

ADAMS COUNTY LANDFILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011, 7:00 P.M.
STRONGS PRAIRIE TOWN HALL**

Members Present: Dennis Erickson, St. Pr. Town Chair
Brenda Rhinehart, Office Manager
Nancy Wical, Town Supervisor/Citizen Member
Larry Gasienica, Preston Town Representative

Others Present: Larry Babcock, SW Committee Chair
Florence Johnson, SW Committee Member

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson, Dennis Erickson at 7:02 P.M.. All Committee members present. Brenda Rhinehart was filling in for the Director who did not make it back from a trip due to flight delays.

There were no additions or changes to the agenda. *Motion by Wical, second by Gasienica, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.*

MINUTES: Ms. Rhinehart presented the minutes of the May 16, 2011 Advisory Committee Meeting. *Motion by Wical, second by Gasienica, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2011 Advisory Committee Meeting as corrected. All in favor. Motion carried.*

UPDATE ON OPERATIONS/SITE REPORT: Ms. Rhinehart then reported on the following items for June 2011 through December 2011.

RECYCLING: Recycling markets have been steady and we have been shipping the stockpiled comingled bales. We continue working on an agreement between IROW and Adams County lease the recycling building for processing.

Scrap metals, tires, appliances, fluorescent bulbs, glass aggregate, batteries, and waste oil/antifreeze are being shipped regularly. We have recently added #3-#7 plastics back into the recycling mix and we are working with the Carton Council to be able to accept and process milk & juice cartons. Recycling volumes are still exceeding required amounts and the reject materials are still very low.

REVENUES & TIPPAGE: Garbage tippage for 2011 is higher than last year by approximately 20.56%. See attached Tippage Reports.

Of this, the “free” tippage portion to Strongs Prairie has increased 46.7% from 922.92 tons in 2010 to

1,732.43 tons in 2011, probably a large part due to the tornado and other windstorms. In 2009 Strongs Prairie brought in 838.34 tons.

The business/residential dumpster service is still going well although we have lost several customers due to the recession. Since last year we've added 364 new customers and lost 240. In 2010 we had 175 new customers, 206 in 2009, and 183 new customers in 2008. In 2010 we lost 171 customers and 172 customers in 2009 probably due to the economy.

The Town of Jackson and Village of Friendship curbside pickup is going very well. The City of Adams and Dell Prairie contracts were given to Clark Disposal are coming to the County Landfill.

Since the beginning of the year there were 1200 large roll-off containers leased out to private citizens and contractors in 2011 bringing in \$178,175.00. We have also had 1,377 drop-off site container switch-outs through the year bringing in \$80,180.00 in fees. This is significantly more than in previous years. \$22,875 of this was brought in from out of county and does not include the tippage. This is the container fees only.

The new Ordinance requiring all waste from Adams County come to Adams County is going well. We have several haulers who got permits in 2011 and started bringing the waste here. These same haulers, as well as 3 others have applied and been approved for 2012. Stickers were issued for their trucks.

OUT-OF-COUNTY WASTE: \$127,636.80 in revenues has been brought in 2011 from Out-of-County. (See attached reports) Garbage tonnage from Out-of-County is 1,575 tons. There will be 2 new Out-of-County curbside collection contracts starting 1/1/12 and many new customers will increase revenues next year.

INSPECTIONS: Landfill related inspections passed without violations or citations issued. Groundwater monitoring again showed road salt chemicals in some wells, some of which are not down-gradient to the landfill and could be normal groundwater fluctuations and/or road run-off. VOC's were not detected. Methane gas was detected in the North gas probe. Because of this we have rearranged our construction for next year to include partial installation of the cap and gas system over cell #1 & #2 which will collect and divert the methane.

All scale and fuel system mandatory inspections passed without any violations, problems or citations. A new automated fuel system was included in the budget for 2012 and will be installed in January or February. No other areas of concern were found or violations noted.

LANDFILL IMPROVEMENTS: No major improvements were made to landfill buildings or grounds.

LANDFILL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Cell #4 construction is almost completed. We are waiting for final jetting of leachate lines which was done on December 14th. The final approval will be sent to the DNR when all the documentation and inspections are done. The DNR has notified us they will fast-track our approval process as we are running out of space in Cell #3.

2008

588.2 tons of garbage, worth \$27,704.22

66.53 tons of brush worth \$2,328.55

15.08 tons of yard waste worth \$452.40

Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie as host community for 2008 is **\$30,485.17**.

2007

1218.32 tons of garbage, worth **\$48,732.80**

90.08 tons of brush worth \$2,765.50

15.07 tons of yard waste worth \$376.75

Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie as host community for 2007 is **\$51,732.80**.

2006

962.54 tons of garbage, worth **\$38,501.60**

121.03 tons of brush worth \$4,236.05

18.12 tons of yard waste worth \$453.00

Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie as host community for 2006 is **\$43,190.65**.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATE (May 21, 2012): Motion by Wical, second by Gasienica, to adjourn until the next meeting which will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
MYRNA DIEMERT, SW DIRECTOR/RECYCLING COORDINATOR**

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE