



COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

**April 5, 2012
MINUTES**

**Earl G. Woodworth Building
Board Chambers
1500 Scribner Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Vonk, Koorndyk Byl, VanderMolen
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Rolls, Groenleer, Shroll
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Douglas G. Wood, Director; Dan Kendall, Finance Division Director; Dennis Kmiecik, Solid Waste Division Director; Linda Howell, Assistant Corporate Counsel; Elissa Soto, Office Administrator; Jon Denhof, KC Purchasing Division

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vonk at 8:00 a.m. He noted that Commissioners Groenleer and Shroll were absent giving prior notice.

Commissioner Vonk asked for clarification of the Board of Public Works Standing Rules. He asked whether a simple majority meant the majority of the Board or the majority of a quorum. The question was directed to Linda Howell, Assistant Corporate Counsel. She stated that it depended on what the Board is voting on. She believes the BPW goes by the simple majority of the quorum. She will research this to be certain.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. March 1, 2012/BPW Meeting

Commissioner Vonk noted that he was not marked as being present at the March 1 and March 15 meetings. Correction was noted and changes were made to the minutes.

B. March 7, 2012/Solid Waste Plan Amendment Public Hearing

C. March 15, 2012/BPW Meeting

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner VanderMolen and supported by Commissioner Byl to approve the minutes of the March 1, March 7 Solid waste Plan Amendment Public Hearing, and the March 15 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Administration

A. Election Polling Site

Director Wood requested authorization to sign a Polling Lease Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids to use the Recycling and Education Center as an election polling site from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Lauri Parks, City Clerk, City of Grand Rapids contacted the Director for a tour of the Recycling and Education Center. The City is looking for a new election polling site that was handicap accessible. In this area residents normally use an area church during the election, many which are not handicap accessible. Since the Recycling Facility has an elevator, it can accommodate such need. After the tour she was very interested in using the facility as a polling site and believed that it would accommodate those in the community as well as give residents the opportunity briefly view and tour the facility.

Commissioner VanderMolen questioned whether there would be sufficient parking. Staff believes that there will be with the availability since voters will be rotating in and out of the building.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner VanderMolen to authorize Director to sign a Polling Lease Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids to allow the City of Grand Rapids to use the Recycling and Education Center for an election polling site from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Solid Waste Operations

A. South Kent Landfill

1. Contaminated Soil Fee

Director Wood requested approval to expand the current rate range of \$27.00 - \$35.00 per ton to \$16.00 - \$35.00 for Contaminated Soils, Foundry Sands, Saw Dust, and Ash at the South Kent Landfill.

The Board of Public Works reviews and approves disposal rates for items disposed at the facilities annually in October. The Department currently has an approved disposal rate range of \$27.00 - \$35.00 per ton for non-hazardous contaminated soils.

Staff is recommending expanding the current rate so the South Kent Landfill can accept non-hazardous contaminated soils at a lower rate. These soils can be used in place of natural soils excavated from the site for daily cover. All soils must be classified as non-hazardous before acceptance through required tests. These types of soil are used for daily cover.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner VanderMolen and seconded by Commissioner Byl to authorizing the Director to execute 1-year lease extensions for the properties located at 1379 146th Avenue, Dorr Michigan and 10684 Clyde Park Road, Byron Center Michigan.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. 451 Plan

1. Solid Waste Plan Amendment

Approval was requested to authorize revisions to the Solid Waste Plan Amendment following the public hearing and comment period.

The Board of Public Works serves as the designated planning agency for the process of amending the County Solid Waste Plan. The Solid Waste Plan Committee meeting held March 22 approved a motion stating that plan changes are necessary based on comments received. Due to significant public interest in the Solid Waste Plan Amendment staff is recommending changes be made to the plan amendment.

There was no further discussion on this item.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner VanderMolen and seconded by Commissioner Byl to recognize that changes to the Solid Waste Plan Amendment are necessary and further direct staff to move forward with preparing changes for consideration by the Solid Waste Plan Committee during the 90-day public comment extension period ending June 15, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Approval of Monetary Outlays

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk to approve the Monetary Outlays for April 2012.

VII. Director's Report

A. Legislation

1. Yard Waste Bill

This Bill has passed the House and has moved on to the Senate. Although the Department feels it is not good public policy to pass the Bill, it wants to be sure that if it is accepted, delivery to the Waste to Energy facility is included. If yard waste is allowed in the landfill it should also be allowed at the WTE. Senator Mark Jansen and State Representative Roy Schmidt have been a great deal of help in this process.

2. Senate Bills 939-942 Environmental Leader Designation

Director Wood would like the Board of Public Works to support this Bill. The Environmental Leader Program is similar to the Clean Corporate Citizen and it recognizes entities that operate their facilities in an environmentally friendly manner and do this on their own.

3. Solid Waste Plan Committee meeting dates

A new chair was elected at the last Solid Waste Plan Committee meeting. With the Chair, the Department has outlined a plan on how to proceed with changes to the Amendment. A

small work group has been formed to work on suggested edits and bring those recommendations to the full committee. The Department feels that the additional 90 days will be sufficient to make changes that will benefit both haulers and the County.

Board members suggested that the Director continue to speak about the Plan Amendment to various councils and township offices so that they have a clear understanding of the changes that the Department is proposing. It seems that many are misunderstanding the suggested changes and addition and with some explanations understand the concept that is being proposed.

4. June Board Meeting Guest

Jim Warner, President of SWANA will be visiting the Board at its June meeting. The Director welcomes this as a great opportunity to gain and share ideas about how to best structure the Department.

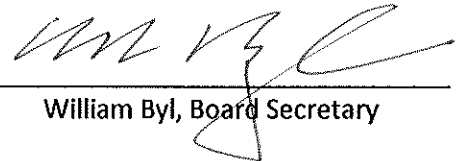
VIII. Miscellaneous

A. Sports Commission

Director Wood and Commissioner VanderMolen briefly discussed the possibility of purchasing two homes on 10 Mile Road to acquire the land for the Sports Commission. Director Wood stated that the Department will have the homes appraised and a recommendation will be brought to the Board if the Department believes it should purchase the properties. One home is vacant and one is occupied.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.



William Byl, Board Secretary