

BLUE EARTH COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 19, 2007

The Environmental Services Advisory Committee met on Thursday, July 19, 2007 in the Steamboat Room, Gov't Center at 3:45 pm. Present were: Joe Kubicek, Dan Sargent, Jack Considine, Kate Thompson and John Zehnder; Scott Fichtner, Vickie Finnegan, Bill Goebel and Jean Lundquist of the Environmental Services Department. Not present were: Wanda Winch, Kip Bruender and Patty Woodruff.

Dan Sargent, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Jack Considine moved and Kate Thompson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Jack Considine moved and Joe Kubicek seconded the motion to approve the May 17, 2007 minutes. The motion carried.

Kate Thompson, Youth-In-Government committee member, gave a slide presentation for her Science Fair Project entitled "What a Dump!" The Science Fair Project centers on the effects of Leachate Recirculation on Landfill Cells. Kate also had her presentation board and pictures for the committee to look at.

Bill Goebel, Environmental Services Department, gave a slide presentation on the Cedar Rapids Linn County Bioreactor Landfill in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Chair, Dan Sargent, had to leave for another meeting. Jack Considine presided over the remainder of the meeting.

There was no Recycling Education Report given at the meeting.

There was no Commissioner's Update report given at the meeting.

Scott Fichtner, Environmental Services, presented the following information:
Solid Waste, Recycling: Burn Barrel Grant, Message in a Bottle Program, E-Waste legislation-program, Oneida-Herkimer U.S. Supreme Court decision, Prairieland meeting; **Ponderosa Landfill:** New monitoring well (SLF-23A) installation in July, MVTL summer testing round, Spray application area, Foth and Van Dyke meeting, Scalehouse; **Hazardous Waste:** Truck purchase, Business bulb collection, Bulking

Building construction, Request to purchase some of the land behind the buildings, Pharmaceuticals; **Miscellaneous:** Nuisance complaints, Meth site cleanup, Feedlot permits, Budget process, New finance system, GovDelivery.com, ESRI International Users Conference, Electronic Permitting software.

The following informational articles were distributed: **Star Tribune** – “Garbage In, Profit Out”, “Temporary Relief: Italy Begins to Take Out the Trash”, “More Trash, Less Cash for Road Cleanups”, “E-Waste: Manufacturers Stepping Up”, “World’s Recycling Efforts Are Paying Off”, “Proposed Power Plant Looks Beyond Recycler”, “What Goes Upriver...Must Flow Down”, “Lovely but Impaired”, “Lobbying Effort Weakens U.S. Rules to Protect Some Wetlands”, “Court Ruling Navigates Development Questions”, “State, 3M Reach Agreement on Cleaning Groundwater”, “3M Chemical Detected in Nearly 100 Private wells”, “3M Cleanup Much Larger than Thought”, “Species List Endangered”, “Fired Scientist Says State Muzzled Him”, “States Take Lead to Halt Changes in Climate”, “More Lawns Are Going Native”, “A Cooler, Greener Dry-Cleaning Machine”; **Free Press** – “Businesses to Get Bulb Recycling Deal”, “Blue Earth County Signs on to E-Mail Subscription Information Program”, “Area Rivers Polluted by Pesticide”, “Concerned Citizens Haven’t Given Up On River”, “Choked Out”; **Waste News** – “Communications Weighing Flow Control Options”, “E-Waste Breach Filled”, “Tire Recycling Becoming a Lucrative Venture”, “EPA-Organized Study Targets Air Emissions From Livestock”; **Lake Crystal Tribune** – “CWP Addresses Water Quality in Area Lakes”; **Time Magazine** – “Take Your Planet to Work”; **Pierre Capital Journal** – “Global Warming: Possible Solution”.

Under Old Business, Kate Thompson moved and John Zehnder seconded the motion to table the review of the Advisory Committee by-laws to a later date. It was suggested that we could possibly go ahead with appointments of new members for the committee from the Commissioner District’s.

There was no New Business.

There will no advisory committee meeting in August.

The next advisory committee meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2007.

Joe Kubicek moved and Kate Thompson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm.