

LOGAN COUNTY JOINT SOLID WASTE AGENCY

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Logan County Safety Complex – Blue Room

CALL TO ORDER:The Logan County Joint Solid Waste Agency board met on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 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: Pat O'Neill – Logan County, Andy Anderson – Logan County Alternate, Peggy Lee – Elkhart, John Utterback – Mt. Pulaski, Bill Moore – Atlanta, Ivan Rademaker – Emden, Doris Last – Hartsburg, David Wilmert – Lincoln and Michele Rohlfis – Agency Coordinator; there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES: Chairman Struebing asked if there were any comments or corrections to the November minutes; there were none noted. Mr. Ivan Rademaker moved to approve the November minutes, seconded by Mr. Pat O'Neill. All present approved; motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Chairman Struebing read through the December bills to be paid. Mr. Pat O'Neill motioned to pay the December bills, seconded by Ms. Peggy Lee. All present approved; motion carried. Chairman Struebing then read through the January bills to be paid. Mr. John Utterback motioned to pay the January bills, seconded by Mr. Ivan Rademaker. All present approved; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF FY 14 BUDGET: Prior to a vote on the FY14 Budget, Chairman Struebing asked members if there were any questions. Ms. Peggy Lee noted that the total expenditures for the FY 14 budget surpass the projected revenues by almost \$10,000 and wondered if some of the monies from the proposed assessment increase would be used to make up the short-fall. Ms. Rohlfis responded that the funds received from the proposed FY 15 Assessment Rate increase won't be collected until July and October of this year; the \$89,049 based upon the FY 14 assessments and has already been collected and deposited. Ms. Rohlfis also stated that she doesn't participate in the county's health insurance program, however the coverage amount (\$6,193) is budgeted each year in the event that a new Agency Coordinator would be hired that didn't have insurance. Mr. Ivan Rademaker motioned to approve the FY 14 budget, seconded by Mr. Pat O'Neill. Chairman Struebing asked that a roll call vote be taken. All present approved; the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ASSESSMENT RATE INCREASE: All member 2014 LCJSWA Funding Proposals have been received with the exception of Broadwell; all proposals received approved the \$1.00 assessment rate increase. Chairman Struebing again asked that a roll call vote be taken. All present approved; the motion passed. Assessments with the new rate increase will be sent out later this year with collection dates of July and October 2014.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING/2013 IL-EPA ELECTRONICS RECYCLING GRANT: The \$2,000 grant received from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has been fully expended. The Final Report to the State has to be submitted by February 1st. Chairman Struebing reviewed the report prior to tonight's meeting. Habitat for Humanity – Logan County reports that a total of 144,205 pounds of electronics was collected during the calendar year 2013.

UPDATE ON DRIVER STATUS: Mr. George Fishburn, Agency Driver, met with a representative from the Veteran's Administration on Tuesday, January 14th. Mr. Fishburn's medical evaluation and treatment are tied to his service related disability claim. Mr. Fishburn served in an artillery unit and some of his hearing loss may be related to that service; the claim is currently being reviewed in Chicago. Mr. Fishburn was told it takes about 120 days to process a claim. Mr. Ron Robertson will continue as the Agency Driver with Mr. Fishburn assisting on the route.

2014 IL-EPA ELECTRONICS RECYCLING GRANT: Ms. Rohlf's informed the board that the Agency's application for the 2014 Electronics Recycling Grant to promote the responsible recycling of electronics has been approved. Ms. Rohlf's will again purchase electronic and print ads with the grant money. Ms. Rohlf's will inquire if Facebook ads can be purchased as part of the advertising package.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT ON COMPARISON OF FUNDING SOURCES/PROGRAM OPTIONS: Ms. Rohlf's did a comparison study on funding sources and program options of surrounding counties that are rural and similar in size and population; see the handout included with tonight's materials. Most counties offer curbside recycling in some of their larger towns but none of the counties offer what Logan County does with the countywide drop-off boxes, monthly electronics recycling, glass recycling and other special events such as Confidential On-Site Paper Shredding.

In December, the "We Are Lincoln" group discussed how to return citywide curbside recycling to the city. Ms. Rohlf's told the group the Agency would support that effort. When Area Disposal began charging for curbside recycling in Lincoln, people didn't stop recycling – they simply began taking their recyclables to the agency's drop-off bins. The increase in materials collected at the site has put a strain on the Agency's budget since the bins have to be pulled more often. In warmer weather months, Lincoln's co-mingled bin has to be pulled about every 5 days.

UNANNOUNCED NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Rohlf's informed the board she had a few items to relate:

- A \$50 check has been received from Family Medical Center as reimbursement of the drug test not completed as part of Mr. Fishburn's IDOT physical
- Two rear tires on the passenger side of the truck were replaced
- Ms. Rohlf's was contacted by Rick Charron of Charron's Auto Repair. The business is interested in sponsoring an oil and battery collection in observance of Earth Day. A tentative date of April 26, 2014 has been set. Ms. Rohlf's told Mr. Charron that the agency would assist in publicizing the event
- Ms. Rohlf's reports that Vicki Dugan, Logan County Treasurer, contacted her regarding the \$6,000 CD held by the Agency; Ms. Rohlf's, with approval from Chairman Struebing, instructed Ms. Dugan to renew the CD
- Ms. Rohlf's informed the board that she will be having knee surgery on January 22nd. During her recuperation, she will be available by phone and email.

Chairman Struebing thanked Mr. Dave Wilmert for his service to the Agency. Mr. Wilmert has resigned from the Lincoln City Council and tonight will be his last LCJWSA Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Dave Wilmert motioned to adjourn the meeting at this time, seconded by Mr. Ivan Rademaker. All present approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Pettus
Recording Secretary