

## **Solid Waste Board Minutes**

Park County, Montana

August 24, 2012

**Attendance:** Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Robert Currie, Dennis Dodge, Dick Juhnke, John Kaiser and Ernie MacCracken. Also present were Commissioner Durgan; Barbara Woodbury, environmental health; Warren Newhouse, refuse; Raea Morris, administrative assistant; Jim Hunt, citizen; and John Mueller, minutes clerk

**Call to Order:** @1:05:26 p.m., Chairman Dennis Dodge called a meeting to order in the Commission Chambers of the City/County Complex.

**Comments from Citizens/Guests:** Jim Hunt said many people take refuse to the city of Livingston and county dump sites, and such refuse is not to be salvaged by employees. He said an article in the newspaper about a bad county employee should never have been made public.

**Review of Minutes:** The board reviewed minutes from the August 10, 2012, meeting. *Robert Currie moved to accept the minutes. John Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

### **Old Business**

Discussion/Decision of Metal Recycling: Dick Juhnke said he thinks the county should not have a contract with anyone for metal recycling in order to find out what entity is paying the highest price per ton when ready to recycle.

Discussion/Decision on Signage: Barbara Woodbury, environmental health, provided an example green box site sign from Cascade County. Juhnke said it does not make sense for people to take demolition to the city of Livingston when it could go to the county landfill for a county fee. Board members will provide comments on sign language for the next meeting.

### **New Business**

Refuse Manager's Report: Interim refuse manager Warren Newhouse provided a breakdown report of roll off tonnage taken by county trucks to the city transfer station during the July trial effort. He said 6.56 tons were taken to the city on July 2<sup>nd</sup> in a roll off box, and a front load driver took 5.95 tons in a load. Newhouse said he will include a breakdown of miles driven for his next report.

Newhouse said safety inspections completed at landfill scale house and outbuilding facilities went well with no problems reported, and a safety inspection has been requested at the transfer station. He said he telephoned DOWL HKM and all landfill monitoring is fine, wells are good and blowers are fine. He said the department has started doing

weekly safety shorts, which are relevant safety tips. Newhouse said some refuse employees use county vehicles to inspect green box sites on their way into work. He said current refuse employees have a good working knowledge of refuse system operations, and he is getting to know the employees better in his new capacity. He said the department has experienced some overtime hours. He said a fence is needed at the Chico green box site, as bears are frequenting the site. He said any citizen vehicles that enter the landfill with blowable refuse are sent to the transfer station to dump. He said there were 24 customers, a dead horse and the sheriff's office buried drugs one day in August, and 15 customers visited the facility the following day. He said all such refuse, including asbestos, requires an employee to cover, thus landfill use by the public is unpredictable as you never know when a load will come in. Newhouse said he suggests the county contract with a structural engineer to assess the county transfer station, as it may be worth it to dismantle it for use elsewhere.

Discussion/Decision on City/County Refuse Contract: Currie said he talked with Clint Tinsley with the city of Livingston about updating city transfer station signs to reflect true hours the facility is open. Tinsley said such changes could be made once a contract is signed. Board members were provided with the City/County Compact refuse contract for members to provide comments to ready the document for signature. The board decided to review the contract and bring comments to the next meeting.

Discussion/Decision on KPRK Bridge Cement Disposal: The board asked for Commissioner Malone to provide an explanation of a possible dollar per ton charge for the bridge cement at its next meeting.

*Robert Currie moved the current landfill fee be quoted to dispose of the bridge project cement. Ernie MacCracken seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dick Juhnke voted in opposition to the motion.*

Discussion/Decision of Landfill Fees: Dennis Dodge read a memorandum into the record from Commissioner Malone regarding proposed refuse service fee adjustments. The board tabled the issue for Malone to present landfill costs and suggested fees at its next meeting.

Discussion/Decision on Taking All Roll Off Boxes to City: Currie said all county roll off refuse boxes should be taken to the city of Livingston. Newhouse said he only wants to take Chico and Trail Creek boxes to the city, otherwise the county will pay the city to take metal the county could get recycle money for.

Discussion/Decision of 2013 Hang Tag Fees: The board said the annual hang tag dollar amount must be decided in conjunction with the fee at the landfill by September 15, otherwise the annual residential assessment will remain at \$185 for Fiscal Year 2013. Kaiser said Malone said in the newspaper the county will reduce citizen refuse fees by \$30, but the county cannot do that if it is going to increase costs to taxpayers elsewhere. The board tabled the discussion until the next meeting and an explanation from Malone.

Discussion/Decision of Gardiner Green Box Site Status: The board said the Commission has submitted a letter to the Airport Board requesting a variance from the Gardiner Airport Airport Affected Area, and a public meeting for decision on the requested has been scheduled.

Discussion/Decision of Envirocon Update: The item was tabled for a report from Commissioner Taylor.

Discussion/Decision on Master Plan: Woodbury said no new comments were received regarding the master plan. Kaiser said fee schedule language will have to be cleaned up to reflect 20 and 30 yard roll off boxes currently in use and not dumping roll offs at the county transfer station. Newhouse provided his comments to Woodbury and said he will meet with her to incorporate his changes into the document.

Discussion/Decision of Start-Up Efforts for the Chico Green Box Site: Currie said the Chico green box site is being put in as a commercial site with the criteria listed below, and not a test facility, based on a similar site in Townsend. Currie said the site will not provide test data but data that can be used in the future to manipulate other green box sites.

- Safety
- Attendant
- Trash
- Signs
- Backhoe/Truck and Preparation

**Other Discussion Items:** Woodbury provided a business card for board consideration for an individual from Tri-State Truck and Equipment who sells garbage trucks. She said the individual has worked with the city in the past.

**Next Meeting Date:** The board will meet again on September 7.

**Adjourn:** @3:16:27 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Dennis Dodge  
Chair