

# ADAMS COUNTY LANDFILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MONDAY, DEC. 15, 2014, 7:00 P.M.  
STRONGS PRAIRIE TOWN HALL**

**Members Present:** Dennis Erickson, St. Pr. Town Chair  
Myrna Diemert, SW Director/Recycling Coordinator  
Larry Gasienica, Preston Town Representative  
Kaye Olson-Martz/Citizen Member

**Others Present:** Florence Johnson, SW Committee Chair

**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 7:06 P.M.. All Committee members present.

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

**APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY:** Chair Erickson announced that Kaye Olson-Martz has been appointed as Citizen Member to fill Nancy Wical's vacancy. Ms. Diemert welcomed Ms. Olson-Martz and gave her a packet of landfill ordinances and minutes for review.

**MINUTES:** Ms. Diemert presented the minutes of the May 19, 2014 Advisory Committee Meeting. *Motion by Gasienica, second by Diemert, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 Advisory Committee Meeting as corrected. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**UPDATE ON OPERATIONS/SITE REPORT:** Ms. Diemert then reported on the following items:

**RECYCLING:** Recycling markets have remained stable. Baled recyclables, 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 drink boxes and cartons. 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.

We created a Recycling Manager position and contracted with Nicolet to provide contracted labor. This is working well as continuity in staff produces a better quality product and we get higher prices. We still utilize the Huber workers.

**REVENUES & TIPPAGE:** Garbage tippage for 2014 is 41% higher than last year. See attached Tippage Reports. Much of this is from the added out-of-county waste.

Of this, the “free” garbage tippage portion to Strongs Prairie was **693.29 tons (\$41,597.40)**.

- 2013 - 745.6 tons = \$ 44,736
- 2012 - 876.04 tons = \$ 41,174
- 2011 - 1,732.43 tons = \$105,745 (due to the tornado)
- 2010 - 922.92 tons = \$ 55,375
- 2009 - 838.34 tons = \$ 50,300

The Town of Jackson, Village of Coloma, and Village of Oxford curbside pickup is going very well. The City of Adams, Village of Friendship 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. The Village of Oxford has chosen to go with another waste hauler 1-1-15.

Since the beginning of the year there were 999 roll-off containers leased out to private citizens and contractors bringing in \$190,625 in revenue.

- 2013 - 978 containers = \$188,750
- 2012 - 1123 containers = \$168,450
- 2011 - 1200 containers = \$178,175

This does not include the tippage.

We have also had 1,484 town drop-off site container switch-outs through the year bringing in \$86,530.

- 2013 - 1,379 --\$80,210
- 2012 - 1,424 --\$77,020
- 2011 - 1,377 --\$80,180

The new Ordinance requiring all waste from Adams County come to Adams County is going well. We have several haulers who got permits for 2015, along with a new hauler in WI Dells area.

Overall our budget for 2014 looks very good. Thru November we have brought in \$2,621,653 in revenues (104.01% of our budget) and our expenses are at \$2,247,126 (89.15% of the budget). We are showing a **PROFIT** of \$374,526.87. This is a \$403,596 improvement over last year at this time as we had a loss of -\$29,069 at this time last year. This reflects the additional revenues brought in from Out-of-County which we needed in order to justify expanding our landfill.

**OUT-OF-COUNTY WASTE: \$508,961.81** in revenues has been seen in 2014 for out-of-county waste. Garbage tonnage from Out-of-County in 2014 is 10,947 Tons. Strongs Prairie will be paid .50 for each ton of waste brought in for any out-of-county waste each year over 5,000 (estimated at \$3000 for 2014). The County is requesting that the cap of 10,000 tons per year be raised as this is hard to limit and may affect haulers decision to come here.

- 2013 – 4,644 Tons = \$278,666
- 2012 – 2,160 Tons = \$176,169
- 2011 – 1,575 Tons = \$127,637

138 leased roll-off containers out-of county also brought in \$44,250 in 2014.

**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. 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:** We have been working on the final ½ of the liner for Cell #4. This will be completed in the spring as weather caused delays. This cell is expected to last until 2021. We are in the process of getting County Board approval to continue with landfill expansion. A landfill study was completed by Dr. Razvi and shows that continuing with landfill expansion is the best option for our County and the Town of Strongs Prairie. A centralized landfill is still the lowest cost and most convenient for our citizens. We will be taking a resolution to County Board on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> for this approval.

**OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:** The ½ price appliance and tire roundup and Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep/Pharmaceutical Collection was held on July 26th.

**OTHER:** The County budget for 2015 has been approved. Of the \$3,281,103 budget only \$78,570 is on the tax levy which is a reduction of 28.7% decrease from last year. Our budget is .455% of the total county tax levy. \$97,000 is from recycling grants and \$3,105,533 from customer revenues.

**CONSIDERATIONS TO STRONGS PRAIRIE:** Since the first of the year thru the December 12th, the citizens of Strongs Prairie have received the following at no charge:

**2014** 693.29 tons of garbage = \$41,597.40  
8.61 tons of clean concrete = \$86.10  
29.6 tons of yard waste = \$1,182.40

**Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie as the host community for 2014 is \$42,865.90. This does NOT include the landfill employees servicing the drop-off site at no charge per our agreement.**

**2013** 745.6 tons of garbage = \$44,736.30  
40.61 tons of brush = \$1,827.45  
350.48 tons of clean concrete = \$3,504.80  
159.69 tons of stumps = \$2,395.35  
24.035 tons of yard waste = \$961.40

Total consideration since the first of the year to Strongs Prairie as host community for 2013 is \$53,425.30. This does not include the "free service" at the drop-off site.

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**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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

**REQUEST TO EXCEED MAXIMUM OUT-OF-COUNTY WASTE:** Ms. Diemert presented information on the need to exceed the 10,000 out-of-county waste coming into the landfill. Limited the existing haulers and prohibiting potential haulers from out-of-county will be detrimental to the success of the landfill. The two haulers currently bringing in waste from Juneau County are already at the 10,000 limit and will probably exceed it over the next fiscal year. Discussion was held and Ms. Diemert will provide a formal request for an amendment to the 5-24-10 First Amendment and Supplement to 3-17-04

Negotiated Settlement Agreement between Town of Strongs Prairie and Adams County. She will contact the engineers and Dr. Razvi for an opinion of how much tonnage our landfill can take in without affecting our license period. The Town will then act of the formal request and it will then be voted on at County Board.

**TOWN SUPPORT OF LANDFILL EXPANSION:** Ms. Diemert asked for Town support of the landfill expansion project as this will be in the best interest of the Town of Strongs Prairie. The next step to landfill expansion is the resolution to County Board on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 asking for approval to implement the Feasibility Study. The Feasibility portion of the landfill expansion will allow for further negotiations with the Town as required by the Landfill Siting laws.

**ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting date was set for Monday, May 4, 2015 which is a deviation from the set dates in the Negotiated Settlement. This is to allow for a conflict in schedules of members. The meeting will be held at the landfill. *Motion by Gasienica, second by Olson-Martz to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.*

**Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.**

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

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