

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022
THIRD FLOOR COURTHOUSE
MEETING ROOMS A/B

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Jenny Mongeau, Cliff Bang, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Roger Richman, Joe Pederson

Joining by Teams: Heather Nesemeier, Chuck Hendrickson

Member(s) Absent: Russ Colson

Others Present: Shannon Thompson, Brett Rice, Julie Kennedy, Steve Iverson, Todd Bratlien, Tom Fuchs, Tony Nelson, Justin Sorum, Kathy Ihle

Joining by Teams: Jeannie Givens, David Crowell, Matt Evans

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 agenda with the addition of the landfill update by Brett Rice.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Everett Nelson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from May 26, 2022 with a request from Heather Nesemeier to change/reword the May 2022 Minutes under Planting in Green Space at New RRF.

Resource Recovery Campus Update – Construction Engineers

Tom Fuchs gave the RRF update.

Sitework: The inbound/outbound scale and scale house structures are ongoing. Backfill, roadway grading, aggregate base and paving will follow scale structures. Site electrical trenching is ongoing. Select portions of landscaping and plantings are scheduled to resume next week.

Main Building/Structure: Foundation walls are ongoing at Grid 8. Final pour is scheduled for Friday, June 26. Push walls will resume after Grid 8 (Grids T and 7). Geofam and grade beam are complete at Grid 7. Shored slab is ongoing. Pre-engineered metal building erection is scheduled for completion the week of June 27 (Areas A and B). Under slab MEP is complete in Area A and will resume in Area B the week of June 27. Slabs on grade are ongoing in Area A. Masonry partition walls will follow. Fuchs presented drone footage of the facility.

Comstock Construction – Joe Johnson

Joe Johnson gave an update on the landfill punch list. The depth has been set on the level sensor for the CS2 pump to get it to pump properly. The electrician found the contactor was not

working. The manufacturer sent the wrong contactor. The correct part is scheduled to be delivered June 28 for installation.

The boiler needs a different size orifice to light. After troubleshooting the boiler, they had the right amount of pressure to get it to work but after being lit for a short while it shut off. Johnson is working with the manufacturer to solve the problem.

Burns and McDonnell has a new design to assist with the problem of condensate building up in the gas lines and improving gas flow. Their subcontractor will be on site July 18 to complete the work.

Johnson spoke with Brett Rice regarding the haul road. Sellin Brothers will address the situation on Monday.

Planting Native Grasses at Resource Recovery – Tony Nelson

Tony Nelson of SWCD reported he met with Tom at the RRF site to discuss long-term plans for the open space, minimizing weeds, and maintenance. There is an opportunity to put together a small planting area in the center of the parking lot area north of the stormwater holding pond. Nelson gave rough estimates that depend on seed mixes and who will be doing the maintenance. The City of Moorhead staff was approved to work with seeding vendors to find seed options/alternatives for the Resource Recovery site.

Campbell said Construction Engineers was authorized to move forward with the scheduled seeding that was intended for the north and west areas based on Nelson's recommendation.

Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority Update – Kevin Campbell

Kevin Campbell reports the fire at the PLMSWA facility in May was contained and damage was limited. The plant was back up and running within a few days. The Clay County Landfill accepted 700 tons of wet waste from PLMSWA.

Campbell said the plant manager, Brian Schmidt, said wet garbage can be a cause for fires because it composts underneath creating the potential for a fire. When the haulers unload their trucks there could be as much as 200 gallons of liquid spilling out with the garbage onto the tipping floor with no place for the water to go. The facility didn't lose steam sales but the steam had to be generated by natural gas instead of waste. The cost of the fire could exceed more than \$100,000. The PLMSWA Board unanimously gave the plant manager, Brian Schmidt, approval to reject wet garbage because it can't be processed.

Campbell said PLMSWA received a new property insurance quote in the amount of \$219,000 for 2023. The previous year's insurance cost was \$219,717 from a private company.

Landfill Update

Kevin Campbell said there have been three interviews for the solid waste manager position. A fourth interview will be held after the SWAC meeting this morning.

Campbell discussed transfer station contingencies with Steve Larson and Jenny Mongeau. It has been determined that there is \$617,000 worth of items that deal with winter conditions through April 2022 that fall within the contract language (8.3.1) where the contractor will not be held liable. It will go before the Board for approval.

Brett Rice reports the head gasket on the 2003 Freightliner went out. The vehicle needs an overhaul which would cost \$50,000. The resale value is \$30,000. Rice has suggested putting it on auction with a minimum bid of \$10,000. The auction requires board approval.

Rice said four new variable-hour employees have been hired at the landfill to assist during the summer months.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Everett Nelson, the meeting adjourned at 9:08