

LOGAN COUNTY JOINT SOLID WASTE AGENCY

Wednesday, October 16, 2013
Logan County Safety Complex – Blue Room

CALL TO ORDER: The Logan County Joint Solid Waste Agency Board met on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 in the Blue Room of the Logan County Safety Complex. Chairman Jim Struebing called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and the following members were present: David Wilmert – Lincoln, John Utterback – Mt. Pulaski, Ivan Rademaker – Emden, Doris Last – Hartsburg, Bill Moore – Atlanta and Agency Coordinator, Michele Rohlfs.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES: Chairman Struebing asked if there were any questions or comments on the August minutes; there were none. Mr. Ivan Rademaker motioned to accept the August minutes, which was seconded by Mr. David Wilmert; all present approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Chairman Struebing read the September bills presented for payment. Mr. John Utterback motioned to pay the September bills, seconded by Mr. Ivan Rademaker; all present approved. Chairman Struebing then read the October bills presented for payment. Mr. John Utterback motioned to pay the October bills, seconded by Mr. Ivan Rademaker; all present approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: While Ms. Rohlfs was on vacation last month, the agency truck was stopped by the IL Secretary of State police. At that time it was determined that Mr. George Fishburn, Agency driver, was lacking proper medical certifications related to licensing requirements for the vehicle. No citations were issued, but Mr. Fishburn was prohibited from driving the truck. Mr. Ron Robertson, Agency substitute driver, immediately assumed driving duties for the truck.

Mr. Fishburn did not pass his IDOT physical this month as he failed the hearing portion of the physical. In an effort to obtain hearing aids, Ms. Rohlfs has assisted Mr. Fishburn in contacting Veteran's Affairs Department. It appears that the VA may be able to assist Mr. Fishburn and he is currently in the process of applying for services. Until, Mr. Fishburn is able to pass the physical, Mr. Ron Robertson will serve as the Agency's driver. Mr. Fishburn will continue to work substituting for Ms. Rohlfs on the route. Ms. Rohlfs will be seen by an orthopedic surgeon next week to be evaluated for possible surgery on her right knee. If surgery is deemed necessary, Ms. Rohlfs would have to be replaced on the route during her recuperation.

Ms. Rohlfs also noted that on the October 2013 bills under Item/Service Description, the amount for Atlanta container rent should read \$50 not \$500. Additionally, Ms. Rohlfs reported the following truck maintenance and repairs were completed including: two new rear driver's side tires, complete brake job (both sides/rear), replacement of a leaking hose on the transmission and replacement of the throttle cable due to kinks in the line.

OLD BUSINESS

GLASS RECYCLING – SEPT/OCT/YEARLY TOTAL: The last Glass Recycling Collection for the year was held Saturday, October 12th. September's and October's collections averaged approximately 6,000 pounds each with a yearly total of 48,000 pounds. The Agency is awaiting the issuance of the last check from Verallia-St. Gobain.

Ms. Rohlfs reports that she contacted Jesse Rivera, Verallia's EHS Manager, to inquire how the on-site glass recycling collection is working and if Verallia was proceeding with plans to place a glass recycling bin on the City of Lincoln's parking lot near the agency's recycling bins. Ms. Rivera reports that everything with the bin at the plant seems to be going good. Ms. Rivera reports there have been no further discussions regarding the placement of a bin downtown and Verillia needs to re-visit the proposal.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING/IL-EPA RECYCLING GRANT: The \$2,000 in grant funds has nearly been expended. There are still print ads to run in both the Lincoln Courier and the Lincoln Shopper. Ms. Rohlfs is considering the placement of an ad in November prior to Christmas and another ad in January following Christmas to promote the responsible recycling of electronics. Ads continue to run daily on Lincoln Daily News and the Logan County Herald sites. Ms. Rohlfs is seeking quotes on a banner for electronics recycling similar to the one used for glass. Ms. Rohlfs also informed that Agency Board that she will be applying for a 2014 grant in the same amount to again promote electronics recycling.

ASSESSMENT RATE INCREASE: Ms. Rohlfs reports that she has received signed Rate Increase Proposals from the following members: Hartsburg, Elkhart, Atlanta, New Holland, Mt. Pulaski and Emden. Mr. David Wilmert, Lincoln, said there had been a question at the Lincoln City Council meeting regarding the Agency's funding. Ms. Rohlfs who attended last night's City Council meeting to answer questions told the council that the Agency's primary source of funding is from the \$3.00 per capita assessments. Members collect and pay their assessments with the County of Logan paying for all unincorporated areas. The Agency also receives \$200 in license fees and approximately \$2,300 in glass proceeds (\$846) from Verallia-St. Gobain and recycling rebates (\$1,400) from Midwest Fiber.

With the exceptions of the City of Lincoln and the villages of Middletown and Broadwell; signed proposals have been received from all other members. Broadwell has not had a representative on the board for over a year. Ms. Rohlfs will continue to work towards obtaining signed proposals from all members.

NEW BUSINESS

CONFIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING: Confidential Paper Shredding was held in conjunction with the last Glass Recycling Collection of the year. Approximately 2,180 pounds of shred was collected which is down from prior collections. Ms. Rohlfs is hopeful that State Bank of Lincoln will sponsor Confidential Paper Shredding at next spring's Health Fair. The shred truck costs \$250/hour to rent, so State Bank's sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

FY 14 ASSESSMENT COLLECTIONS: The City of Lincoln has yet to pay its 2nd installment which is due October 31st. All other assessments have been paid in full.

UNANNOUNCED NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Rohlfs reports that Midwest Fiber has announced the purchase of the 20,000 square foot former Central Illinois Food Bank facility in Springfield; Midwest Fiber currently recycles 4.5 million pounds of material a week through its plants located in Decatur and Normal. This purchase may provide the Agency with the option of taking materials to Springfield instead of Normal depending on the mileage to each site.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Ivan Rademaker motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Doris Last. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

The next meeting of the Logan County Joint Solid Waste Agency will be November 20th in the Blue Room of the Logan County Safety Complex.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Pettus
Recording Secretary