

Chisago County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes: June 9, 2017

Members Attending: Mike Robinson, Rick Green, Janelle Troupe, Lisa Thibodeau, Kurt Schneider, Nate Feine, Dave Hoefler, Terry Flor, Kristy Dreckman, John Dreckman, Dale Bergfalk, Rick Prah, Rick Nelson

- I. Lisa Thibodeau called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- II. Minutes from the meeting held on 12/8/16 were handed out.
- III. Unfinished Business: None
- IV. New Business:
 - a. ECSWC: Update – Director Janelle Troupe. The CPI increase from last year was charged incorrectly and so a refund check went out to all contracted haulers. Construction is underway for a new leachate pond at the landfill in Mora, and in August, a new scale will be installed. It has been very busy at all the facilities. A needle at the Cambridge transfer station stuck a scale operator, leading to a discussion on proper packaging of sharps by trash customers in order to avoid this kind of situation; FYI to the group – it was also immediate workers comp call and has to go into the OSHA 300 log. Janelle asked the county to send out an MCIT SW Safety document that she had just received, to the group so that they could do their own safety review.
 - b. County: Update – SWA Lisa Thibodeau reported that the county had looked at the hauler subsidy program as requested by the group at the previous December 2016 meeting. Director Kurt Schneider reported that as part of the review, Nate Fiene, a county intern and Master's student, was asked to analyze and give a presentation on the data, including different options to consider going forward. There was group discussion on the data, including that it was important for trucks to properly identify which county the waste was coming when at the transfer station, and that demo weight is being counted as MSW weight at the transfer stations and so may be diluting the county's recycling percentage. If these categories were separated, the recycling would probably be a higher percentage of the MSW than it is showing currently. Janelle said the transfer stations could start recording demo weights separately from MSW, and this could be analyzed for next December's meeting to see if it makes a difference in the recycling rate. The group also discussed ways to better communicate recycling info with customers: colored flyers in bills, email blasts, county articles about eliminating contamination from recycling carts or proper disposal of sharps, etc.
- V. Next Meeting Date: December 14, 2017, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., at the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- VI. Meeting adjourned approximately at 2:55 p.m.