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## Solid Waste Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday – June 18, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

### Call to Order – By John Kaiser

Present: Commissioners Malone, Tinsley and Caldwell; Board Members: Alan Carter, Bert Otis, Dick Juhnke, Michael Fanning, John Kaiser, Ernie MacCracken, Kerry Fee; Ray Sundling; Pat Thompson with Water & Environmental Technologies; Jim Brown; Jeremy Carpenter; Bob Church ; Parks Frady

### **Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

**Minutes: Review of Minutes for May 21, 2015** – Not reviewed.

**Review/Decide on Landowner Refuse Assessment Requests** – No action.

### Great West Engineering Update on Landfill Closure

Bob Church from Great West (GW) provided a handout and update on closure and update on schedule status. Alternative cover sources are being considered in order to save on capital project costs. Testing has occurred on cover material available at Sundling Ranch and one recommendation would be to negotiate with the Sundling's to purchase the materials outright. An additional site for materials is being reviewed from Rocking Ranch with lab results on Rocking Ranch available by July 1. Alternative cover demonstration of both materials can then be completed and GW will submit that demonstration to MT DEQ for both sources for approval of materials. Task order was also issued for project design and contract document preparation on basis of cost of performance with best cover system. Discussion about the waste limits and the need to dig pits to determine waste limits; essentially every acre where no cap is required will save the county about \$40,000. Based on those test pits, final waste limits will be defined and design specs and bids will be put together and submitted to SDEQ in September with two to three months for approval from DEQ (approval likely by end of 2015). With this schedule, the project can be competitively bid in early spring, with construction activities in spring/summer 2016. By August of 2016, the project would be closed and certified with the State of Montana.

Other discussion included:

- Landfill closure - Once contractor is working to close the landfill there will be no continued use of the site. In Bob's opinion, Park County has initiated closure activities according to State of MT policies. Parks Frady and Commissioner

Tinsley recently met with DEQ and they recommended maintaining the license (paid quarterly) just to be able to continue work at the landfill with some receipt of waste (even though it is not open to the public). A more formal notification of closure will be sent to DEQ approximately January 2016. As soon as notification of closure is received then DEQ will reimburse Park County back from trust account for funds expended.

- Dick Juhnke asked about testing of materials on additional properties. Mr. Juhnke submitted a sample from an old rock quarry to Parks Frady for sampling. Parks indicated the sample was not suitable material and also indicated that the site needs to be permitted as open cut. John Kaiser requested that Parks submit a letter to Mr. Juhnke. The other property has an open cut permit and Sundling's stockpile does not have to be permitted because it is material that was not original material to the ranch. GW is willing to look at any material sources available that the commissioners approve.
- Commissioner Tinsley discussed DEQ meeting in more detail.
- Water and Environmental Technologies (Pat Thompson) was present to discuss groundwater monitoring at landfill which monitors for changes in constituents over time. The biggest concern is historical wastes disposed at landfill which are illegally leaching into groundwater. There are seven compliance wells tested regularly and remediation system has 20+ wells, with five that are tested quarterly. There is an extended period of time after closure for monitoring. More discussion on solvents, landfill and monitoring activities.

### Department Reports

1. Public Works Director Report – Board Input – Parks Frady discussed completion of work activities at Gardiner Green Box site; transfer station roof materials are ordered for wind damage repair; Saturday pickup scheduling; no updates on recycling contract; volunteer assistance; cameras at Trail Creek (with none installed but research still taking place on best product); and, budgeting for roving attendant for next fiscal year.
2. Commissioner Report – Board Input – Commissioner Tinsley summarized DEQ meeting attended two weeks ago; and, new compactor testing in Gardiner and concerns about times of operation.

### Old Business

**Discussion/Decision on Gardiner Collection Site Improvements Update** – Parks Frady gave update in his Department report update.

**Discussion/Decision on Trail Creek Collection Site Weekend Collection Schedule Update** – The refuse is picked up Monday through Friday and occasionally on Saturdays. Cameras will be installed within a month's time and signage for the cameras will be a bit later (in order to maintain consistency with other County signage).

**Discussion/Decision on Chico Collection Site Update** – Parks Frady is trying to reschedule meeting with Chico owners to review operations. Some of the fence from Gardiner Collection Site may be salvageable to repurpose on north fence line at Chico Collection Site. The backhoe condition at Chico is adequate with recent tire replacement.

**Discussion/Decision on Nead, Fleshman Creek and Forest Service Collection Sites** – John Kaiser discussed hours for control at these sites and possible inclusion of volunteers to lock and unlock sites. Jim Brown, resident near Fleshman Creek, provided a history of the Fleshman Creek site and the need to lock the gate. He prefers the idea of a key system for users in the area or a pilot program with combination lock on gate with a letter sent to area residents including a sticker for their refuse tag and the combination code. Although this won't stop all abuse, it will give Fleshman Creek area owners a bit more ownership and pride in the area. Mr. Brown also recommends a sign announcing that the green boxes will be locked and only available to county residents. Cameras would then have to be set up, as trash will still be dumped at the gates. Dick Juhnke discussed the concerns of future requirements of manning the refuse sites. Agenda item will be scheduled for action on this issue for July meeting. Regarding Neads Site, there is a lot of illegal dumping of construction materials, sofas, chairs and camper shells in boxes and on ground. Kerry Fee discussed public relations and press about the upcoming cameras and roving attendants, etc.

**Discussion/Decision on Recycling Contract** – Parks Frady will find out about existing contract and invoicing. John Kaiser requested an idea on how much tonnage the current contractor collects (so that there can be comparisons with what is being charged).

**Additional Discussion:**

- Regarding glass recycling in the County and the City.
- Regarding refuse department equipment and use by other County departments.
- Clyde Park/Shields Valley School refuse pickup.

**New Business**

Discussion/Decision on '15/'16 Budget Items

Discussion/Decision on Corwin Springs & Carbella Collection Site Improvements

**Other Discussion Items**

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- Discussion/Decision about installation of locks and signage at Fleshman Creek Refuse Site
- Review of Refuse Department equipment used by other departments.

### Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Alan Carter, second by Ernie MacCracken with all in favor and no discussion.