

Minutes

WASTE FACILITIES MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 5, 2009
APPROVED 2/4/10

Chairman Wolff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Brionne Bischke, Mr. Stan Bugnacki, Mr. Steven Carlson, Mr. Don Counter, Mrs. Karen Fiedler, Mr. Nick Ioder, Mr. Roland Kieffer and Mr. Marvin Wolff.

Mr. Dan Otzelberger representing Waste Management.

It was noted that the meeting was posted in accordance with the open meeting law.

GUESTS: Mr. J. W. Spear, Sr. and Mr. Jo Spear Jr. of J Spear Associates, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 6, 2009

Mr. Don Counter moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2009 meeting. Mr. Nick Ioder seconded. Upon a voice vote, the motion to approve the minutes carried.

NEW MEMBER:

Chairman Wolff advised that the Town of Raymond had appointed Mr. Stan Bugnacki to the committee. Mr. Bugnacki gave information on his background. He has been attending the meetings for about 2-3 years. He has been a Supervisor for the Town of Raymond. He has also attended the siting committee meetings for 2-3 years. One of his main interests is recycling. Committee members extended their welcome to Mr. Bugnacki. Mr. Roland Kieffer added his accolades, as he has known Mr. Bugnacki for a long time and will be an asset to the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

Mr. Jo Spear, Jr. stated that there are compiling the end-of-the-year audits for the end-of-the-year reports early so that they can hand over the final document at the last committee meeting of the year or the first meeting in the new year. As far as the audits, the site has greatly improved on the daily cover. They only do one end-of-day audit during the month. There still seems to be an issue relative to the daily cover when management is not on site. Mr. Otzelberger informed the committee that they have addressed the issue with the workers. On the whole, Mr. Jo Spear, Jr. stated the site has improved substantially since a year ago. He advised that they are in the process of training their technician, Anna Kracjcek, as an auditor. During the two years that she has been with their company, she has been doing the summaries and posting to the web site.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairman Wolff provided copies of the financial activity since the last meeting. As of the posted date of 10/31/2009, the committee had a balance of \$7,674.91. In reviewing the report, Mr. Carlson noted that the March 31, 2009 quarterly interest had still not been posted correctly. Chairman Wolff will check on this with the accountant. Expenses incurred were for costs involved with the well testing, committee attendance and secretarial services. **Mrs. Fiedler moved to accept the cash balance as presented. Mr. Carlson**

seconded. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried. Mr. Bischke moved, a continuation of the motion made at the last meeting, to direct the chairman to investigate the interest dated March 31, 2009 and report back to the committee at the next meeting. Mrs. Fiedler seconded. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.

BUSINESS

2009 Well Sampling Report

JSA Civil provided the report in 8.5"-11" page size except for the mapping. Committee members did appreciate this factor. The consultant printed the report in house and this kept the cost down. Waste Management had selected a new sampling and testing lab this year. The lab only sampled from exterior spigots with immediate contact with the wellhead. In some cases, they had to open some of the wellheads. Several people in Franklin have reverse osmosis systems for treating their water, which seems to be very effective. He mentioned the only constituents detected were chloroform and bromodichloromethane. These are bi-products of aggressive chlorination. This occurred in Mr. Knox's well and he was contacted and advised to contact a professional to treat his well. Iron and sulfate were detected in excess. Seventeen wells had iron concentrations higher than 0.3 milligrams per liter and six wells had sulfate concentrations equal to or greater than 250 milligrams per liter. There was nothing to indicate these were other than naturally occurring; however, one owner was advised to consider evaluating the current well construction. In addition, in the report, they identified a repeated trend in detections of dichlorodifluoromethane throughout the history of the annual well sampling. There were no detections this year so they are recommending if there is none found in 2010, it would only be recorded in the history. For next year, they are recommending that the mapping be done at the time of selection due to the location of some wells not being at the address of the property owner. Mr. Otzelberger advised that the property owners had been sent a letter on their well sampling results. **Mr. Bischke moved to accept the well sampling report as presented. Mr. Don Counter seconded. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.**

