

Approved at the June 22, 2010 meeting

Flathead County Solid Waste District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 25, 2010 – **5:00 p.m.**
Landfill Office

1. Roll Call

Board Members present: Hank Olson, Chairman; Greg Acton, City of Whitefish; Jim Dupont, County Commissioner; John Helton, Member at Large; Alan Ruby, Member at Large and Wayne Miller, Board of Health. Absent: Bill Shaw, City of Columbia Falls.

District Staff present: Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Operations Manager Jim Chilton and Deborah Morine Recording Secretary.

Attendees: Mayre Flowers

2. Introductory Remarks from Chairman

Hank Olson welcomed everyone and noted that Bill Shaw was absent. He also challenged the Board to think of ways to help make the landfill “go green”.

3. Comments from public

There were no comments at this time.

4. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2010 - **Action Required**

Alan Ruby moved to adopt the minutes for the April 20, 2010 meeting. John Helton seconded. Motion passed.

5. Action Agenda

There were no items on the Action Agenda

6. Director’s Report

a. Container Site Consolidation Project – Highway 2 East (Nyack, Denny’s & Essex)

Discussions have occurred with Dan Vincent, director for Great Northern Environmental Stewardship Area (GNESA) trying to set up a meeting the week of May 24th. Dan has been in contact with Tim Manley, FWP, and multiple business owners in the canyon area. Matt O’Connell with Evergreen Disposal is also to attend the meeting. Dan and I have discussed the urgency in this meeting taking place to continue with the process for the District to consolidate our hauling services in the canyon.

Dave stated that the meeting will be held on June 3, 2010 at 1 p.m. at the QRU in Essex. Hank Olson asked if any of the board members need to attend. Dave said if they wish to attend, that would be fine, but it is not a mandatory meeting.

Dave also reported that he has requested lease renewals from the Montana Department of Transportation for the Bigfork and Lakeside container sites.

b. Phase 4A Excavation and 2010 North and East Slope Phase 1 Landfill Closure Project

Noble Excavating, Inc. has started the construction project. They have been mobilizing equipment to the site and have completed the clearing and grubbing of the Closure area. Noble has conducted a topographic survey of the closure area for review by the engineer. Their next major task is to construct the test pad with the onsite screened low permeability cover soils. The District's engineer will then run some permeability tests to make sure the processing and the construction methods meet the specifications. The tests take about a week or two. During this time the contractor will be screening material and excavating soils to stockpile, along with other minor tasks associated with the project.

Hank Olson asked Mayre Flowers to give an update on the Small Business Hazardous Waste Event and the E-Waste Event that took place last week.

Mayre reported that both events were successful. She stated there were less electronics collected than last year at the e-waste event, but there were several repeat customers and was well staffed. The Small Business Hazardous Waste Event had 16 business registered, but not all showed up. She also stated that the pharmaceutical take back program "Operation Medicine Cabinet Montana" will be held on June 5th. Jim showed the pill collection containers to the Board. Mayre stated the event has been well advertised in the Daily Interlake and the Flathead Beacon.

c. County Ordinance No. 8

The Board requested staff to include the Litter Ordinance in the April meeting agenda. Due to time constraints at that meeting the item was postponed to the May meeting. We have also included a letter we received from Lee Griswold on the subject when staff met with him on April 6th. Our annual spring ad campaign is currently running on the radio and we have focused on littering and securing your load as you drive to the landfill or container site. The spring cleaning of the highways has been occurring by the volunteers in the "Adopt a Highway" program organized by the Montana Department of Transportation.

There were discussions concerning not enough being done to make sure loads are secure and tarped while transported. More involvement from law enforcement and the judicial system is needed. The Board decided to keep this issue on the monthly agenda.

d. Cardboard Compactor – Columbia Falls Container Site Improvements

Staff has ordered the reconditioned Marathon cardboard compactor for the site. Solid Waste Systems in Spokane estimated six to eight week duration to provide the machine. Flathead Electric Cooperative has been out to the site and their engineering department is finalizing

their work. It appears that the power will come overhead from the site entrance along Best Way to the northwest corner where the compactor will be installed. Paul Murray, MurCon, will be installing the concrete slab and he is ready to mobilize to the site shortly after the power is installed. The signs modifying the sites hours of operation to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days/week have been installed. There have been some calls to the office regarding the change in operating hours but it has not resulted in an excessive volume of calls.

e. Refuse Operations

Operations proceeded well for the month. Tonnage/Volumes are shown below:

	<u>May</u>
Total MSW to landfill	7,679.22
Total Appliances Collected	460
Junk Vehicles Collected	11
Truck Trips to Container Sites	434
Refuse tons/trip	7.61

The District landfilled 9.8% less waste in April, 2010 as compared to April, 2009 and our refuse trucks hauled 15.6% less waste comparing the same time frame.

Gate revenue for fiscal year 2010 was projected to be \$850,000. In fiscal year 2009 the gate budget was \$1.2 million (amended to \$900,000 in the middle of the fiscal year) and we ended the fiscal year at \$940,842.50. Through April, 2010 (83% through the year) we have received \$642,899.57 (76% of budget). We are currently behind plan to meet the projected gate revenue. The gate represents approximately one quarter of the District's revenue stream.

f. Budget and Financials

Dave reviewed the budget and financial reports with the Board.

7. Comments from Board Members

Jim Dupont stated he has talked with the Kalispell Mayor who is interested in taking a tour of the landfill and generation plant.

Alan Ruby stated that FEC hired a new manager for the energy plant and asked if he was working well with the landfill. Jim stated he is doing great. Mayre Flowers stated that he did a good job giving tours to the school children.

Wayne Miller stated that Jim gave him a tour of the landfill and was impressed with the facility.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.