

SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 2005

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

This meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Mr. Craig Bayston. There were no members of the public present, therefore no public comments were provided.

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

Donna Shehane gave a status summary on the Solid Waste Management Plan Update. She stated that ARI has completed a draft report on alternate technology, which Patrick Engineering is currently reviewing. She has drafted sections on the Illinois EPA Delegation Agreement, Waste Reduction and Recycling Recommendations and Groundwater Monitoring. The issue arose as to whether the public should have access to the draft documents and Ms. Shehane stated that she would seek an opinion from the State's Attorney's Office and Special Counsel on this.

The County office building in-house recycling program was discussed. The County has been awarded a grant for just over \$8,000 to purchase recycling bins. The bins have arrived and are expected to be disseminated within the next two weeks to all County Departments.

The Agricultural Pesticide Container Recycling Event scheduled for today was cancelled due to breakdown of equipment. There was no notification given by the State or Heritage FS about the cancellation ahead of time much to the annoyance of a few farmers who transported their containers to the site.

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event has been awarded to the County and is scheduled for October 8, 2005 from 8 am to 3 pm.

The Electronics Drop-Off pilot program is on hold due to the lack of review by the State's Attorney's Office. Mike Van Mill and Donna Shehane will review the program to determine if the SAO input is required.

The proposed amendments to the Kankakee County Solid Waste Ordinance were presented to the Solid Waste Subcommittee for approval. A motion was passed to approve the revised Ordinance with a recommendation to send the Ordinance to the full Regional Planning Commission on July 26, 2000.

Donna Shehane stated that the Planning Department would once again be attending the County Fair and would disseminate brochures and information on solid waste and recycling.

The Illinois EPA Delegation Agreement was discussed. Ms. Shehane informed everyone that the grant monies awarded for this program will be increased from approximately \$ 22,000 to \$ 48,000. An increase in grant funds will be realized by all Delegated Counties in Illinois due to passage of legislation increasing funding for IEPA inspectors.

Donna Shehane has requested information from Battery Solutions, Inc. out of Michigan about their battery recycling programs.

There was no discussion under “Old” or “New” business. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2005 at 2:00 pm.