

ADAMS COUNTY LANDFILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008, 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

Members Excused: Bernie Bays, Preston Township Representative

Others Present: Hank Koch, Foth Infrastructures
Florence Johnson, PW Committee Member
Dave Renner, PW Committee Member
Larry Babcock, PW Committee Member
Mike Keckeisen, PW Committee Member
Lori Henthorne, Strongs Prairie Clerk

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 7:00 P.M.. All Committee members present except Bays who was excused.

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

MINUTES: Ms. Diemert presented the minutes of the May 19, 2008 Advisory Committee Meeting. *Motion by Wical, second by Erickson, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2007 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 2008 through December 2008.

RECYCLING: Recycling markets have deteriorated significantly over the past few months. They went from all-time highs to all-time lows within 30 days and

now it is almost impossible to move anything unless you have long term relationships with brokers. Adams County has chosen to stockpile as much as we can until prices come up. Some Counties can not stockpile since they have local agreements against storing materials outside. For 2008 we will be very close to hitting our budgeted amounts for revenues. The DNR is predicting that the markets will turn around in mid-2009 so we should be able to move our stockpiled materials and still be OK for 2009. The DNR has also agreed to give exemptions for some of the regulations. If markets don't improve we will be forced to charge townships & customers for recyclables brought in. 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 2008 is slightly lower than last year by approximately 2.89%. Of this, the "free" tippage to Strongs Prairie has decreased significantly from 1,218.32 tons in 2007 to 588.2 tons in 2008.

Since last year we had 194 new over-the-scale customers using our landfill compared to 347 the year prior. This translates to \$11,640 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 very well and we are getting new customers each month. Since last year we've added 183 new customers (\$44,317). This service currently brings in approximately \$500,000 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. We did, however, have to purchase several small and compactor units to service these new customers. 2008 saw less growth than 2007 due to the influx of customers in 2007 when Waste Management pulled out of the County in October. In 2007 we saw 341 new collection service accounts. We have lost a few customers due to the 2009 price increases, but we are hoping that these customers will be back when the economy recovers.

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 3,374 large roll-off containers leased

out to residential & business customers which is up from 1028 last year. Revenues seen from this service was \$223,201.00, which is up from \$64,082.75 in 2007. 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 \$113,091.41 (\$98,472.45 last year).

INSPECTIONS: All landfill related inspections passed without violations or citations issued. Groundwater monitoring again showed road salts in some wells, some of which are not down-gradient to the landfill and could be normal groundwater fluctuations and/or road run-off. None showed hazardous chemicals from the landfill.

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: A waste volume & compaction calculations were done showing improved compaction rates in the landfill. Preliminary work on Cell #4 sub-base was also done with clearing, grubbing & grading taking place. The leachate manhole and lines were installed for Cell #4 and a new roadway was constructed into Cell #3 in preparation for Cell #4 Construction.

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

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

(the County also paid the Town's share of Recycling Surcharge fees to the DNR in the amount of \$3,654,96)

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**.

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS: A Household & Ag Hazardous Waste Clean-Sweep, appliance roundup, and a tire roundup was held on Saturday, June 14th. Hazardous Waste disposal was free to the citizens through a DATCP Grant, and the appliances and tires will be half price. We also held a pharmaceutical collection that same day.

OTHER: The County budget for 2009 has been approved. The SW tax levy portion has decreased by \$11,790.00 from the 2008 Budget.

Of the \$2,080,879.00 SW Budget for 2009:

\$333,113 is on the tax levy which is 1.938% of the total County Tax Levy (down from 2.223% in 2008. SW Debt is 0% of the total County Debt;

\$150,044 is recycling grants;

\$1,597,722 revenues from customers and sale of processed recyclables.

CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS ON DEVELOPING A REGIONAL LANDFILL:

Hank Koch, Foth Infrastructures, gave a presentation on the benefits of creating a regional landfill to include a portion of Juneau Counties waste. This will be placed on the Strongs Prairie Township annual meeting agenda for April 14th at 7:00 PM.

IDENTIFY POSSIBLE UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS: Continued discussions on creating a regionalized landfill.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURN: The next meeting date was set for May 17, 2009 for the regular Advisory Committee meeting. *Motion by Wical, second by Diemert, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M..*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MYRNA DIEMERT, SW DIRECTOR/RECYCLING COORDINATOR