

LOGAN COUNTY JOINT SOLID WASTE AGENCY

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

Logan County Safety Complex – Blue Room

CALL TO ORDER: The Logan County Joint Solid Waste Agency Board met on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 in the Blue Room of the Logan County Safety Complex. Chairman Jim Struebing called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the following members were present: Andy Anderson – Logan County Alternate, David Wilmert – Lincoln, Paul Lee – Elkhart, Fred Finchum – Atlanta, Ivan Rademaker – Emden, Doris Last – Hartsburg and Agency Coordinator Michele Rohlf; a quorum was present. Mr. Fred Finchum introduced his guest, Mr. Bill Moore who will serve as Atlanta's alternate board member in his absence.

JULY MINUTES: Chairman Jim Struebing asked if there were any questions or comments on the July minutes. Mr. Fred Finchum made a motion to accept the July minutes, seconded by Mr. David Wilmert; all present approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Chairman Jim Struebing read through the list of August bills presented for payment. Mr. Ivan Rademaker motioned to pay the August bills, seconded by Mr. David Wilmert; all present approved.

CITIZEN REMARKS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Ms. Rohlf reported that both the paper and co-mingled bins in Lincoln will be emptied tomorrow, August 22nd in preparation for the weekend's Art and Balloon Festival activities downtown. This move should ensure that there are no issues with the recycling bins.

Ms. Rohlf reports that she spoke with Mr. Don Peasley, Executive Committee President of the Lincoln/Logan Chamber of Commerce, regarding the Bin Replacement Campaign. They discussed the Agency activities, how the Agency is funded and the need for newer and larger bins. Also discussed was the usage of recycling bins by many local businesses and the low response to the Agency's appeal for support of the program. It was discussed that perhaps a business-to-business challenge could be initiated by the Chamber. Local businesses have taken advantage of recycling events over the years such as the confidential paper shredding and electronics recycling and if each business contacted had made a small donation, the Agency's initial replacement goal would have been met. Ms. Rohlf will develop some informational flyers for distribution to Chamber members.

Ms. Rohlf has confirmed that State Bank of Lincoln will again be underwriting the costs for a Confidential Paper Shredding event this fall. The paper shredding event will be held at the fairgrounds in conjunction with the last glass collection of the year. The date will be Saturday, October 12 from 9 AM to Noon.

OLD BUSINESS

GLASS RECYCLING: The Agency collected approximately 2 ½ tons of glass from both the July and August Glass Recycling events. Ms. Rohlf reports that St. Gobain has placed a 1-yard glass collection bin inside the gates at their facility (on Logan Street), but she hasn't had any further contact with plant regarding the placement of a glass recycling bin uptown.

The question was raised how St. Gobain was going to deal with glass collected with plastic rings still attached, lids, etc. Ms. Rohlf said she was unaware how St. Gobain was going to handle this matter, but did remark that contamination remains an issue at Agency collections.

Mr. Paul Lee stated that there are recycling programs in the area that accept glass, metal and plastics as co-mingled materials. Ms. Rohlf's responded that glass could go into our collection bins presently, but the glass recycling program provides a small income stream for both the Agency and the Lincoln Women's Club. Additionally, the Agency is currently being charged for the co-mingled materials by the ton and if glass were added to the co-mingled bins, it would increase the tonnage driving up processing costs. Payments received from paper recycling have been used to off-set the charges for co-mingled recycling. However this month no payments were received for paper so charges for co-mingled recycling were not offset.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING/IL-EPA GRANT: The two internet ads on Lincoln Daily News and Logan County Herald are up and running and the material is ready for the printed ad through the Lincoln Courier. The print ad and banner are the only items left to complete, then all of the Electronics Recycling grant money will be expended. This was a one-time grant from the Illinois EPA to help with the cost of advertising electronics recycling since the electronics ban went into effect January 2012.

ASSESSMENT RATE INCREASE: The members present at July's board meeting discussed a rate increase; proposing each municipality raise the assessment fee to \$4.00/person beginning fiscal year 2015. It is hoped that all members have had a chance to discuss this with their respective boards. Chairman Struebing stated that he and Ms. Rohlf's met with the Logan County Board during budget talks and received no complaint regarding the proposed increase. Assessments would be due July 31st and October 31st 2014 for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2014 (FY15). The Funding Proposal was included in last month's packet. Chairman Struebing stated the Agency should have the signed proposals from all members before a vote is taken on the increase. It was decided to put the increase proposal on the agenda early so that all members would have a chance to discuss it with their respective boards and, if accepted, members would have time to incorporate it into their budgets. It is hoped that all proposals will be signed and returned by the October meeting.

Mr. Fred Finchum asked if the agency's office had been wired for internet service yet. Ms. Rohlf's stated internet and email are both accessible and the Agency's new email address is on the Member List included in tonight's packet.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 14 ASSESSMENT COLLECTIONS: Ms. Rohlf's reports that Broadwell, Middletown and New Holland have paid their assessments in full. First installments have been received from all other members with the exception of Hartsburg. Ms. Doris Last states that she receives the mail for the Village of Hartsburg at PO Box 79 and has not received a copy of an assessment. Ms. Rohlf's said that she would mail copies of the assessment and Funding Proposal to Ms. Last tomorrow. Second installment letters have been sent and the Agency is awaiting those payments.

AGENCY TRUCK: A copy of the Vehicle Repair Log maintained on the Agency's 1996 International Harvester was included in tonight's board member packets. The Agency purchased the vehicle from Lake Area Disposal (Spfld) in August 2003 for \$5,000. An additional \$600 was spent on repairs so the truck could pass the safety inspection. The truck's mileage at time of purchase was approximately 73,000 miles. All major repair work is documented on the log (listed by parts & labor costs). Minor work (changing bulbs, replacing fuses) that is done by the driver is not listed on the log. Over the last 10 years, \$39,632.10 has been expended on repairs.

MONTHLY CASH FLOW BALANCE SHEET: As of the end of August 2013, the balance sheet shows a Cash Balance of \$62,509.94. This is misleading as this total includes monies collected as part of the 2014 assessments. FY 13's cash balance is approximately \$17,349.44. Since expenditures are averaging

around \$8,600/month, it appears the Agency will need to use some of FY 14's funds before the beginning of the fiscal year on December 1st.

Ms. Rohlf continues to post information and reminders on upcoming recycling events on the Agency's Facebook page. Ms. Rohlf encourages board members to "like" the page. She recently posted pictures from this year's entries in the Recycled Materials division of the Fine Art Department at the Logan County Fair. Additionally, Ms. Rohlf posted a "Recycling Retrospective" of the past fair entries of Board Member, Ivan Rademaker.

Ms. Rohlf reminded the board members there will not be a meeting in September; the next meeting will be October 16, 2013 in the Blue Room of the Logan County Safety Complex.

Mr. Ivan Rademaker motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Fred Finchum. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Pettus
Recording Secretary