Odor Issues

Mr. Otzelberger reported that it has been a pretty quiet quarter relative to odor issues as their office has had no complaints since the last meeting. They feel they are doing a good job with their intermediate and daily cover. They added the 13 gas wells during July and August and he thought the gas system was running very efficiently right now. On his way to the meeting on Highway 45, Mr. Carlson stated he had noted an odor in the area and Mr. Kieffer had also noted an odor, actually the past two nights. **Mr. Brionne Bischke moved to accept the information as presented. Mr. Nick Ioder seconded. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.**

Emerald Ash Borer

Chairman Wolff presented information on the Emerald Ash Borer. He had also spoken at the Veolia committee meeting on the subject. The borer has been found in Franklin and the City of Franklin has appointed a sub-committee to deal with the issue. He noted that running the wood through a chopper does not kill the larvae. It has to be tub ground one inch or smaller. The other thing is that ash wood containing the borer is going to have to be yarded separately from all other materials coming to the landfill. As of yet, the sub-committee hasn't fully decided all the parameters that are going to be involved. It will be seen coming through the residential drop-off site and that is going to affect everybody. Mr. Kieffer thought that those that deal with firewood could sell it. Chairman Wolff stated that it can be sold if the wood is run through a process, a kiln dryer for 4 hours at 200 degrees and most of it has to be debarked. The Emerald Ash Borer lives in the feeder layer that is right under the bark. It does not bore into the ash wood itself. The City of Franklin is considering piling the debarked wood separately and then have a mill buy the wood for furniture as it is a good furniture wood. He shared that the City of Franklin has about 20,000 trees at curbside within the city. The city will deal with the trees as they recognize they are dying and not try to treat them because of the cost,

manpower, storage yards. Mr. Ioder mentioned applying for stimulus money and Chairman Wolff stated that they have a stimulus grant in the works. The Emerald Ash Borer goes after the larger trees over smaller ones, twelve inches in diameter. It lives for two years under the bark. By going into the smaller ones, it would eat the ring out and die itself because it cuts off the nutrients it needs to survive before it matures. Committee members had a lengthy discussion on the issue, including whether any controls could be effective. Chairman Wolff noted that the State of Michigan has imported two species of Asian wasps, a natural predator, to feed on the larvae. Mr. Counter shared that people he knows in Michigan cannot go outside their house because now they have a wasp problem. Chairman Wolff also shared that the Oak beetle is causing a problem in Green County. He added, that the woodpecker is after the larvae in the trees. Mr. Bischke questioned if Waste Management has established a plan or program for the borer. Otzelberger was not aware of any program. **Mr. Bischke moved to direct Waste Management to investigate within their organization if a program or plan has been established elsewhere and report back to the committee at the next meeting. Mr. Kieffer seconded. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.**

WM Reports

Mr. Otzelberger reported that the most significant operation was they are continuing to dress up some of the exterior slopes along 112 Street or County Line Road. They have graded the slopes and added some topsoil. They expect to do some seeding in the spring. They installed 13 new gas wells and the gas system has been working well. He highlighted some of the correspondence that has been exchanged since the last meeting. Of significance was the letters to the residents on their well samplings, O&M inspection report from the WDNR, reissue of operating licenses, completeness determination on the feasibility report, and the semi-annual environmental submittal. They have about 1.30 years of remaining site life with remaining capacity at 763,180 cy. Mr. Ioder mentioned he read an item in the paper about a \$75,000 fine for a piece of equipment that did not have proper permitting. Mr. Otzelberger stated that was correct and explained they were issued an OSHA violation earlier in the year for not properly filing for a construction permit for a new tub grinder that came on the site in 2005. Also, there was an issue with the temporary flare used because of the compressor failure. At the time, it was agreed they could bring the unit on line to control the odors and the gas. They operated it beyond the time when the compressor was repaired and did not properly apply for a construction permit again. It was felt this was an administrative issue on their end. He stated that whenever you change out a piece of equipment that is not identical to the original piece of equipment, a construction permit is required. **Mr. Bischke moved to accept the information. Mr. Ioder seconded. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Committee established the meeting dates for 2010 as February 4, May 6, August 5, November 4, (the first Thursday of these months). **Mr. Bugnacki moved to set the dates for 2010. Mr. Kieffer seconded. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.**

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 6:00 p.m. at the landfill site.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:04 p.m., Mrs. Fiedler moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bischke. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Stella Dunahee, CPS, Recording Secretary