

SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2004

Attendees: Ralph Paarlberg, member
 Craig Bayston, member
 Jim Tripp, member
 Donna Shehane, Solid Waste & Environmental Manager
 Mike Van Mill, Planning Director

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bayston at approximately 10:10 am.

The minutes of the May 2004 Solid Waste Subcommittee were not available at this meeting but will be available for the September 21, 2004 meeting.

The first item on the Agenda (Request For Qualifications for 10-year Solid Waste Plan Update) was discussed. Donna Shehane explained that 4 firms had submitted a proposal in response to the Request For Qualifications, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Barker-Lemar Engineering Consultants, Patrick Engineering and Shaw/Emcon. It was further explained that interviews would be held with all four firms. Barker – Lemar will be interviewed on August 25 at 11:00 am and Shaw/Emcon will be interviewed on August 25 at 2:00 pm. The Subcommittee members were encouraged to attend the interviews and provide a recommendation for a consultant. The remaining two firms, Patrick Engineering and Civil & Environmental Consultants, will be contacted soon to arrange their interview dates and times. It was suggested that back-to-back interview times would be helpful to the committee members. The Solid Waste Plan Update process will include a series of public workshops/hearings to gather public concerns and comments on the Plan.

Donna Shehane stated that the Illinois EPA has awarded a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to Kankakee County. A flyer was handed out which specifies the date of this event (October 9, 2004), the time of the event (8:00 am to 3:00 pm), and the location of the event (Kankakee Community College). Flyers will be distributed and posted as the event draws nearer.

A tour of the A&J Recycling Facility is being planned for September 14, 2004 after the Kankakee County Board Meeting. Memos are to be prepared and distributed to all County Board members, RPC members, mayors, etc. and an announcement will be made at all upcoming committee meetings.

The proposed Amendment to the County Solid Waste Management Plan was passed by PZA on August 16, 2004. This amendment requires a Host Fee to be paid to Kankakee County for all Pollution Control Facilities sited in both incorporated and unincorporated areas. This Amendment will be presented to the full Kankakee County Board on September 14, 2004.

The Draft Kankakee County Recycling/Reporting/Licensing Ordinance is still a priority and is anticipated to be presented to the PZA Committee before the end of 2004.

America Recycles Day events were discussed. A "Waste-Free Lunch Day" is proposed for all County elementary and junior high schools. Packets of information have already been sent out to the private/parochial schools and the public schools will be receiving the information in September. The County will also be participating in an Illinois Recycling Association activity yet to be determined and a Recycling Resolution will be presented to the County Board for approval.

The draft Pollution Control Facility Ordinance Update is being reviewed by legal counsel.

A draft 2005 Work Plan was approved by the three attending committee members. The draft Plan will be e-mailed to Curt Saindon and other committee members for their input. It was suggested by Mike Van Mill that we add the "Waste-Free Lunch Campaign" to the Work Plan. He also suggested adding a line that we will be working with a specific company or institution to increase their recycling rate. Donna Shehane suggested a pilot-project in which real data is gathered on the cost-savings realized by the company and/or institution by implementing a recycling program. The 2005 Work Plan will be presented to the full RPC in September for adoption.

Under "Old Business" the County Fair was discussed. Mike and Donna stated that the overall reaction to our booth was positive. We will most likely attend the Fair again in 2005.

The Revised Tipping Fee Fund Application has been approved by the County Board and will be taken off the Agenda, as will the Compost Bin Sale.

Under "New Business" Donna stated that she had contacted Provena St. Mary's Hospital and Riverside Medical. Provena St. Mary's called back and stated that they currently recycle cardboard and some paper. They are interested in recycling plastic and plan on contacting A&J to begin this program. Once they have this program underway, they will be contacting me. Riverside Medical has not yet responded to Donna's call.

The Illinois EPA contacted Donna to ask for the County's assistance in distributing educational materials on Burn Barrels. We will be handing out flyers at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, posting the information on our web-site, and running an ad in a local newspaper during the months of September and October 2004.

Finally, a discussion ensued regarding the update and revision of the County's Zoning Ordinance. Donna is updating the sections dealing with Pollution Control Facilities, recycling centers and drop-offs, and industrial standards such as Noise, Odor, etc.

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Subcommittee is scheduled for September 21, 2004 at 10:00 am. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

