

**BLUE EARTH COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 18, 2010**

The Environmental Services Advisory Committee met on Thursday, November 18, 2010 in the Conference Room of the Environmental Services Department, at the Gov't Center at 3:45 pm. Present were: Dan Sargent, Kip Bruender, Joe Kubicek, Jack Considine and Gillia Olson; Scott Fichtner, Dave Kronlokken, and Vickie Finnegan, of the Environmental Services Department. Not present were: Brooke McGuire, Patty Woodruff.

Dan Sargent, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Jill Boyd, LJP Waste & Recycling, was introduced to the committee. Jill will be attending the meetings in the future for LJP.

Gillia Olson moved and Joe Kubicek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Joe Kubicek moved and Gillia Olson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2010. The motion carried.

Dave Kronlokken, Environmental Services, presented the committee with a report and video presentation on the Landfill Gas Management System at the Ponderosa Landfill.

Gillia Olson, Recycling Education Committee, gave the following report: Flower Pot Recycling in June, Farmers Market in September, County Fair in August and planning events for 2011.

Kip Bruender, County Commissioner, presented the following Commissioner's report: Vance Stuehrenberg elected as new commissioner, Drew Campbell & Will Purvis re-elected as commissioners, County Sheriff & County Attorney were also re-elected; Dennis McCoy, County Administrator is retiring December 31 – Katie Nerem appointed as interim County Administrator effective January 1, 2011; the levy was set at 1.9% for 2011 with the State Budget a big concern; the commissioners will have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on December 1st for a discussion on land use issues.

Jack Considine, City of Mankato Council member, reported that the City of Mankato is working on the budget for 2011. Jack informed the committee that he will be retiring from Blue Earth County on December 31st. He was also re-elected as a Mankato City Council member. He stated that this may be his last year serving on the Environmental Services Advisory Committee as he would like to serve on the Planning Commission for the City of Mankato next year.

Dave Kronlokken, Environmental Services Department, presented the following report: **Solid Waste, Recycling:** VINE tour of landfill and recycling center, Genesis Poly Recycling, Environ, Green Tech Recycling Solutions; **Ponderosa Landfill:** 2010 Cell Construction, Al-Jon Compactor, Meeting with consultant on future planning, Leachate management, Changed to winter hours; **Household Hazardous Waste:** Expanded hours for debris from summer storms, Assisted neighboring counties in HHW storm cleanup, Xcel Energy lamp collection for small businesses, Request to purchase property, Traffic flow improvements, New covers constructed for stormwater rules, Sentence-To-Serve crew bulking paint, Facility closed for 2010; **Miscellaneous:** Electronic Permitting System, MPCA enforcement of on-site demolition debris burial, Xcel Ash Landfill expansion. **The next scheduled meeting is January 20, 2011.**

The committee was introduced to Juno who is a service dog for Jean Lundquist. Jean gave the committee a brief history of how she received Juno and the training involved to become a service dog.

Jill Boyd gave the committee a history of her background and job with LJP Waste & Recycling in Commercial Business.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

Dan Sargent, Chair, hoped the committee members would have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season.

The next advisory committee meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2011.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:15 pm.