

## **Solid Waste Board Minutes**

Park County, Montana

October 9, 2014

**Attendance:** Solid Waste Board (SWB) members Allan Carter, Bob Currie, Mike Fanning, Dick Juhnke (absent), John Kaiser, Ernie MacCracken, Bert Otis (absent), Parks Frady, public works; Clint Tinsley, Commissioner; Susan Herrera, Standish Excavation; William Smith, Citizen

**Call to Order:** 1:07 p.m.; City-County Complex East Room

**Public Comment:** William Smith, Citizen was asked if he had anything to talk about, he stated that he saw the board was going to talk about closing the landfill and wanted to just listen in.

**Review of Minutes:** Minutes for September 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 were reviewed and corrections were made. John Kaiser made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Review/Decide on Landowner Refuse Assessment Requests:** Nothing

### **Department Reports**

Public Works Director: Parks Frady, public works; passed around a summary of items of works and just some things he wanted to hit on in regards to refuse. Miral Gambradt was invited to the meeting to discuss the implementation of the capital improvements program not just for refuse but for all the county departments. The county was fortunate to receive a grant through Treasurer State Endowment that some of his services are going to be being paid for. The goal is to identify some of our needs that are currently out of our reach and looking forward on how we can accommodate some of those needs in the budget and the CIP. Miral Gambradt spoke briefly about himself and on what it is he does. Miral goes on to explain it in a phrase called lemonade stand which is, what is your beginning balance, how much money came in total and how much money went out total and what do you have at the end and the ending balance becomes beginning balance of next year. John Kaiser stated the growth the refuse board has been looking at is improving some of the sites, at least three or four of them and the need for money to do that, John goes on to mention that the other big item needed would be vehicle replacement for refuse so this could be a helpful tool. Miral mentioned the BN fund and the 11 million dollars sitting in there and the initial 8.7 million that came in and to know the county is leveraging that money 20 or 30:1 its impressive and I couldn't have come up with a better plan than that. Ernie MacCracken, board member spoke on behalf of reinvesting the money because of deflation of the dollar, and Miral mentioned that the government has to be careful to follow state laws on how they invest their money and it's very restrictive and for good reason it prevents any possibility of losing money. Government has laws in place that prevent you from losing money on investments. John Kaiser mentioned that the Solid waste board has no control over monies and spending,

it's totally the commissioner's decision. John Kaiser asked if the county is paying somebody to invest that money, Commissioner Tinsley said "no" that the BN fund is being managed by Kevin Larkin, County treasurer and the post closure pre closure funds we are paying First Interstate to manage that and that cost is more than the interest. Parks Frady explained to the board, MACo and a new policy that covers board members under our insurance program. He asked that the sign in sheet be passed around again and the board members mark estimated time/hours they have put in on the phone discussing agenda, emailing or working on refuse next to their names so MACo can keep track. Parks reported that Bob who was at the last meeting will be hosting a program on solid waste facilities in Lewistown here in a couple of weeks. Parks had flyers to hand out and said its a couple days of classes, you can attend the ones you want and it's free for solid waste board members. Parks Frady spoke about the landfill and the options the board has been tossing around on whether to close it or not. There is a payment the county has to make every fiscal year on the approximation of \$132,000 that is due to be made, and Parks wanted to make sure everyone understood the reason the payment hasn't been made yet is solely based on the fact that there has been some discussion about closing the landfill and a decision has to be made. The State is aware of that and so is the auditor however the auditor still has to issue the county a finding. Once the county decides what they are going to do then we can narrow that number down. Only other thing is that there has been a bear getting into the forest service site and Fish and Game has been putting traps out to try and catch him so if you are hearing they are leaving a mess and the refuse crew has been picking it up and cleaning the site.

Commissioner Report: Commissioner Tinsley had nothing to report

### **Old Business**

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

### **Discussion/Decision with Recommendation on Gardiner Collection Site**

**Improvements:** Susan Herrera, Standish Excavation; came in with a bid for the board however she didn't have it on paper because their computer crashed. She had the fencing amount and the concrete pads. The total bid for the whole fence complete is \$48,000 per his design using galvanized hog wire, and the fence was too short due to insufficient footage in his initial design, so he is providing more fencing under this price and that will include the gates. Parks Frady, Public Works; mentioned that the board seemed to know all the answers and this is the first he's heard of it. Bob Currie and John Kaiser, board members mention that this is the first they heard as well.

Susan Herrera stated the bid for the operations building; the concrete pads came in at \$3,900. John Kaiser stated this was for all concrete.

