

**CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020**  
**ROOM B, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CLAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**Members Present:** Kevin Campbell, Grant Weyland, Russ Colson, Sara Watson Curry, Roger Richman, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Roger Richman, Chuck Hendrickson

**Members Absent:** Cliff Bang

**Others Present:** Kirk Rosenberger, Shannon Thompson, Darla Lewandowski, Matt Evans, Dave Olek, Andrew Feia, Mary Aldrich, Jenn Pickett, Stephen Larson, Dr. Kenneth Foster, Kathy Ihle

Commissioner Kevin Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., and initiated introductions.

**On Motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Russ McDougall, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda.**

**On Motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Everett Nelson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the Minutes from December 24, 2020.**

**Clay County Recycler of the Year – Kevin Campbell**

Kevin Campbell awarded the 2019 Clay County Recycler of the Year Award to Dr. Ken Foster, Professor of Political Science and Program Director of Global Studies at Concordia College.

**Holiday Lights/Plastic Bag Challenge – Darla Lewandowski**

Darla Lewandowski reported the Holiday Lights Recycling Program count was higher than last year. The bins were placed at Ace Hardware, Hawley, Glyndon, Barnesville, Hitterdal and the Electronics Collection Shed in Moorhead. A total of 187 cubic yards of holiday lights were collected, with an increase of 47 cubic yards over last year.

Lewandowski said the Plastic Bag Challenge has been restructured this year to encourage the habit of “not using” plastic bags. Lewandowski has received many phone calls from local schools that would like to get involved in the challenge next year.

**Fall Landfill Groundwater Report – Wenck**

Andrew Feia of Wenck, reported there are 24 combined monitoring wells that are tested every spring and fall. Detection wells along the inner side are monitored every spring. There is a total of 54 wells. Continue to monitor W-2 for vinyl chloride trending. Continue monitoring IL/HRL inorganic and metal exceedances. No further corrective action is necessary.

### **Landfill Cell Expansion – Matt Evans**

Matt Evans informed the Committee that the landfill expansion project will be up for bid next month and should have bids back from contractors. Evans met with the MPCA about the tie-in of the new cells to the existing cells. They found a way to connect directly into the leachate tile system that is underneath the existing landfill.

Haulers should be able to utilize the new cells in August. Final completion of the project is November 2021.

### **Perham Update – Kevin Campbell**

Kevin Campbell reported on the Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority (PLMSWA) annual budget meeting. Last year, natural gas costs were \$230,000 over budget due to down time. The recycling revenue was \$136,000 under budget. Steam sales were \$60,000 under budget. PLMSWA received \$95,000 for waste and scale use. Labor costs were \$133,000 over budget, and \$150,000 in extra tipping fee revenues. Net result shows PLMSWA \$150,000 in the black for 2019, that included a project that wasn't budgeted for.

A cash analysis at the end of year 2015 showed -\$788,000. In 2016, that number dropped to -\$135,000. However, there was \$884,000 in assets in 2017, and \$988,000 in assets in 2018. There is \$1.1 million going into the new year.

A breakdown of the internal service fund shows \$2 million in assets, of which \$200,000 needs to be set aside yearly to be sure those funds are available. The Capital Improvement Plan total value is \$7 million, for a total of \$9 million in value. To cover those cost, we need \$730,000 annually. A budget committee has been established for 2021. Clay County is under delivering but paying as though it has been delivered.

### **General Updates – Kirk Rosenberger**

Kirk Rosenberger reported the bonding bill for the transfer station remains Moorhead's number one priority and the legislators are supportive of what Clay County is trying to achieve. The PCA includes the project in its proposed projects for the governor's bonding package.

The landfill was closed for three days last week because of the weather. The HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) building has new lighting.

Next month's meeting will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.