

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 AM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022
THIRD FLOOR COMMUNITY ROOMS A/B

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Wayne Lepper, Everett Nelson, Chuck Hendrickson, Cliff Bang, Russ Colson

Members Online: Roger Richman, Joe Pederson, Heather Nesemeier

Members Absent: Russ McDougall, Jenny Mongeau

Others Present: Steve Larson, Corey Bang, Julie Kennedy, Justin Sorum, Steve Iverson, Todd Bratlien, Ben Matson, Kathy Ihle

Online: Shannon Thompson, Heidi Ringhofer, Jeannie Givens.

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

On motion by Everett Nelson, seconded by Cliff Bang, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda.

On motion by Wayne Lepper, seconded by Cliff Bang, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from September 29, 2022.

Construction Engineers – Resource Recovery Facility Update

Ben Matson presented with a slide show and updated SWAC on site work at the Resource Recovery Facility.

Sitework – Inbound/outbound scales are set; calibration and rails remain. Site Concrete is complete. Asphalt paving completed at parking lots and scales. One lift of asphalt at west road, small area with no paving. Ramp concrete has been completed. Utility work has been completed. Topsoil spread throughout most of site. Xcel Energy is in the process of boring in gas line. Scales and scale house installed along with kiosks and other components.

Main Building/Structure – HHW Resinous Flooring has been completed. Tipping floor PEMB structure erected and roofed, walls sheeted and insulation is ongoing. MEP rough-ins are ongoing in areas B & C. Painting is to commence in the locker/bathrooms. Tile, ACT, and flooring in area B will begin shortly. Data rough-in has been completed. Drywall hanging is complete, taping is near completion. Transfer trailer bay grading and paving is ongoing. Garage structure is being built.

Landfill Activities/Updates – Corey Bang

Corey Bang gave both the landfill activities and update report. Several MPCA representatives were at the Resource Recovery Facility for tours in October. There are

no major issues. Jeannie Givens will give a punch list of things that need to be done before the facility opens.

Bang also met with the MPCA regarding PFAs. They are waiting to see what wells need to be tested and will wait until the MOU is signed between the Landfill Coalition and the MPCA before proceeding. Stantec was involved with the testing and the meeting. Stantec also did their annual drone survey on October 28th.

The boiler at the landfill is running. It was inspected and there were a couple of minor violations that will be fixed. A credit of \$3,065 will be coming back. The furnace in the old shop is not working properly and replacing it will cost approximately \$10,000.

Bang believes the three truck driver positions have been filled. The landfill should be full strength in two weeks. Heather Nesemeier asked what additional effort was taken to hire the truck drivers. Campbell answered that changes were made to the pay grid to match current market. Also, a program was established where the County would pay up to \$6,000 for CDL course with the stipulation the employee stays with the County for a couple of years. If the employee doesn't stay, they will have to repay the tuition costs.

Perham Update – Kevin Campbell

Kevin Campbell said the summary of revenues and expenditures are on track. After making the November bond payment, PRRF has close to the same amount of cash as last year. Yesterday a motion was made to authorize \$250,000 to be put into the internal service fund. The Board also authorized the payment of \$150,000 towards the principal with an additional \$18,000 in interest.

The wood door has not been replaced with a concrete wall because there has not been an available time to replace it. Temporary measures have been taken but anticipate the replacement to be done in the spring.

A couple of motors went out that caused the circuit breaker to make the plant blackout except for the control room. The motor has been replaced.

The plant manager's report shows deliveries by counties based on what is supposed to be brought in. Clay County is negative 1,320 tons.

Brian has been talking to Corey and they will be open for Clay County to deliver on Saturdays. Next year we will have the opportunity to make it up. We will start the year negative and still have priorities to get caught up. Clay County is responsible for 2400 tons annually.

Campbell reports the MPCA sent Chris McConn a letter stating there is money available for PFAs testing. The decision must be made by December 1st.

Campbell handed out information from Steve Skoog, (Becker County SW Manager) regarding the cost of delivery and tipping fee charges for each facility, to get an idea if there could be other ways to make things more affordable.

Julie Kennedy reports things have been busy at the HHW Facility. Kennedy said a lot of pesticide material was left behind at the pesticide collection in Ulen but another semitrailer was brought in the following week. The collection has been held two years in a row because of COVID.

Shannon Thompson said the electronic collections is steady. A truck is sent every three weeks with 26 pallets of electronics. The program is no cost to Clay except for the man hours, but it is time consuming.

Thompson reported the Waste Sort done in September yielded good results. Over 3000 pounds (1.5 tons) of trash was sorted from 100 houses in Moorhead.

Thompson is working on reimbursements to the state for grants for the new facility. We have been reimbursed for two of those. Once paid, we will have been reimbursed for 92% of \$7.5 million.

Campbell hopes the RRF will be ready in January 2023. There is a group working on the ribbon cutting and would like the MPCA to be a part of that.

Everett Nelson made the motion to adjourn. Chuck Hendrickson seconded the motion.