

Solid Waste Board Minutes

Park County, Montana

August 22, 2013

Attendance: Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allen Carter, Robert Currie, Dennis Dodge, Mike Fanning, John Kaiser, Bert Otis. Warren Newhouse II, refuse; Clint Tinsley, commissioner; William Smith, citizen

Call to Order: @1:00 p.m., Chairman John Kaiser called a meeting to order in the East Room of the City-County Complex.

Public Comment: None

Review of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes for the July 25, 2013, meeting. They were approved.

Review/Decide on Landowner Refuse Assessment Requests: None

Department Reports

Manager's Report: Warren Newhouse II provided an oral report of refuse department activities.

Commissioner Report: Commissioner Tinsley said the Commission pulled the original variance request to the Airport Board for the Gardiner refuse site. Another variance request will be submitted once drawn up by CTA Engineering and reviewed by the SWB.

The Commission's public works director posting will close that Friday.

Tinsley thanked Newhouse and staff for getting all refuse picked up with only two crewmen while other crewmen were on annual leave.

Tinsley said the Commission discussed the refuse fee schedule at a recent meeting.

John Kaiser said he does not think a board member should be criticized by the three commissioners if he feels he should be reimbursed for mileage for work done as a board member. Tinsley said any county board member has the ability to request mileage reimbursement as long as he/she goes through established county protocol.

Business

1. Discussion/Decision on Tire Disposal Options - Update: Bob Currie provided a report. There was discussion about pros and cons of providing a receptacle for tires at the Chico refuse site to be regularly disposed of. Newhouse said a fence was going to be erected by a site monitor position, but no applications were received.

2. Discussion/Decision on County Collection Sites - Subcommittee Report: No report

3. Discussion/Decision on Forest Service Collection Site - Subcommittee Update: Newhouse said he and his staff repositioned boxes and did site upkeep in preparation for evening closure hours due to annual bear issues. The board asked Newhouse to begin locking the gate in the evenings that night.

4. Discussion/Decision on Chico Refuse Site - Update: Bert Otis said far less trash is blowing across the fields than did in the past, and the birds are fewer. Newhouse said there are no issues with tires being improperly dumped at Chico, but metal is an issue. There was discussion about closing Deep Creek and other sites that experience annual bear issues in advance of an issue occurring.

5. Discussion/Decision on Collection Options at Gardiner Collection Site - Update: Mike Fanning said the SWB subcommittee, Tinsley and a CTA engineer discussed layout of the proposed Gardiner compactor site, with closed hours at night. Bear proofing of the site was discussed. Currie said an estimate from CTA for construction of the site was \$78,000 for one compactor, with \$50,000 paying for a second compactor.

Mike Fanning moved to accept CTA's drawings with proposed tweaks as decided on by the board to go to the county commissioners to go before the Airport Board for decision. Bert Otis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Discussion/Decision on Inviting State and DOWL HKM to Discuss Capping Class II Portion of Landfill: Tinsley said the Commission decided to go out for RFQ for engineering services for the landfill.

7. Discussion/Decision on Mike Adkins Tire Removal - Update: Citizen William Smith is the representative for Mike Adkins' proposed tire landfill and provided an update on how tires owned by Adkins came to be stored at the county landfill. Smith said Commissioners Malone and Taylor supported a proposed tire landfill with Taylor traveling to Helena with Smith to discuss the proposal with Montana DEQ – Solid Waste Division, and show the commissioners' support for the project in April 2010. Both Malone and Taylor were very supportive of the landfill project at that time. March 2011 is when tires were hauled from North Glastonbury to the county landfill. Smith provided an agreement between Adkins and Park County. He said Adkins' disposal fee payment to store 225 tires at the landfill superseded the date on a March 22 agreement he has with the county. Smith said DEQ granted the tire landfill a license, but a lawsuit has stopped the project. He said Adkins position is the tires are now county property because he paid the disposal fee, but he cannot take the tires back due to state law.

Kaiser said he would like to talk to Malone and ex-commissioner Taylor to see what they remember about the issue.

8. Discussion/Decision on Collection Sites to be Retired, Manned w/ Hours or Unmanned (Master Plan): No discussion

New Business

Discussion/Decision on Master Plan

Commissioner Motion to Accept Master Plan: Tinsley said he cannot find any record of the Commission approving the SWB's proposed master plan. The board asked the Commission to legally accept and approve the master plan as written.

Ever-Evolving Document: Kaiser said changes can be made to the document whenever a better idea or method is discovered.

Need to Educate the Public on Master Plan: There was discussion about educating the public about the plan and what the SWB does. There was discussion about involving the public for comment if refuse sites are considered for closure.

Other Items: Currie said the county's board-member interview process is not documented and needs to be tweaked. He thinks the process is unfair and the recent process for selecting SWB member did not work well. Dennis Dodge said the county created the interview process to ensure consistency in how board members are selected. Tinsley said the process also reduces the ability for a bunch of friends to stack boards.

Currie said he will submit a proposal on the issue for the next meeting. The proposal will state a board member will have to reapply for a board seat, but will not have to participate in an interview. The selection panel would consist of the board chair, another board member not up for reappointment, a commissioner and the associated department head. The Human Resources Department should be present only to take notes.

There was discussion about board member term limits.

Discuss Next Meeting Agenda: No discussion

Next Meeting Date: September 19 @ 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: @3:47 p.m., the meeting adjourned.