

## ADAMS COUNTY LANDFILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012, 7:00 P.M.  
STRONGS PRAIRIE TOWN HALL**

**Members Present:** Dennis Erickson, St. Pr. Town Chair  
Brenda Rhinehart, Office Manager  
Nancy Wical, Town Supervisor/Citizen Member  
Larry Gasienica, Preston Town Representative

**Others Present:** Larry Babcock, SW Committee Chair  
Florence Johnson, SW Committee Vice-Chair  
James Bays, SW Committee Member

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson, Dennis Erickson at 7:02 P.M.. All Committee members present. Brenda Rhinehart was filling in for the Director.

There were no additions or changes to the agenda. *Motion by Wical, second by Gasienica, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**MINUTES:** Ms. Rhinehart presented the minutes of the May 21, 2012 Advisory Committee Meeting. *Motion by Gasienica, second by Wical, to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2012 Advisory Committee Meeting as corrected. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**UPDATE ON OPERATIONS/SITE REPORT:** Ms. Rhinehart then reported on the following items for June 2012 through December 2012.

**RECYCLING:** Recycling markets have been very poor. Agreement with IROW was passed by County Board and they took over the operations on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Since that time, recycling markets have fallen significantly and we found out that Huber workers cannot be used in the recycling building if a private contractor operates the facility. IROW is having difficulty keeping the operations running under these conditions and may be forced to pull out of the agreement. In this case, Adams County will need to take the operations back. We are already trying to find an outlet for the comingled materials but will have to ship it loose since no one will take the baled comingled anymore.

Scrap metals, tires, appliances, fluorescent bulbs, glass aggregate, batteries, and waste oil/antifreeze are being shipped regularly. We have recently added #3-#7 plastics back into the recycling program as well as cartons materials. Recycling volumes are still exceeding required amounts and the reject materials are still very low. We are working on improving the quality of the recyclables picked up comingled and keeping bags out of the trucks as these plug the system. We are asking that people put loose recyclables out in bins or boxes without being in bags.

**REVENUES & TIPPAGE:** Garbage tippage for 2012 is lower than last year by approximately 7.5%. This is due to the tornado last year. See attached Tippage Reports.

Of this, the “free” garbage tippage portion to Strongs Prairie was 876.04 tons (\$41,173.88). Strongs Prairie did pay their share of the recycling surcharge which is not included in this amount). In 2011 this was 1,732.43 tons due to the tornado, In 2010 Strongs Prairie produced 922.92 tons. In 2009 Strongs Prairie produced 838.34 tons.

The business/residential dumpster service is still going well although we have lost several customers due to the recession. Since last year we’ve added 651 new customers-many from out-of-county. We also lost 471 customers for a total net gain of \$199,471.92. In 2011 we had 364 new customers, 2010 we had 175 new customers, 206 in 2009, and 183 new customers in 2008.

The Town of Jackson, Village of Friendship, Village of Coloma, and Village of Oxford curbside pickup is going very well. The City of Adams and Dell Prairie contracts were given to Clark Disposal and are coming to the County Landfill. The Federal Prison at Oxford is now hauling their own waste using their own equipment which frees up our employees for other new customers.

Since the beginning of the year there were 1123 roll-off containers leased out to private citizens and contractors bringing in \$168,450.00. (1200 in 2011 bringing in \$178,175.00). This does not include the tippage.

We have also had 1,424 drop-off site container switch-outs through the year bringing in \$77,020 revenues. In 2011 we had 1,377 drop-off site container switch-outs through the year bringing in \$80,180.00 in fees.

The new Ordinance requiring all waste from Adams County come to Adams County is going well. We have several haulers who got permits in 2011 and again in 2012. Stickers for 2013 were issued for their trucks.

**OUT-OF-COUNTY WASTE:** \$176,169.10 in revenues has been brought in so far in 2012. In 2011 that was \$127,636.80 from Out-of-County. (See attached reports) Garbage tonnage from Out-of-County is 2,160.55 tons (1,575 tons in 2011). There were 2 new Out-of-County curbside collection contracts starting 1/1/12 and one town drop-off site.

