularly scheduled May meeting.

The board scheduled a work session for May 4 at 1:00 p.m. with an agenda to discuss the proposed master plan.

Adjourn: @3:29:23 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Dennis Dodge
Chair