

LOGAN COUNTY JOINT SOLID WASTE AGENCY

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Logan County Safety Complex – Blue Room

CALL TO ORDER: The Logan County Joint Solid Waste Agency met on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 in the Blue Room of the Logan County Safety Complex. Chairman Jim Struebing called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The following members were present: Pat O'Neill – Logan County, Andy Anderson – Logan County Alternate, John Utterback – Mt. Pulaski, Ivan Rademaker – Emden, Doris Last – Hartsburg and Agency Coordinator Michele Rohlf; a quorum was not present.

APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES: The May minutes were unable to be approved as there was not a quorum present.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: The June 2013 bills were presented for payment. Mr. Ivan Rademaker made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. John Utterback; all present approved.

OLD BUSINESS

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING/IL-EPA ELECTRONICS GRANT: The “button” to access information on the 2012 Electronics Ban and recycling options has been added to the online edition of Lincoln Daily News and one will be added to the Lincoln Daily Herald. Ms. Rohlf is still attempting to contact the Courier’s advertisement department to make arrangements for print ads.

IL-EPA GOVERNMENTAL TIRE COLLECTION: Ms. Rohlf reports she has still not been contacted by Earth Services regarding a date for the tire collection.

GLASS RECYCLING JUNE COLLECTION: Six thousand pounds of glass was collected in June. There was a steady stream of recyclers and plenty of volunteers were on hand.

BIN REPLACEMENT CAMPAIGN/DONORS: Ms. Rohlf informed the board that the Bin Replacement Campaign is not going as well as hoped. Response to the letters is not bringing in the expected donations, even though many of the businesses utilize the bins and other recycling services offered through the agency. Our total collected to date:

\$500 – State Bank of Lincoln	\$250 – Eaton Corporation
\$100 – Rohlf Implement Company	\$ 50 - New Holland Bank Center
\$ 35 - Donations collected during Glass Recycling events	

Area Disposal also waived the \$300 in Container Rent charges for May 2013 in lieu of a monetary donation to the Bin Replacement Campaign giving the Agency a total of \$1,235.

Minimally, Ms. Rohlf would like to purchase two 8-yard bins and two 4-yard bins. The two new 8 yard bins would be placed in Mt. Pulaski and in Atlanta for co-mingled materials. The 6-yard bins currently located in Mt. Pulaski and Atlanta would then be transported to Emden for paper and co-mingled materials. Ms. Rohlf would like to place two new 4-yard bins in Middletown, again for paper and co-mingled materials. The program would then be able to rotate remaining 2-yard bins for repairs as needed, possibly using the welding program at Lincoln Community High School for repair work.

Ms. Rohlf also spoke with Mr. Edward Woker, Advanced Disposal Service, who indicated their company would like to do something for the Agency. Ms. Rohlf is unsure if the company plans to donate bins or make a monetary donation, as company has not confirmed its intentions yet.

Mr. Andy Anderson asked about the cost of an 8-yard bin. Ms. Rohlfs replied that an 8-yard bin will cost approximately \$1,500. The Agency has previously purchased its containers from Key Equipment, St. Louis, MO, though Ms. Rohlfs has been given information on a company, Container Source, in Rushville, IL that also sells bins.

With the Bin Replacement Campaign not going as well as hoped, the question was asked whether it is time to consider an increase in the assessment rate. The Agency had committed to its membership that assessment rates would not be raised through FY 2014. The first Assessment Notices for the FY 2014 have been mailed to the membership and are due July 31st with second installments due October 31st. If board members decide to raise the assessment rate, the Agency will need to let the membership know before work begins on their 2015 budgets. An assessment increase would be needed to allow the agency to purchase a newer and larger truck for the recycling route. The Agency recycling truck currently has a 17-yard hopper, but needs a 20 yard hopper. A review of the current assessment rate and the need of a possible increase will be placed on the July agenda for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

VINTAGE TECH CONTRACT: A copy of the Vintage Tech Recyclers contract was included in tonight's handouts. The contract is two-year agreement between Vintage Tech and the Agency. Habitat for Humanities/Logan County will continue to use Advanced Technologies Recycling for their monthly electronics recycling. The Agency will not hold any electronic collection events as long as Habitat for Humanity continues their monthly collections.

A question was raised regarding cell phones which can also be recycled through Sojourn at the Logan County Courthouse. Sojourn re-programs the phones for distribution to victims of domestic violence for use in an emergency situation. A question was also asked about eyeglasses and hearing aids which can be recycled utilizing Lions Club collection boxes located at the Logan County Health Department and most optometric offices.

UNANNOUNCED NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Rohlfs met with Ms. Kathy Vinyard, City of Lincoln, along with Ms. Kim Huff and Ms. Jesse Rivera, Verallia-St. Gobain, to discuss glass recycling. Verallia – St. Gobain has placed a 1 –yard glass recycling container on factory property next to their offices. Additionally, Verallia- St. Gobain has made a request to the City of Lincoln to place a glass recycling container at the city's parking lot adjacent to the agency's bins. The Verallia-St. Gobain staff were not familiar with the agency's glass recycling program so Ms. Rohlfs gave them a history of the program and informed them that even though it's a small revenue stream, it is still income for both the Agency and the Women's Club. No changes will be made to the Agency's glass recycling collections at this time. A bin for glass recycling will most likely be placed uptown as the City of Lincoln expressed no objections.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM. The next board meeting of the Logan County Joint Solid Waste Agency will be Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Blue Room of the Logan County Safety Complex.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Pettus
Recording Secretary