

**BLUE EARTH COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 21, 2011**

The Environmental Services Advisory Committee met on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at the GreenTech Recycling Facility at 4:00 pm. Present were: Dan Sargent, Joe Kubicek, Patty Woodruff and Charlie Hurd; Scott Fichtner and Dave Kronlokken of the Environmental Services Department. Not present were: Brooke McGuire, Kip Bruender and Gillia Olson. Also present from the Recycling Education Committee were Gretchen Kliewer, Amber Goblirsch and Sue Hytjan.

The Environmental Services Committee and the Recycling Education Committee met at GreenTech Recycling located at 205 West Spring Street, Mankato for a tour of their facility. The tour was led by Mr. Kash Kahn, President of GreenTech Recycling. At the beginning of the tour, Mr. Kahn took everyone to the conference room and introduced himself and his company. He outlined his business of recycling appliances, waste electronics and the growth of his business over the past year by describing the quantities of waste he has gotten and has been processing. He also listed the number of counties he has provided services to.

After the introduction, Mr. Kahn led the group through the various levels of his operation. He showed where the appliances were dismantled and Freon and other hazardous components are removed. He also showed where other processed materials were stored prior to shipment to other users. He led the group to the area where waste electronics are dismantled and separated into various components for shipping to recycling markets.

At the end, Mr. Kahn showed the group where materials were being stored prior to dismantling and indicated that he was hoping to expand his operation to make room for more storage and processing. He also described a little of his future goals for his company.

After thanking Mr. Kahn, the tour was completed around 5:10 pm.

The next advisory committee meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2011.