Susan Herrera said that with the other items including what she just gave on the fencing and concrete pads brought the total of the project to \$69,797. Susan Herrera will email the bid to Parks and the board can review the bid on paper then talk to Standish again. Parks Frady explained to the board that the discussion November 3, 2014 as a start date would be pushing it explaining the process is; once the bid comes in it then gets presented to the commissioners for approval to spend the money and a contract then needs to be

drawn up to sign. John Kaiser said as they talked about earlier they need the building, the electrician and Northwest Energy. The amount hoping to get it done for was \$75,000, Northwestern Energy hasn't given a quote yet but Parks is guessing \$10,000, the building was approximately \$5,000 so there a bit more. After some discussion of the fencing option, cost for the fencing and past quotes and time lines John Kaiser stated he would like to see some more quotes for fencing just to see what they can come up with and especially if they can get the fencing done cheaper. Alan Carter stated that the timeline isn't crucial for fall considering there is already a fence in place, if the fence had to wait until spring to get a better price that made better sense.

**Discussion/ Decision with Recommendation on Landfill Closure Options:**

John Kaiser mentioned that there are a couple of issues up there, Class II I think we all agree landfill won't be used again for class II and needs to be capped. We will not have class II up there anymore and it should be capped as soon as Park County can find the suitable clay materials or findings to do so and we need to start trying to find the materials. Alan Carter said Ray Sundling mentioned to check with Matt Jesson, Alan talked to Matt and he said he could get the permit to fulfill the obligation for the clay right out of his pit he would just need to have enough time to extend his permit. It would save the county a lot of money in hauling distance. The county was told for total closure it would require about 60,000 ton of material for class II and IV. There was some discussion in regards to careful thinking when it comes to closing class IV, making sure it is really what we want to do before just doing it. Parks Frady mentioned that there hasn't been any class II taken up to the landfill since he has started working here.

Commissioner Tinsley spoke on behalf of the fact that no matter what there can be no class IV taken up to the landfill because of the blowables and wind speeds at 140 mph. We have an inoperable landfill that we can't promise our neighbors we won't have blowables at, you can't take blowables and you can't take class IV with blowables in it up there. We still have the option with the City and we still have an option with a transfer station that we are having a new roof put on in order to use in case the city starts messing with us. We have the ability to cut our cost by approximately \$250,000 a year and have the money to put in a five year CIP to do things with. Closing the landfill gives us options; it gives us money and the ability to tell our neighbors that we are playing fair but if we continue going the way we are now that neighbor is going to say enough is enough. The board members individually spoke in regards to their thoughts and ideas on the closure of the landfill based off what information has been given to make the decision. Alan Carter made a motion to proceed with full closure of the landfill at this time. Ernie MacCracken seconded the motion. All board members in favor, motion passed. John Kaiser stated Bert Otis was not present however sent his decision/comment to the board to close the landfill as well and this was read into the record as well.

Addition from the November meeting John Kaiser made this statement to be added on this topic, the board has had extensive discussion in regards to Class IV closure up at the landfill. It was decided that after hearing the cost to keep it operational which was in the amount of \$127,000 in this year's budget for the landfill alone and another \$45,000 for the pre post closure in which the County will be refunded this amount after the class IV is capped and closed. Still to keep that as an optional use it would cost \$175,000 for this

year coming up so that was one of the major reasons for deciding to cap and close the class IV also.

**Discussion/ Decision with Recommendation on Recycling Contract:**

Parks Frady reported that since the last meeting he still hasn't gotten a response from Four Corners in regards to the recycling contract or getting the county an invoice. Parks stated that he would keep calling him in hopes to hear back from him soon. Alan Carter mentioned that Bert Otis has a good relationship with them; maybe Bert can talk to them and see what he can do.

**Discussion/ Decision with Recommendation on Trail Creek Collection Site Weekend Collection Schedule:** This was skipped?

**New Business**

**Discussion/ Decision with Recommendation on Creating Subcommittee for**

**Collection Truck Needs:** Alan Carter spoke in regards to specifications for the truck and the needs on the roll off truck in Utah. John Kaiser would like to start a subcommittee that would go out and look for collection trucks and then determine what the county wants. Parks Frady stated that if the board should create a subcommittee that it needs to go along with the capital improvements plan in order to look at site improvements and then determine what type of fleet is going to be needed to go along with it then look at what are existing fleet is and determine our needs. John Kaiser stated that the boards priority is to get these compactor sites in sites like Wilsall, and Trail Creek; otherwise were going to stay in the business of front load trucks. Parks Frady said that he will put a presentation together to go over next meeting and it will be set up for the next five years starting with site improvements and determination of the fleet that will go along with site changes and needs. We won't be able to get through it all in next month's meeting but it will be a start and its going to take some time to get through it all. Then say by December maybe we can all be on the same page as to what we would all like to see happen.

**Other discussion items:**

Nothing

**Public Comment:**

**Next Meeting Date:** November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** 3:00 p.m.