

Solid Waste Board Minutes

Park County, Montana

April 17, 2014

Attendance: Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allan Carter, Bob Currie, Dick Juhnke, John Kaiser, Ernie MacCracken, Parks Frady, public works; Clint Tinsley, commissioner; Judy Roy, citizen; John Mueller, recording secretary

Call to Order: @1:02 p.m.; City-County Complex Commission Chambers

Public Comment: Citizen Judy Roy said green boxes should be opened 24 hours a day, seven days a week with warm weather is coming. She lives in the Five Acre Tracts and uses the Forest Service site. She said the site needs to be open Saturdays and Sundays until 9 p.m. if the county has to close sites two days a week, at least through the summer.

Review of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes for the March 20, 2014, meeting. *Bob Currie moved to accept the minutes. Allen Carter seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Review/Decide on Landowner Refuse Assessment Requests: None

Department Reports

Commissioner Report: Commissioner Tinsley said Parks Frady (public works) has commenced upcoming fiscal year budgeting for the refuse department. Tinsley said the county refuse system is working after \$200,000 in labor force cost reductions, and the budget is balanced. He said completing the Gardiner compactor site and Frady's recently acquired data on comprehensive system operating cost will enable the county to show it is worthwhile to use compactors at green box refuse sites. He said the county will need to consider purchasing a new overhead compactor truck, because maintenance costs are becoming extraneous on the three trucks the county currently has, which are in poor condition.

Bob Currie said he has a real problem with buying any overhead trucks. Each green box site can have roll off boxes. Juhnke said he thinks overhead trucks are better than roll off site trucks. He said the Chico site need to be compared to the Gardiner site, once Gardiner is completed. Tinsley said he thinks the county is 10 years away from completing revamping of all green box sites, regardless of whether they are compactor or roll-off sites. Allan Carter said the SWB has worked hard to get away from green box sites requiring overhead truck.

Public Works Director: Parks Frady, public works, provided a written report of activities in the refuse department.

Commissioner Tinsley said he will accompany Dick Juhnke to the county finance department to inquire about \$1.5-million reserve money Juhnke said was in the county

refuse budget about three years ago. Juhnke said he would also like know how much the Chico refuse site cost to install. Currie asked that the finance department provide the cost of the Chico site.

Old Business

Discussion/Decision on Landfill Engineering Update: Frady said the county received a report from Great West Engineering. Filling to ground level would require 91,000 yards. To fill to master plan elevation would be 203,000 cubic yards. Remaining life to ground level is 183 years. Reopening the Class IV section, remaining life is 23 years. Frady has asked for a scope of services fee estimate for a new closure plan and design and a high-level estimate of cost to Park County to close the entire facility. Tinsley said the county cannot close the landfill for \$53/ton.

Discussion/Decision on 2013-2014 Budget Projection Update: Commissioner Tinsley said the public works director has commenced Fiscal Year 2015 refuse department preliminary budgeting.

Discussion/Decision on Class 2 & Class 4 Refuse Definition: Currie provided a written report of information he obtained after a site visit to the Columbus refuse site.

Discussion/Decision on Forest Service Collection Site – Update: Frady said refuse personnel have not informed him the Forest Service site has been a terrible mess since its posted closure hours were incorporated in December.

Discussion/Decision on Chico Collection Site – Update: John Kaiser said only two boxes were open and were very full one day he was in the area. Frady said staff attempts to ensure two boxes are full when time to tow to the city with pups. The board said the fence needs to be erected around the Chico site.

Discussion/Decision on Gardiner Collection Site – Update: Frady said the contractor may be on site to commence work by the first of June.

Discussion/Decision on Corwin Springs and Carbella Collection Sites – Update: The board said its next order of business is to place a 40-yard box at the Corwin or Carbella sites once the Gardiner site is complete. It said it needs to start on plans for the sites, possibly by holding public meetings onsite to understand citizen sentiments.

Discussion/Decision on Scrap Metal Bins at Collection Sites: Frady said he is leery of threatening the contact with Full Circle Recycling by putting metal bins at collection sites. Frady said the contract expires in June. The board said the county needs to stop hauling scrap metal and paying tonnage costs to dispose of it.

Discussion/Decision on County Transfer Station – Update: Kaiser said he would like a complete annual cost breakdown of operating the building. Frady said the building's roof will be repaired.

New Business

Discussion/Decision on Clyde Park and Wilsall Collection Sites Upgrades: Ernie MacCracken said the town of Clyde Park paid a landowner \$30,000 12 years ago for a piece of property for a pump station. MacCracken said the assessment value given by an assessor for proposed green box expansion acreage in Clyde Park was very low.

Discussion/Decision on Trail Creek Collection Site Upgrade: Tabled

Public Comment: Frady said MSU Extension will put on a board training seminar next Friday at its 3rd Street office at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: May 15 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 3:27 p.m.