

SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2005

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

This meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Mr. Bayston. Mr. Keith Runyon provided public comment. Mr. Runyon stated that it is his hope that the Solid Waste Plan Update process will include public hearings throughout the County. He also stated that he hopes waste disposal in Kankakee County will be limited, although restriction of all out-of-county wastes may not be probable.

After the public comment period, the minutes of the March 2005 Solid Waste Subcommittee meeting were approved by a passing motion.

Drafts on the Solid Waste Management Plan Update were disseminated, including a section on Demographics and information on alternate waste technology companies. Members were asked to review and provide comment at the May 2005 meeting.

The County office building in-house recycling program was discussed. The bid results from the two responding haulers were handed out. The Solid Waste Division has recommended choosing Kankakee A&J Disposal for the new waste and recycling collection contract. The PZA Committee has approved this choice.

A waste tire collection event is scheduled for May 13, 2005 at the Kankakee County Health Department parking lot. Tractor tires, truck, light truck, and car tires will be accepted. This event was sponsored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

An Agricultural Pesticide Container Recycling Event is planned for late July or early August this summer. The County is working with the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture and Heritage FS on choosing a site for this event.

The 2nd Edition of the Kankakee County Waste & Recycling Pages final draft was handed out. 15,000 copies of the paper will be printed and distributed to schools, libraries, municipalities, etc. throughout the year. This edition contains information on how to start a recycling program. Mr. Howell expressed interest in finding an outlet for battery recycling. Donna Shehane will look into options, including a national mail-in program by Battery Solutions.

The amendments to the Kankakee County Solid Waste Ordinance were discussed.

Donna Shehane reiterated that without County haulers providing survey data, it is difficult to accurately calculate waste generation and recycling data for the County. In addition, due to the low recycling rates in the County, the availability of recycling must be increased and secured in the County. There was additional discussion on how apartment buildings and multi-family dwellings will be handled.

Under "New Business" Mr. Blanchette stated that during May through September, he would be unable to attend the normal 10:00 am meetings. Therefore, the May 2005 meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on May 17, 2005 in the usual location.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 am.