

## ADAMS COUNTY LANDFILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009, 7:00 P.M.  
STRONGS PRAIRIE TOWN HALL**

**Members Present:** Dennis Erickson, St. Pr. Town Chair  
Myrna Diemert, Solid Waste Director  
Nancy Wical, Town Supervisor/Citizen Member  
Larry Gasienica, Preston Town Representative

**Others Present:** Larry Babcock, PW Chair  
Dave Renner, PW Committee Member  
Florence Johnson, PW Committee Member  
Mike Keckeisen, PW Committee Member  
Kay Olson-Martz

**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.

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. Diemert presented the minutes of the May 18, 2009 Advisory Committee Meeting. *Motion by Wical, second by Gasienica, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2009 Advisory Committee Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**UPDATE ON OPERATIONS/SITE REPORT:** Ms. Diemert then reported on the following items for JUNE TO DECEMBER 2009: **RECYCLING:** Recycling markets have come up slightly however, many of the markets have gone out of business due to the economy. The most important of these was One-Source who was the company that took our comingled bales. There is progress being made by other companies who are altering their operations to be able to take these bales, however, progress is slow. In the meantime, we are stockpiling comingled bales waiting for a market. If one does not develop, we will need to break the bales and sort them but with limited staff we don't have time to do this and can't afford to hire more. We will not meet our revenue budget for the recycling operation because of this, however, we have tried to reduce expenditures where we could.

Scrap metals, tires, appliances, fluorescent bulbs, glass aggregate, batteries, and waste oil/antifreeze are being shipped regularly. Recycling volumes are still exceeding required amounts and the reject materials are still very low.

**REVENUES & TIPPAGE:** Garbage tippage for 2009 is lower than last year by approximately 12% which is similar to national figures. Of this, the “free” tippage portion to Strongs Prairie has decreased 17% from 588.2 tons in 2008 to 468.87 tons in 2009.

Since last year we had 129 new over-the-scale customers using our landfill compared to 197 in 2008 and 347 in 2007. This translates to \$7,740.00 in annual revenues if all were paying customers and only use the landfill one time per month and pay the minimum of \$5 per visit.

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 192 (\$58,431.00) new customers compared to 183 new customers in 2008 (\$49,834.25). However, this year we have lost 165 customers (-\$44,155.00) due to the 2009 price increases and the economy, but we are hoping that these customers will be back when the economy recovers. This service currently brings in approximately \$537,390.00 annually.

The Town of Jackson, Village of Friendship, and City of Adams contracted curbside pickup is going very well.

Since the beginning of the year there were 928 large roll-off containers leased out to residential & business customers compared to 1243 in 2008. Revenues seen from this service was \$119,270 compared to 2008 (\$140,726). This figure does not count the trash & garbage in these containers **that was previously being taken out of county.**

Equipment leased out since the last report brought in an additional revenues of \$122,981.08 in 2009 compared to \$124,430.85 in 2008.

**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. No VOC’s were detected.

All scale, and fuel system mandatory inspections passed without any violations, problems or citations. The fire department inspection showed that materials stored within 2 feet of the ceiling must be removed. 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:** Waste volume & compaction calculations were done showing continued improvement in compaction rates in the landfill. Preliminary work on Cell #4 sub-base was performed as well as the glass sub-base was put down in preparation for the first lift of clay.

We received approval from the DNR that this was a beneficial reuse of a recycled product and will aid in better compaction.

**OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:** A ½ price appliance and tire roundup was held on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. We are planning a Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep and Pharmaceutical Collection in 2010 along with the ½ price appliance & tire round-up on June 23, 2010. We have just been notified that LaCrosse County may not continue their program and may turn back the grant money that they were awarded. Several Counties, included Adams County, were included in that grant. Further investigation shows that LaCrosse County will probably continue the 2010 grant season, however, they may have to charge more to participants.

Ms. Diemert next reported that she had investigated the County putting up a permanent hazardous waste facility at the landfill site and found that the costs of construction the special building, as well as the licensed and trained full time staff required on site was too expensive to further pursue.

**OTHER:** The County budget for 2010 has been approved. The SW tax levy portion has decreased by \$61,964.00 to \$271,149 which is an 18.6% decrease over 2009 Budget. Increased revenues are needed to cover our budget cuts as expenditures have not gone down. Also, since we are now becoming an Enterprise Fund we will have to pay for our own computers, worker's comp insurance, liability insurance, etc. which has added a significant amount to our expenditures along with negotiated health insurance and wage increases.

Of the \$2,350,658.00 SW Budget for 2010:

\$271,149 is on the tax levy which is 1.581% of the total County tax levy  
(1.938% in 2009 and 2.223% in 2008).

SW Debt is 0% of the total County Debt;

\$152,938 is recycling grants;

\$1,926,571 revenues from customer user fees and sale of processed recyclables.

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

**2009**

468.87 tons of garbage, worth \$21,774.04

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 as host community for **2009 is \$23,541.49.**

**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 as host community 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 as host community 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 as host community for 2006 is **\$43,190.65.**

**UPDATE ON JUNEAU COUNTY WASTE/RESOLUTION & NEGOTIATIONS:** Mr. Erickson explained that the Town has hired Dr. Razvi, UW Stevens Point Professor and private consultant to assist them with decisions on taking Juneau County waste. Lengthy discussion was held on the history of the denied resolution to take Juneau County waste. Apparently a misunderstanding has taken place regarding the Town's intention with the resolution that was presented at their meeting on June 8, 2009. This resolution was voted down due to a tie vote with one abstention. The Solid Waste Department understood that this denial meant no waste from Juneau County could be brought into our landfill. Therefore, Clark disposal had been notified. It was the Town's intention that the resolution was for a permanent wording change in the form of an addendum to the Agreement for all future Juneau County waste. Until that time the Town Chair can give permission to take Juneau County waste on a case-by-case basis per the existing Agreement. At this time, Chair Erickson gave the Adams County Landfill permission to accept waste from Clark Disposal for Juneau Counties waste. Ms. Diemert is to notify Clark Disposal that recycling must be done per Adams County specifications and that clear or semi-transparent bags should be used. Mr. Erickson will provide a copy of Juneau County's clear bag ordinance.

**ATTORNEY MILLER'S INVOICE FOR SERVICES:** Ms. Diemert asked to clarify who will be paying for Attorney Miller's work on the resolution, the new Committee's per diem, as well as Dr. Razvi. The Town Chair stated that the Town will be covering these expenses.

**CONTRACTOR PROCEDURE FOR "FREE" TIPPAGE:** Discussion was next held on a few contractors who appear to be claiming "free tippage" for all loads even when work is being done outside the Town of Strongs Prairie. It was decided that we are in our rights to require contractors to fill out a form showing the customer name, address, telephone number of the property in Strongs Prairie where work is being done. This will need to be signed by the contractor and they will lose all free tippage rights if it is found they are bringing waste in from outside the Town. Strongs Prairie will back this if there is a question.

**IDENTIFY POSSIBLE UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:** Update on Juneau County waste.

**ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATE (MAY 17, 2010):** Motion by Erickson, second by Gasienica, to adjourn until the next meeting which will be held on Monday, May 17, 2010. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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