

SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 2005

Attendees: Donna Shehane  
Craig Bayston  
Mel Blanchette  
Rich Howell  
Jim Tripp  
Ralph Paarlberg

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Mr. Bayston. A motion was passed to approve the minutes of the February 2005 meeting. It was agreed that Mr. Paarlberg was not in attendance at the January 2005 meeting as was originally thought.

Donna Shehane presented a short discussion of the work being conducted to update the Kankakee County Solid Waste Management Plan. Preliminary data and information on waste generation rates and alternate technology should be available at the April meeting for dissemination.

Additional public comments submitted on the proposed amendments to the Kankakee County Solid Waste Ordinance were submitted to the committee members. Several of the comments express the desire of the public that the County maintain the 1000 foot setback from municipal boundaries for open burning of landscape wastes. A motion was passed by the Committee to maintain said 1000' setback from corporate boundaries.

Other comments focus on the legality of some of the proposed amendments. Copies of all comments will be submitted to the SAO for legal review.

A second Request For Proposals was issued to area waste haulers and was published in the Kankakee Daily Journal and Chicago Tribune. This bid is for waste and recyclables collection from all Kankakee County office buildings. The deadline for submittal of bids is March 24, 2005. Bids will be opened and publicly read on March 25 at the Finance Committee.

A Waste Tire Collection Event has been confirmed for May 14, 2005 at the Kankakee County Health Department Parking lot. Citizens may bring up to 1000 waste tires for free disposal. They will be required to sign a form verifying they have not participated in a waste tire event previously. Township and municipal highway departments and public works departments are invited to drop off their tires on May 13, 2005 from noon to 3 pm.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Kankakee County Waste & Recycling Pages should be ready for publication on or around Earth Day, which is April 22, 2005. This edition contains updated information on disposal alternatives and includes new articles on recycling, mercury, etc.

A Pesticide container recycling event is being planned for late July/early August of 2005.

Mr. Keith Runyon was present at the meeting in the audience and requested time to speak about alternate technology. It was suggested that a public comment period be specified at the beginning of every meeting's agenda to allow this. Mr. Runyon reiterated his belief that alternative waste technology will be the technology of the future. He handed out a document entitled, "Evaluation of New and Emerging Solid Waste Management Technologies" prepared for New York City by ARI.

Donna Shehane reiterated that the County has hired ARI to analyze these technologies, but that the analyses must delve into the harder technical and economic issues that have so far not been brought to the surface when discussing these technologies.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 pm. The next meeting of the Solid Waste Subcommittee is scheduled for 10:00 am on April 19, 2005.