

SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2006

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

Absent: Rich Howell

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Mr. Bayston. Members of the public were present at the meeting, and four citizens provided public comment on the Kankakee County Solid Waste Management Plan Update, including Mr. Keith Runyon, Darryl Bruck, Leigh Marcotte, and Marc Wakat. Mr. Runyon stated his opinion that both the proposed Town & Country Landfill and the Waste Management landfill are in bad geological locations. He stated that the ISGS, due to the publication of the Berg maps, agrees with this conclusion. He also requested that Kankakee County start the Solid Waste Management Plan Update again since attendance at the public forum was low. He also expressed concern that Patrick Engineering, since they have done work with Waste Management, has a conflict of interest in drafting the Kankakee County Plan. He felt that the Alternative Technology section of the Plan Update was not valid. Mr. Bruck stated his concern that the Plan was still focused on expanding the WMI landfill, even though the Kankakee County Board had voted against it. He expressed his desire to see more solid waste management options in the Plan. Leigh Marcotte discussed the Berg maps and would like them to be given more consideration when planning for the disposal of solid waste. Marc Wakat stated that since the NOAI has forecasted that Illinois will experience drought conditions in the future which will impact the use of Great Lakes water, the Kankakee River Valley water supply sources are becoming more important.

After the public comments were presented, there was a short discussion on the Plan Update. A motion was passed to recommend the Solid Waste Management Plan Update to the full Regional Planning Commission at the March 28, 2006 meeting as written.

Donna Shehane explained that the 2005 Hauling Surveys to calculate the 2005 Kankakee County recycling rate are being evaluated. Work on the 3rd edition of the Kankakee County Waste & Recycling pages is underway.

The waste tire collection event will be held at Kankakee Community College, but a date has not been worked out yet.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am. The next meeting of the Solid Waste Subcommittee is scheduled for April 18, 2006 at 10:00 am.