We are also working on an agreement with Juneau and Monroe Counties to bring waste to our landfill when theirs closes in early spring of 2013. This agreement is needed to commit the three parties to a regional solid waste disposal consortium to provide landfill space. They have set up a transfer site and will be bringing materials here for several years. We need this agreement to justify expanding our landfill. Without the additional waste (revenues) we will probably not be able to expand, causing all Adams County citizens hardship regarding waste disposal. The engineers estimate that even with this additional waste we will meet our 2019 obligation to Strongs Prairie.

**INSPECTIONS:** Landfill related inspections passed without violations or citations issued. Groundwater monitoring again showed road salt chemicals in some wells, some of which are not down-gradient to the landfill and could be normal groundwater fluctuations and/or road run-off. VOC's were not detected. Methane gas was not detected.

All scale and fuel system mandatory inspections passed without any violations, problems or citations. A new automated fuel system was installed which makes reporting much more accurate. 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 #4 construction is completed and 4' of waste has been placed which will protect the liner from freezing. Cell #3 has room for about 2 months worth of garbage. We are also working on capping Cell #1.

**OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:** The ½ price appliance and tire roundup and Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep/Pharmaceutical Collection was held on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER:** A complaint was received by a neighbor about someone hunting on landfill property. After conferring with DNR nothing can be done about this unless someone gives us a vehicle description and/or plate #, or a back-tag # or calls the Sheriff's Department when the trespassing is occurring.

The County budget for 2013 has been approved. The SW tax levy portion decreased 74.68% over last year. There are price increases of 5% in-county and 10% out-of-county for services (curbside/dumpsters) for 2013. Roll-off containers were increased for 2013. There were no increases for the town drop-off site haul fees.

**Of the \$2,509,933 SW Budget for 2013:**

\$61,601 is on the tax levy which is .359% of the total levy, down from \$243,325.00 in 2012.

\$97,000.00 is from recycling grants which is 40% lower than in previous years due to cuts.

\$2,351,332.00 is revenues from customers.

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

**2012** **876.04 tons of garbage = \$52,562.61**

**82.42 tons of brush = \$3,709.90**

**17.82 tons of clean concrete = \$445.50**

**158.49 tons of stumps = \$2,377.35**

**37.05 tons of yard waste \$1,481.80**

Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie as host community for 2012 is

\$60,576.16 plus the free service at the drop-off site.

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- 2011** 1,732.43 tons of garbage = \$81,424.21  
136.08 tons of brush worth \$6,123.60  
19.93 tons of yard waste worth \$797.20.  
Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie for 2011 is **\$88,345.01.**
- 2010** 922.92 tons of garbage worth \$43,377.  
70.54 tons of brush worth \$3,174.30  
15.09 tons of yard waste worth \$603.60  
Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie for 2010 is **\$47,155.14.**
- 2009** 681.41 tons of garbage worth \$33,457.23  
32.82 tons of brush worth \$1,312.80  
12.99 tons of yard waste worth \$454.65  
Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie for **2009** is **\$33,224.68.**
- 2008** 588.2 tons of garbage, worth \$27,704.22  
66.53 tons of brush worth \$2,328.55  
15.08 tons of yard waste worth \$452.40  
Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie for 2008 is **\$30,485.17.**
- 2007** 1218.32 tons of garbage, worth \$48,732.80  
90.08 tons of brush worth \$2,765.50  
15.07 tons of yard waste worth \$376.75  
Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie for 2007 is **\$51,732.80.**
- 2006** 962.54 tons of garbage, worth \$38,501.60  
121.03 tons of brush worth \$4,236.05  
18.12 tons of yard waste worth \$453.00  
Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie for 2006 is **\$43,190.65.**

**ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATE (May 20, 2013):** *Motion by Wical, second by Gasienica, to adjourn until the next meeting which will be held on Monday, May 20, 2013. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.*

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
MYRNA DIEMERT, SW DIRECTOR/RECYCLING COORDINATOR**

**THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE**