

Randolph County Solid Waste Authority
P.O. Box 17, Dailey, WV 26259

Board of Directors Minutes
December 11, 2018

Present – Clark Martin, Spinner O’Flaherty, Chris See, Jack Tribble, Tim Hornick

Absent – None

Staff – Angie Lipscomb

Visitors - Joe Gumm

1. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting for the RCSWA was called to order by Chairman Martin at 5:05 pm on December 11, 2018 in the Commissioner’s conference room located in the Courthouse Annex in Elkins, WV. Recording Secretary Angie Lipscomb was present recording the minutes.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the October 9, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. None were opposed to the minutes as presented.

3. Chairman’s Report

None

4. Treasurer’s Report

a. Update on Financial Status

Treasurer See was present with the book. He reported that our balance was \$50,333.38 as of December 10, 2018.

b. Explanation of Routine Expenditures

RCSWA wrote the following checks since last meeting: City of Elkins \$1,065, Joe and Vonda Gumm \$6,035.70, Joe Swecker \$425, and Angie Lipscomb \$100. Treasurer See wrote Recording Secretary Angie Lipscomb a check for \$50 at the meeting. (This was half the usual monthly amount, as there was no November meeting and her work load was decreased.) RCSWA received checks from the Magistrate (citation collections) for \$1,000, the State of WV for \$1,999, and Tygart Valley Sanitation for \$1,154.

5. Recycling Center Operations

Joe Gumm reports there is a market for pressed board. There is a mill in Fairmont that sold out to China and is expanding their operation. It was previously Fibrex, one of the world’s largest mills. Mr. Gumm believes they are now going to accept all materials, and they want to deal with him. Shawn Elzie is the new contact person. They are interested in cardboard, but not ready for it right now because the mill is not set up for that yet. Mr. Gumm believes they will likely take pressed board in the future.

When Mr. Gumm delivers his recyclables to these larger companies, the items must be sorted very particularly, with attention to following all protocols, or the materials can’t be sold.

Mr. Gumm will accept white paper bags, but not brown paper bags. We need to specify this with signage, and address where community members can take brown paper bags.

Mr. Gumm cannot accept phone books or bound books due to the adhesives they include. We do not know who can accept these items locally in order to instruct community members on where to take them, which needs addressed.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Billboard Advertising

RCSWA is currently running an ad on the Beverly 5 line billboard through Joe Swecker which goes through the end of December, 2018. In January, we can decide if we want to continue that.

b. Possibility of advertising with better known Elkins websites

Chairman Martin will check on this at Davis Medical Center in person this week.

c. Possibility of advertising at Smoke On The Water

Ms. Lipscomb investigated this possibility in person, reporting that live entertainment at this location takes away considerably from still ads on wall mount TVs. Members decided this is not money well spent.

d. Possibility of hiring a videographer

RCSWA will pick this topic up again once we figure out how to update and maintain our website. Lisa Armstrong is a possibility.

e. Partnership with D&E for student update and maintenance of RCSWA website

Ms. Lipscomb reported her communications with Rick Gage regarding a student internship to update and maintain RCSWA website, stating that D&E has no one in the Sustainability Program has the computer skills to fill this role. Professor Gage expanded the position to include Computer Science students, but no one has been interested. Members spoke of the possibility of offering money to make the offer more appealing, and decided \$50 per month is reasonable. The website currently has not been updated for at least a year, and is formatted in Latin. Mr. Martin stated the website costs \$255 annually. Ms. Lipscomb will check with Jessica Sutton at the City of Elkins to see how they maintain their website, compare pricing, and move from there.

f. Updates to City of Elkins website via City of Elkins Recycling Committee

Mr. Tribble was not able to attend last month's meeting, but believes they have everything is corrected at their sites. This month's meeting will be cancelled due to the holiday, per Jessica Sutton, City Clerk.

g. Clarification of signage at 11th Street Recycling Center

Mr. Tribble will schedule a time for RCSWA members to meet at Mr. Gumm's site and decide with him what signs are needed and how many. Mr. Tribble will send out an email with this information. RCSWA can then vote to approve professional signage at that location.

h. October 20, 2018 Electronics Recycling Event

RCSWA partnered with PC Renewal for this. City of Elkins sent us a bill for \$622 for hauling away the bin with televisions from that event. We will use two 20 foot roll offs next time for more space. No volunteers from D&E showed up. This was communicated to Rick Gage with the Sustainability Program.

i. Accessing and updating RCSWA Facebook page and website

Facebook issue somehow got overlooked. Will pick up at January meeting.

j. Cost of concrete barriers for next quarter

RCSWA agreed to pay 75% of this cost, and will find out an amount at the next City Recycling Committee meeting. Our last payment to the City was October 9, 2018.

7. New Business

a. State Solid Waste Authority Annual Meeting

Annual meeting of West Virginia Solid Waste Authorities was held at Stonewall Jackson in October, 2018. RCSWA was not aware of this meeting, and thus did not attend. Mr. Tribble will send the State Solid Waste Authority updated email addresses to make sure they have contact information for RCSWA so that we may be included on the list of invitees in the future.

b. Audit

RCSWA needs an audit. Mr. Martin has made 3 calls to the auditor's office and sent an email, with no reply. He states he did not receive a list of auditors to use this year as he has in the past. Mr. Tribble will provide Chairman Martin with another contact. We have done everything on our end, and are just waiting on a response. We are required to form an official audit team. Our RCSWA audit team consists of Mr. Tribble, Mr. Martin, and Mr. O'Flaherty.

c. Annexation

Mr. Hornick presented his views on annexation and illegal dumping. He was called in by the City of Elkins for a meeting to discuss options if they get to annex for trash collection. The area they want to take is roughly 60% of his commercial revenue. If they take that and kick Mr. Hornick out, people at Valley Head who are paying \$100 per month will pay \$500 per month. This will not be paid or hauled elsewhere, leading trash to be dumped illegally. If they take Teaberry Hills, Glenmore, and go up Chenoweth Creek one mile, Gladly will pay a huge increase. So will Scott Addition, which includes Montrose. The costs will be astronomical, will not be paid, and there will be an illegal dumping nightmare. The meeting left off with the idea of Mr. Hornick taking over all commercial within the City, and the City doing all residential. Mr. Hornick agreed to run the numbers and get back with them. If mandatory disposal was in place, annexation would not be such a big deal. Until it is, there will be a huge problem.

d. Mandatory Disposal Meeting

After the new year and new appointments, RCSWA will invite the State SWA, Greg Smith (Game Warden), County Commissioners, Magistrates, new judge, and Sheriff to meet with us regarding enforcing mandatory disposal.

e. Grant

RCSWA got the REAP grant. Mr. Gumm gave Mr. Tribble the paperwork, which must be completed by December 28, 2018.

8. Public Comments

None

9. Closing Statements

Mr. Tribble made a motion to schedule the *next regular meeting for January 8, 2019 at 5pm*. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

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