

ADAMS COUNTY LANDFILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MONDAY, MAY 15, 2006, 7:00 P.M.
STRONGS PRAIRIE TOWN HALL**

Members Present: Marvin Bennett, St. Pr. Town Chair
Bernie Bays, Preston Township Representative
Myrna Diemert, Solid Waste Director
Nancy Wical, Town Supervisor

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

The meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson, Marvin Bennett at 7:02 P.M.. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

MINUTES: Ms. Diemert presented the minutes of the December 19, 2005 Advisory Committee Meeting. *Motion by Bays, second by Wical, to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2005 Advisory Committee Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.*

UPDATE ON OPERATIONS/SITE REPORT: Ms. Diemert then reported on the following items for the period December 2005 through May 2006:

RECYCLING: Recycling markets remained stable so materials were shipped regularly through the year including the stockpiled cardboard. Scrap metals, tires, appliances, fluorescent bulbs, glass aggregate, batteries, and waste oil/antifreeze are being also shipped regularly. Recycling volumes are still exceeding required amounts and the reject materials are still very low.

Glass aggregate program has continued to be successful. We are also seeing orders coming in from private contractors, businesses, townships, and the Highway Department. Town of Monroe & Rome are doing a joint project and will be hauling approximately 2000 tons of glass. Should be able to use all the glass that we can take in to satisfy these orders. Calls have come in from Texas, California, Nebraska regarding how to get a similar glass operation started in those states.

REVENUES & TIPPAGE: For the first 4 months of 2006, the garbage tippage for the year is lower than last year by approximately 9.67% (397 tons/\$14,700) less than previous year. Most of this is the loss of Dell Prairie Township to ONYX hauling out-of-county, as well as the slow-

down of construction at Northern Bay. Last year's fire at Northern Bay also brought in additional tippage in April.

Since our last report we had 76 new over-the-scale customers using our landfill which translates to \$4,560 in annual revenues if they only use the landfill one time per month and pay the minimum of \$5 per visit.

The business/residential dumpster service is still going very well and we are getting new customers each month. Since our last report we've added 99 new customers (\$24,108). This additional service currently brings in approximately \$242,976 annually. Each month new customers add additional revenue to the Department with very little added expense as the trucks are already driving on the roads.

The Town of Jackson, Village of Friendship, and City of Adams contracted curbside pickup is going very well. This assures that these tippage revenues come to the Adams County Landfill. The City of Adams has extended our contract for one additional year.

Since our last report there were 367 large roll-off containers leased out to residential & business customers. Revenues seen from this service was \$35,550. This figure does not count the trash & garbage in these containers **that were previously being taken out of county.**

Equipment leased out since the last report brought in an additional \$46,898 in revenues.

The City of WI Dells brought in three loads (30.97 tons) of garbage from their city route. Columbia County had a fire in their tipping building and could not take the material. Under emergency approval by the Town Chair the City was allowed to bring in the three loads. No precedence will be set for taking out of county waste by allowing this material to come in as an emergency.

INSPECTIONS: All landfill related inspections passed without violations or citations were issued.

All fire department, scale, and fuel system mandatory inspections passed without any violations, problems or citations. 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 #3 construction was completed in accordance with DNR specifications and regulations.

CONSIDERATIONS TO STRONGS PRAIRIE: Since the first of the year, the citizens of Strongs Prairie have received the following at no charge:

271.02 tons of garbage, worth \$10,027.74
57.76 tons of brush worth \$1,784
8.31 tons of yard waste worth \$216.40
Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie as host community for 2006 is \$12,028.14.

For the past year, the citizens of Strongs Prairie have received the following at no charge:
832.62 tons of garbage, worth \$30,806.94
95.71 tons of brush worth \$2871.30
13.24 tons of yard waste worth \$331
Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie as host community for 2005 is \$34,009.24.

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS: A Household & Ag Hazardous Waste Clean-Sweep, an appliance roundup, and a tire roundup is scheduled for Saturday, June 10th. The hazardous waste will be free and the appliances and tires will be half price that day. This will be for Adams County residents and property owners only.

OTHER: The County Committee have been reorganized and the Solid Waste Committee has been merged with Highway and Airport and will now be called the Public Works Committee. Joint meetings will be held—usually at the Highway Department.

Mr. Bennett asked what the life expectancy of our site is and future plans. Ms. Diemert explained that the 14 acre site that is currently licensed & approved will last another 12-15 years depending on compaction rates and volumes. After that we have several options including increasing the “footprint” of the landfill and making it longer and/or wider and then going higher which has been approved by the DNR. Another option is to place another landfill somewhere else on the 500+ acre site. When planning this landfill it was thought best to keep all the liability in one area instead of spreading it around the County. That is why all the small dumps were closed. That is why the County purchased a large piece of property—to allow for growth and expansion in the future.

Ms. Wical asked about taking out-of-county waste and Ms. Diemert explained that both herself and Corporation Counsel have been very busy and will address this issue when time allows.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURN: The next meeting date was set for Monday, December 18, 2006 for the regular Advisory Committee meeting. *Motion by Bays, second by Wical, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M..*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MYRNA DIEMERT, SW DIRECTOR/RECYCLING COORDINATOR