

MINUTES

Call to order at 9:00 am by Chair, Gene Ciszek.

The following persons were present: County Board Members Gene Ciszek, Dennis Nielsen, Ed Bluthardt, Maynard Bedish, and Fred Radtke. Others: Jennifer Couch, Veolia ES; Tammy Schmidt, Northern Waste; Mark Vander Bloomen, Eagle River Police Chief; Joe Fath, Vilas County Chief Deputy Sheriff; Kelly Haverkamp, UW-Extension

Introductions – Introduction were not necessary this month.

Motion to approve the agenda in any order at the discretion of the chair by Bluthardt second by Bedish. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the May 25, 2010 minutes by Bluthardt, second by Nielsen. Motion carried.

Agenda item #6: Program Reports – Amnesty Program - a written report (on file in the UWEX office) was given to the committee. Haverkamp noted the inclusion of the new e-cycling program and said the program is running smoothly. Couch asked for and received clarification on proper signatures for the voucher forms. Responsible Unit – Haverkamp reported on her presentation to Town of Arbor Vitae regarding recycling responsibilities and invitation to the Town to attend this committee meeting if they wanted to discuss their program with the County. Members acknowledged seeing an account of the meeting in the Lakeland Times. Haverkamp asked for clarification of why the state recycling funds are received by the County but sent to the Landfill Venture Group to be distributed to the municipalities (except for Land O' Lakes) rather than directly from the County to the municipalities, noting that the Landfill's involvement in this distribution causes municipalities to think the recycling program is under the Landfill's responsibility when the County is the Responsible Unit. Members were unaware of the reason for the distribution arrangement. Members requested Haverkamp to ask Milanowski, Corporation Counsel, for analysis and clarification about the ordinances and agreements between the County and the municipalities, and suggestions on how to proceed.

Agenda item #5: Pharmaceuticals – Chief Vander Bloomen noted that 200 lbs. of pharmaceuticals have been collected in their facility since it opened March 1. Describing the size of the box and its location inside city hall but outside the police department, Vander Bloomen noted that the box fills quickly and has to be emptied several times a week, and if the police department is closed, patrons have the option of asking the city clerk to call an officer to accept the pharmaceuticals. This option would not be available for the unmanned Arbor Vitae location, so a larger box would probably be necessary to avoid overstuffing and the possibility of controlled substances being deposited outside of the box. Fath stated the Arbor Vitae highway department building is used frequently by the sheriff's department, so a collection box could be checked frequently, although it would need to be secured as an unmanned location. Members asked Fath to obtain a cost estimate for installation of a proper collection box and other costs that would be associated with starting a collection site at the Arbor Vitae highway shop. Fath agreed to report at the July meeting. Vander Bloomen also noted that the Sheriff's Department could transport the collected items to the Eagle River Police Department for chain of custody toward disposal; or the Sheriff's Department could sign an approval for the ERPD to travel out of jurisdiction to collect the pharmaceuticals at Arbor Vitae. Either option would work for ER. Members discussed another option to install collection vaults at Walgreens' pharmacies in Eagle River and Woodruff. Members asked Haverkamp to pursue contacting Walgreens to see if that is an option they would consider. Members thanked Chief Vander Bloomen for his work on getting the pharmaceutical program up and running. **Motion by Radtke, second by Bedish for the committee to send a letter of appreciation to the City of Eagle River for Vander Bloomen's efforts. Motion carried.**

Agenda item #7: Advertising and Education – Haverkamp distributed new Bog Frog messages. Members each selected two and will make arrangements at WRJO to record the messages. Television ads are running for hazardous waste events.

Agenda item # 8: Out of County travel – None for this month.

Agenda item #9: Budget report and vouchers were presented by Haverkamp. The following vouchers were presented for approval: Landfill Venture Group-\$585.18; Eagle Waste & Recycling, Inc. – \$94.40; Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, LLC - \$135.25; Kathleen Haverkamp - \$17.50. Vouchers for Landfill Venture Group and Town of Land O’ Lakes were deferred until July pending Corporation Counsel review of agreements.

Motion by Bedish, second by Bluthardt to approve the budget update and vouchers as stated. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Agenda item #10: Letters and communications – Radtke noted that the Landfill Venture Group had a groundbreaking event. Schmidt shared a recycling publication from Eau Claire County. Couch reported that a newly passed law in Wisconsin bans oil filters from being landfilled, effective January 1, 2011.

Agenda item #11: Public comments – Nothing for this month.

Agenda item #12: Meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Next meeting date is July 27, 2010.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Haverkamp