

## **Solid Waste Board Minutes**

Park County, Montana

November 20, 2014

**Attendance:** Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allan Carter, Bob Currie, Mike Fanning (absent), Dick Juhnke (absent), John Kaiser, Ernie MacCracken, Bert Otis, Parks Frady, public works; Clint Tinsley, Commissioner; Marty Malone, Commissioner

**Call to Order:** 1:00 p.m.; City-County Complex East Room

**Public Comment:** No public

**Review of Minutes:** Minutes for October 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 were reviewed with additions as noted. John Kaiser made the motion to accept the minutes as noted. Board members seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Review/Decide on Landowner Refuse Assessment Requests:** There were two for this month; the first one is from Dennis Kite who lives in Emigrant. The finance office notes Mr. Kite stated the second unit that was previously a rental unit has been gutted and is now being used for storage only. Christy Tecca, DOR has confirmed the same and has removed it from the taxes as a livable dwelling. All plumbing fixtures have been removed and it has been confirmed. The request was to permanently remove one refuse assessment and refund \$155.00 of current year fees once the taxes have been paid. The board made the motion to fulfill this request of refunding back the amount of \$155.00 (one assessment) once the taxes have been paid for this year.

The second one is from David and Janice Bohman who built a new dwelling in August of 2014 and tore down the old dwelling once the new one was built. The finance office noted the Bohmans lived in an older house on East River Road in Pray, they built a new home and had the other home torn down. They were assessed two dwellings on their tax bill and are asking for a refund of one assessment of \$155.00. Christy Tecca, DOR confirmed that there is only one dwelling on the property and the older dwelling will be removed from the tax rolls at the end of the tax year. The board made a motion to refund the amount of \$155.00 for the refuse assessment of the older dwelling.

### **Department Reports**

**Public Works Director:** Parks Frady, public works; said that the commissioners granted the recommendation from the board to move forward on the closure of the landfill and having it capped. Parks said he will be busy getting things moving to start that process and move it along.

Parks reported on the Gardiner refuse site and the progress on that project with NW Energy and Johnstone Electric. John Kaiser mentioned his concern with the junk vehicles up at the landfill and with the blowables. Clay Williams, Junk Vehicle/Weed; said he is looking for a new location to keep those vehicles stored at for when the landfill closes. The Jaws of Life operation has been moved to the City transfer station so the major part of the blowables issue is no longer up at the landfill. Parks is going to need to ask DEQ if

tires will be able to continue being stored up there, he hasn't directly asked them that yet. Bob Curry said he wanted to clarify on the tires, he said that if they are whole tires the County surely don't want to send them to Great Falls, if they are quartered they go in as the cost of ordinary materials. Bert Otis mentioned that if the County can recycle them then we should do that because it's cheaper. John Kaiser said taking them to the city quartered is .53 cents a tire they figured. Parks said he has no update on the recycling contract at this point the county hasn't received an invoice at this point. Parks said the contract amount was \$10,000 annually plus scrap.

Commissioner Tinsley said he has been getting calls about the Deep Creek site and the bear issue. People are wanting there boxes brought back in to use the site. Parks said he is working with the State on this issue and the County has been advised to continue having that site closed at this point. Next board meeting Parks said he will hopefully be ready to discuss the budget and refuse assessments and some structure changes with the landfill closure. Commissioner Tinsley said the County has no intentions on increasing the assessment rates but there won't be a decrease either. The landfill monitoring will continue forever to check and watch contaminates after closure.

#### Commissioner Report:

Commissioner Tinsley didn't have a lot to report, but he gave the refuse board an overview on the AV Capture program that the County is currently using for commissioners meetings. He also mentioned that the deadline for the CIP is coming up with Miral Gamradt and the budget process that is also being worked on.

Commissioner Malone said he appreciates Parks and all the work he is doing with the County. Also he wants to see the Chico site finished and a fence put up there, the Chico site seems to be working well. Commissioner Tinsley said he feels like the worst site we have is Forest Service because there is a lot of garbage there. Bob Curry said he uses the Forest Service site living close to the Gallatin side to dump his garbage.

#### Old Business

*All Old Business topics discussed during Public Works Director Report.*

#### Discussion/Decision on Gardiner Collection Site Improvements-

Discussed during public works update

#### Discussion/Decision on Landfill Closure & Junk Vehicle Storage

Discussed during public works update

#### Discussion/Decision on Recycling Contract

Discussed during public works update

#### Discussion/Decision on Trail Creek Collection Site Weekend Collection Schedule

Discussed during public works update, the board thinks that there needs to be one more box added to that site.

#### Discussion/Decision on Nead Collection Site w/ hrs

Discussed during public works update, the Wilsall site attendant use to lock up the Neads

site and Smiths, but was told to stop. The board talked about looking at having that start up again.

## New Business

Presentation from Phoenix Renewable Technologies on Alternatives for solid waste disposal - Postponed to December 18, 2014 meeting.

Bob Curry and the board spoke briefly on this business.

Discussion/Decision on Creating Subcommittee for Collection Truck Needs

This item needs to be removed; it was discussed at the October meeting.

Discussion/Decision on New Solid Waste Board Members

There are two members that terms are up, Dick Juhnke and Bob Curry. Bob Curry has submitted his application, but we haven't heard from Dick Juhnke. It has been advertised in the Enterprise so it will be coming up. Commissioner Tinsley said that the commission has made a policy with boards and the interview committee. It will be the board chair, Dept head, and another person selected by the commission. The commissioners aren't a part of it because they make the final decision in the end. So if we get more applications than positions there will be an interview committee. Alan Carter asked about a member being gone for more than three meetings and how it reads in the bylaws. John Kaiser will be gone from December 2 to March 17, 2015. He will be back for the March meeting. Alan Carter will be gone starting in January 2015.

Discussion/Decision on New Assessments Update John Kaiser asked Lani Hartung, Finance to put together a new assessment update on how many new people we are picking up as far as budget on the refuse assessments, it looks like another 11,400 people who were not being charged. Commissioner Tinsley said that the commissioners are starting to hear from people like the schools on this. Alan Carter spoke on behalf of the bible camps and refuse assessments. John Kaiser said Lani in finance will be updating the assessment reports towards the end of December.

Other Discussion items:

Nothing

**Public Comment:**

**Next Meeting Date:** December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** 3:00 p.m.