

LOGAN COUNTY JOINT SOLID WASTE AGENCY

March 18, 2015

Logan County Safety Complex

CALL TO ORDER: The Logan County Joint Solid Waste Agency Board met on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 in the Blue Room of the Logan County Safety Complex. Chairman Struebing, New Holland, called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and asked that the roll be called; the following members were present: Andy Anderson – Logan County Alternate, John Utterback – Mount Pulaski, Bill Moore – Atlanta, Ivan Rademaker – Emden, Doris Last – Hartsburg and Michele Rohlfs – Agency Coordinator; a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2015 MINUTES: Chairman Struebing asked if there were any comments on the February 2015 minutes; none noted. Mr. Ivan Rademaker motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. John Utterback; all present approved and the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Ms. Rohlfs spoke on the processing fees paid to Midwest Fiber for January 2015 co-mingled materials. Ms. Rohlfs reports that paper taken to Midwest Fiber for processing usually generates a credit; that credit then offsets the cost of processing for co-mingled items, but it was inadequate to cover costs in January. Mr. Utterback motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Mr. Anderson; all present approved and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Ms. Rohlfs reports that she been contacted by Jessica Lema of the Lincoln Courier who wants to do an article on the recycling within the county. Ms. Rohlfs, along with Chairman Struebing will schedule a meeting with her in the near future. Ms. Rohlfs also states that she needs to submit her annual "Recycling Etiquette" news release to the Courier as well as the on-line papers due to seasonal increases in the amount of materials and recent incidents of non-recyclable materials being placed in bins.

OLD BUSINESS

LOGAN COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR: This year's Logan County Community Health Fair will be held March 28th at the Lincoln Park District facility. Ms. Rohlfs has posted information on the Agency's Facebook page regarding confidential paper shredding and glass recycling; news releases have been sent to the local newspapers and online papers about the recycling opportunity. Members of the Lincoln Women's Club who will again be co-sponsoring this year's glass recycling program will be working the collection. Glass recycling and paper shredding will be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the front parking lot of LCHS. Ms. Rohlfs will spend her time between the Agency's table inside the Health Fair and outside assisting with the glass recycling and confidential paper shredding.

TIRE COLLECTION / GOVERNMENTAL UNITS: Ms. Rohlfs received a message today from Todd Marvel of the IL-EPA; she will contact him tomorrow regarding the two dates submitted for the tire collection - May 13th or May 20th. The collection will be held at the Logan County Fairgrounds and approval has been received from the Logan County Fair Board Association. The collection hours will be 7 AM to noon. This collection is for local units of government only and those bringing in tires will be required to assist with unloading and stacking tires.

LOGAN COUNTY JOINT SOLID WASTE AGENCY RESOLUTION – 2017 Renewal Date: In 1997, the Logan County Joint Solid Waste Agency was created to develop a comprehensive waste management plan, and to oversee the collection of recyclable materials within Logan County as required under the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act (415 ILCS 15/1 et seq). Members from nearly every municipality and the unincorporated areas within Logan County signed a 20-year Intergovernmental Agreement to form the Agency; that intergovernmental agreement will expire in June of 2017. LCJSWA board members have been encouraged to begin discussions with their respective city and village boards regarding the future of the Agency; the State mandate has not changed. Chairman Struebing suggested the possibility of forming a committee to come up with possible scenarios that members could take back to their respective boards, such as: The Agency needs a newer and larger truck, are communities willing to

pay more in the future for such a purchase? Would they rather have a private agency take over? Should the funding structure be changed, where each household pays a fee rather than the municipality? Should some routes be consolidated? Chairman Struebing suggested a committee be formed to develop a series of "talking points" and scenarios to distribute to board members. Ms. Rohlfs suggested that the article being done by the Courier would be a good place to start getting the message out to the public. Mr. Moore stated that he would be willing to serve on the committee as did Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson asked about the option of holding a county-wide referendum on the future of the agency and funding with the possibility of getting it on the 2016 ballot. Most board members present felt this would be the Agency's best alternative. The Agency would need to determine how many households are in the county, projected agency expenses, fee/assessment amounts and how fees/assessments would be collected. Mr. Anderson said he would do some research about the referendum process and will share that information at next month's meeting.

UNANNOUNCED NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Rohlfs reports that she had submitted a number of items to David Doolin, webmaster for the Logan County website on February 26th and the site still has not been updated.

Ms. Rohlfs also thanked Mr. Anderson for his assistance in obtaining a new computer for the Agency; the new computer has been ordered.

Ms. Rohlfs recently spoke with Advanced Technology Recycling (ATR) about holding a 1-day electronics collection to include TVs and computer monitors. ATR responded that TVs and computer monitors could again be collected at the monthly HFH collections as the state recycling quotas for manufacturers had reset as of January 1st. The collections should be able to continue through the summer or until 2015 recycling quotas are met. As in the past, there would be no charge to the consumer for the recycling of TVs or monitors. Ms. Rohlfs serves on the Habitat for Humanity board and has requested that expanding electronics collection to again include TVs and computer monitors be added to HFH April board meeting agenda. The collection of TVs and computer monitors would be advertised on a month-to-month basis. Currently, there are no options for recycling TVs and computer monitors within the county. TVs and monitors can be taken to any area Best Buy or to BHL in Springfield. Mr. Moore stated that Atlanta is going to hold a city-wide cleanup and is seeking options for handling electronics. Ms. Rohlfs said that the Habitat board meeting is scheduled for April 7th and she should have an answer after that date.

ADJOURNMENT: With tonight's business concluded, Mr. Ivan Rademaker motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Doris Last; all present approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Pettus
Recording Secretary