

Randolph County Solid Waste Authority
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2018 5:00 pm
Courthouse Annex, Elkins, WV

Members Present – Clark Martin, Spinner O’Flaherty, Joe Gumm, Tim Hornick, Jack Tribble
 Others - Angie Lipscomb, Current Recording Secretary

Absent – Chris See
 Others - Jill Pivovarov, Former Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Clark Martin.

Opening Statements

- Clark announced Jill’s move and subsequent need to resign as Recording Secretary. Introductions were made to the quorum for Angie Lipscomb.
- Clark made a motion nominating Angie as Recording Secretary. Tim seconded the motion. All voted in favor with none being opposed. Motion granted.
- Minutes from September’s Board meeting are not available currently. Jill may have emailed these to Jack. He is unsure, and does not have access to that at this time. Angie will contact Jill to request same.

Proceedings

- Joe reported glass is going well, with the exception of people still dropping it at 11th Street, despite two weeks of advertising. The Bradish drop is also being utilized. Joe stated a large amount of non-recyclable trash continues to be dropped at his station. Clark asked if putting doors on the building would help. The consensus is that doors will not help because people will continue to pile items outside even when the location is closed, as seen with Tim’s business and Forest Service locations. Jack stated cameras and ensuing citations might be an option to improve conditions in the future, but all measures can be difficult to enforce due to the difficulty of identifying license plate numbers.
- Joe reported that the price of recyclables is poor, and he feels uncertain it will improve. Volume, especially of cardboard, is rising due to increased public participation in recycling. There was discussion about how larger companies, such as Dollar General, dispose of bulk cardboard in an efficient manner by loading it directly onto outgoing trucks and shipping it to larger recycling centers. Spinner mentioned a company called Clynk that offers glass credits to consumers via a streamlined process during checkout at participating stores. Jack pointed out this is likely due to the 5 cent deposit on glass in Maine and the other states that participate in that program. Jack stated grants are necessary to subsidize recycling and create a market that works better, with many things being beyond our control, and that RCSWA’s role is to get items out of the waste stream.
- Joe stated a company in Clarksburg asked him to dispose of 200 bales of cardboard and 3,000 blue plastic barrels. Joe has a market for that, but the cost of getting it to market makes it unprofitable. Jack asked if it is too expensive for Joe to haul the items, and stated the man in Clarksburg will need to find grant money or a way to get the items into the recycling system. Joe stated that he did purchase 1,000 of the barrels to cut up and bale.

Old Business

- Clark noted that no one had minutes from the last meeting, so we are unable to review old business.

Treasurer’s Report

- Chris See is absent due to a medical appointment. The book is with him.
- Clark stated we have a little over \$52,000 in Mountain Valley Bank. No checks have been written in the last month. Jill is owed \$100. Angie and Clark will try to reach her and obtain a forwarding address to remit payment.

