

**BLUE EARTH COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 17, 2011**

The Environmental Services Advisory Committee met on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at LJP Enterprises of North Mankato Facility at 4 p.m. Present on the tour were: Dan Sargent, Joe Kubicek, Patty Woodruff, Charlie Hurd, Peter Hurd and Kip Bruender; Scott Fichtner and Dave Kronlokken of the Environmental Services Department, and Bob Meyer, County Administrator. Not present was: Brooke McGuire.

The Environmental Services Advisory Committee met at LJP Enterprises of North Mankato located at 2160 Ringhofer Drive in North Mankato. The tour was led by Mr. Larry Biederman, President and owner of LJP Enterprises, LLP. Other staff from LJP were also on hand to assist with the tour and provide information. The LJP facility on Ringhofer Drive is a new facility, still being completed. LJP had just moved into the building the previous week. The facility provides for the consolidation of the various recycling ventures of LJP Enterprises, formerly conducted at several other locations, including St. Peter, Cleveland, and Le Center.

Mr. Biederman described the building and the operation to the Committee and then walked around the building, showing the various features and operation. The operation is primarily for commercial and industrial recycling, but does a small amount of residential. The building includes about 25 loading docks for receiving recyclables, and for shipping out processed recyclables to markets, as well as a shredder, a baler, and other equipment for processing and packaging recyclable commodities.

At the end of the tour, Mr. Biederman described additional features he intends to install in the building, and possible expansion opportunities for the future. The tour was complete around 5:15 p.m.