

**CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY MAY 28, 2020 at 8 AM
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER (LARGE MEETING ROOM)
911 11TH STREET NORTH, MOORHEAD, MN**

MINUTES

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Cliff Bang, Roger Richman, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Joe Pederson, with Sara Watson Curry, Chuck Hendrickson, and Russ Colson joining by remote.

Others Present in Person or Joining Remotely: Kirk Rosenberger, Matt Evans, Shannon Thompson, Darla Lewandowski, Stephen Larson, Dan Volesky, Kathy Ihle, and Steve Moore joining by remote.

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

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

On Motion by Joe Pederson, seconded by Everett Nelson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the Minutes from February 20, 2020.

Landfill Cell Construction Update – Matt Evans

Matt Evans of Burns & McDonnell reported that since the last SWAC meeting in February, bids have been received for the landfill project with Comstock Construction being awarded the bid. The construction process has started. Evans updated members on the construction schedule, regulatory review, and upcoming activities. Burns & McDonnell will ensure specifications are being met and done according to design. On-site staff will meet with the contractor daily. There will be changes to working hours, increased traffic, and odors during construction. The main safety issue will be increased traffic at and near the landfill.

Reopening Policies – Kirk Rosenberger/Steve Larson

Steve Larson said the Board approved the safe return to work policy in conjunction with the governor's directives, CDC, MDH, and the Department of Labor. There has been limited access to county buildings for the public. Appointments can be made online, but citizens are encouraged to continue utilizing online access, call in, and mail service, if possible.

The DMV opened last Wednesday and has been very busy. The current wait time is two to three hours. Citizens go to the front door and provide their name and the reason they are there. They are instructed to wait in their car. An APP will notify them when it is their turn to go into the building. The state did not open driver's license testing in Clay County but did open the testing in Douglas and Becker County. Becker County DMV has not yet opened their office.

Kirk Rosenberger reported that citizens are asked to remain in their cars while dropping off recyclables and garbage at the landfill. An attendant comes out and checks their load, determines the amount to charge and processes the transaction inside. The Electronic Shed opened two weeks ago. Boxes are set up in the parking lot for people to drop their electronics off. Household Hazardous Waste has containers outside where people can drop off their materials. Julie brings those items inside and processes them.

Perham Updates – Kevin Campbell

Kevin Campbell reported that a virtual meeting was held with Prairie Lakes yesterday. Things are going well. There has been loss of revenue from the sale of steam at Bongard while they were shut down. Prairie Lakes is currently \$627,000 over budget on expenses. That number is expected to drop to \$270,000 in expenses over revenues. A budget meeting will be held on June 19 prior to the next Prairie Lakes meeting to discuss whether there are things that can be done to offset that budget.

Campbell said Clay County is paying more per ton because of underdelivering. The County pays for 8,400 tons whether that amount of waste is delivered to the facility. He asked about the number of truckloads needed weekly to reach 8,400 tons annually.

General Updates – Kirk Rosenberger

Kirk Rosenberger said the bonding bill will be back in the House on June 12 for \$8.5 million.

Leachate generation has gone up significantly this year with 812,000 gallons already delivered to Fargo. Last year, 286,000 gallons were delivered to Fargo. Rosenberger expects the leachate generation to decrease over the summer.

Solid Waste seeks to hire a landfill manager. Four employees at the landfill are applying for the position.

New signs have been ordered to hopefully help slow down traffic near and at the landfill.

Fuchs Sanitation sent out a memo regarding the appliance pick-up rate increase that will go into effect on July 1, 2020.

On Motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Joe Pederson, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.