New Business

- Clark announced Angie Lipscomb as new Recording Secretary.
- Proposed electronic recycling this fall: yes or no? Clark wants young people involved and educated on recycling. He wants to keep things short, approximately 3 hours in length. Clark hopes to use Tim's trailers. Tim agreed. Jack thinks we should do the event. Ryan M. at D&E, who was involved with the project previously, graduated and has left the area. Rick Gage with the Sustainability Program, is our current D&E contact. He did email Clark. Clark is to contact PC Renewal regarding available dates in October after Forest Festival, those being 13, 20, 27, preferably earlier in the month. Jack will check with Rick Gage Thursday. We are trying to contact and involve Cindy Pace, with D&E's Environmental Studies program. Clark and Jack will coordinate on this issue after gathering the necessary information.
- Clark stated that we have paid nothing for the previous excess tonnage and no one has contacted him regarding that. The consensus is that we will not be charged since we have not been thus far.
- Joe stated he got a trailer from D&E and there was as much trash as recyclables in it when he picked it up. He would like to discuss that with someone. Jack stated he will see Rick from D&E this week.
- Tim proposed radio ads for 11th Street Recycling Center. He wants to talk about what materials are and aren't accepted, as well as glass location and details. Jack suggested radio and paper ads. Clark stated paper ads are most read on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and suggested once per week on a back page (not full back page). Jack made a motion to approve \$300 for one month of radio ads for Joe to talk about two things: 1) where the glass location is 2) what the proper items are to take to Joe's location. Tim added a third item: proper disposal (no burning, no dumping, no burying, etc.). Spinner seconded the motion. All were in favor with none being opposed. Motion granted. Clark is handling paper ads and just spending the money, likely a couple hundred dollars per Jack's estimate. Jack and Tim would like to know what will run. Clark will send templates of the material to members.
- Clark stated he has an appointment with Phil Isner about redoing the law on mandatory disposal. According to lawyers from PSC the law works. Jack stated it works in Pocahontas County and other places, but not here. Tim stated that approximately five years ago the magistrates and sheriff's department felt the law was written in a way that it could not be enforced. Jack stated that the WV Supreme Court just affirmed the law in Pocahontas County, as well as back pay. Clark stated that five years ago he and Tim put together a meeting with one of the heads of RCSWA and a member from Monongalia County. Tucker and Barbour Counties were invited to participate, along with Stewart Thayer and some others. The magistrates came, as well as those who helped write the law. The magistrates still stated it could not be enforced. It was decided to meet with Randolph County Commission about enforcing the law here in Randolph County and utilizing the Pocahontas County decision as precedence. Jack had the PSC Order with him.
- Angie reiterated the need for improved signage at Joe's 11th Street location, as addressed at last month's meeting. Jack suggested Appalachian Sign in Elkins as an affordable option. He will find out more about this since the Forest Service utilizes them. We will determine what wording is needed for the bins and inside of the building, then Clark can just spend the money since it will be a small amount.
- Spinner mentioned advertising with the Elkins Movie Theater. Angie will investigate pricing and report to members.
- Jack and Clark requested that Angie contact Jill to obtain Facebook page login information.
- Angie mentioned implementing PepsiCo Recycle Rally Program in Randolph County schools. Students and family members collect and weigh items, then turn them into RCSWA sites. Points are earned per pound of recyclables; schools are credited with points that can be exchanged for prizes from Pepsi, which is the incentive for schools. The program includes contests to design posters, containment bins, etc. to earn additional points. Efforts would need coordinated through educators and parent/teacher organizations. Jack asked if the program is time limited. It is ongoing. Everyone agreed it is better to wait until the REAP grant gets going for Joe. Everyone wanted to involve the Randolph County Board of Education, not go to each school separately, to discuss how educators, students and family members can participate in removing recyclables from the waste stream. We don't want to pick up the County school system without security of a place to dispose of that much bulk. Perhaps this is a project for winter. Angie will email links

to the program to members, and we will revisit how Randolph County School system can participate in recycling efforts at a later date.

- REAP meeting is September 25, and an answer should be known by the next RCSWA meeting if the grant is approved.
- Clark brought up the City of Elkins and RCSWA going in together on the glass project. There is now no need for an employee because of the hours. We've already made one payment. Should we ask for the money back? Jack asked if they have someone going in on Saturdays. Clark was not aware if they do or not. Jack thinks we are helping pay to have the glass taken out of town, and that we should talk to the City before asking for a refund. Tim stated that the City keeping track and monitoring was part of the deal. Jack stated there is no way the site can be monitored for \$12k annually, because monitoring would have to take place 24/7 and could not occur for that low of a cost. Tim stated if the program is working, he doesn't have a problem keeping up the funding. Jack agreed, noting that we have \$50k. Clark stated that originally we were going to be doing it twice a week, then the hours expanded. He is in favor of this, but now we are spending money when we don't know how many people outside city limits are benefiting from that. Jack specified new hours are 6am-3pm on week days and Saturday 6am - noon. Jack reiterated that it's well worth \$3-4k each quarter not to have the glass in the waste stream when both the City and RCSWA are contributing money. Clark suggested the possibility of trying to do something with glass in the outlying areas. Tim stated he felt the drop is enough since it's now open 5.5 days a week. He said most people come to town once a week anyway. Jack said people who care will find their way to it. Clark stated perhaps it's a problem of advertising. Jack states it's very little money to get the glass out of here, and a better option than the guy who collects it in boxes. Tim also feels we are ok, and that advertising will deal with the issue. Spinner states getting the word to people is critical. Tim voiced concerned about stopping the influx of trash at Joe's. Clark said it is fine to continue paying.

Clark made a motion to adjourn at 5:56 pm.

*Jack distributed Solid Waste Authority Administration manuals to all present members.

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