

Summary of Meeting
Moniteau County Recycling Committee
City Hall Meeting Room, California, MO
“Open Meeting”
Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Brian Baker, California MO
Michael Baker, California MO
Sue Denny, Village of Lupus
Mayor Norris Gerhart, City of California
Cindy Jolly, Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District, Region H
Joni Loganbill, Loganbill Enterprises in Latham
Eli McDonald, City of Tipton
Karla Pettigrew, St. Andrew School
Carol Rackers, Moniteau County Fair Board
Charles Rackers, Rackers Mfg. in California
Commissioner Kim Roll, Moniteau County
Dave Saunders, Boonslick Industries, Inc.
Brian, Scrivner, City of California
Terri Steffes, Moniteau Public Schools

Commissioner Kim Roll called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees, and asked for approval of agenda. Agenda received unanimous approval. He provided information about the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District and their goals to expand waste reduction and recycling opportunities to its eight counties, which includes Moniteau. (Commissioner Roll serves on the Executive Board and Council of the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District (MMSWMD)). He explained that the District has provided one day events for the collection of waste tires, electronic waste, and household hazardous waste materials that were well attended by residents of California, Tipton and other communities in Moniteau County.

Cindy Jolly, MMSWMD Manager, elaborated on the District’s Plan updated in October 2009 to offer grant opportunities for rural recycling services and household hazardous waste collection facilities in each of the District’s eight counties. She said the objective of today’s meeting was to assemble key persons in Moniteau County to determine the structure and goals of the Moniteau County Recycle Committee. Would the committee be interested in setting/accomplishing goals to expand recycling, promote/create green jobs, and provide an option for safe collection/disposal of household hazardous waste materials? She mentioned there were many new faces in the room and requested the conversation begin with each person introducing themselves and providing what recycling opportunities were currently available to them.

Sue Denny, Village of Lupus, stated she and her neighbors are very interested in acquiring recycling containers for their community as well as in Jamestown. She wasn’t aware of any collection bins currently in her area.

Mike Baker announced that he and his brother, Brian who was also in attendance, operate Two Brothers Scrap Metal Company. They pick up scrap metal, appliances, and car parts within a 50 mile area; then they dismantle and separate metals to sell to scrap yards. The telephone number is 573-694-9125.

Karla Pettigrew said that St. Andrew School recycles cardboard and paper. They would like to see plastic recycling.

Eli McDonald, city of Tipton, announced that Tipton now has a recycling services contract with Allied Waste. They have a container for plastics #1 and #2.

Carol Rackers serves on the Moniteau County Fair Board and stated recycling will be offered at the Moniteau County Fair this coming August. She asked Ms. Jolly about the bins and Mr. Saunders, Boonslick Industries, about collection of the materials. Ms. Jolly says the city of Columbia had purchased special event recycling bins through a grant in 2009, and she had reserved 40 for the Moniteau County Fair. Mr. Saunders will pick up the bins from the city of Columbia and set the bins at the fair, next to each trash can. He will also collect the recyclables from the fair event. It was mentioned that help with setting the recycling containers and servicing the containers/replacing new recycling bags may be a service opportunity for a scout group or school club group.

Dave Saunders, Boonslick Opportunities, Inc., advised they were able to expand operations through recent grant purchases from MMSWMD and were set to expand recycling in Moniteau County. He provided a list of locations where recycling containers were already placed in California (15 locations), Tipton (6 locations), Clarksburg High School, and Lucky Dog Restaurant in Jamestown. Recyclables collected at these locations are taken to Boonslick Industries in Boonville, MO and provides jobs for 34 persons who have developmental disabilities.

Joni Loganbill, Loganbill Enterprises in Latham, described their composting operations. They are working with several schools to collect their food waste. Also, Sam's Club and Wal-Mart are now requiring their bakery, food and floral waste be composted; and Loganbill is trying to capture some of this business. A concern is educating the residents to bring their yard waste to their facility for composting. Their tipping fees are fifty percent less than they charge at the landfill. By bringing materials to Loganbill's facility, county residents will not only save space at the landfill, but will be helping to support a local business.

Ms. Pettigrew asked Ms. Loganbill several questions regarding food composting at schools.

Ms. Jolly advised that a District priority is to help each county implement a household hazardous waste collection facility through grant assistance. The next large grant application process would begin in November 2010. She has spoken with Eli McDonald and the City Council of Tipton regarding an HHW facility at their City Maintenance Building. She explained the facility modeled by the city of Mexico and advised that grant applications for the cities of Fulton and Jefferson City were approved in February 2010. These facilities will serve as models should Moniteau County, California and/or Tipton decide to apply for a grant.

Mr. McDonald stated the city of Tipton was interested, but at the time, had several large sewer and stormwater projects they were working on. He plans to revisit this with the Council.

California Mayor Norris Gerhart expressed interest in ensuring residents have a convenient place to safely dispose of their HHW materials. He and Brian Scrivner with the city of California, felt that a location in California may be contemplated as a second option.

Ms. Terri Steffes, Moniteau Public Schools, also attended and is interested in expanding school recycling and recycling education. She and Ms. Jolly had spoken previously regarding Ms. Jolly providing recycling presentations to the students, especially around Earth Day (April), America/Recycles Day (November 15), and National Go Green Week (February).

Ms. Jolly advised that requests for presentations can be made by calling the MMSWMD office at 573-874-7574 or through the MMSWMD website at www.mmswmd.org. She also brought materials for the attendees: a handout featuring the City of Mexico HHW facility, MORA's Missouri Recycling Guide, and the Show Me Recycling Report which highlights over 100 successful recycling projects/jobs across Missouri.

The attendees agreed this discussion should continue, and there are probably other persons to be invited and brought into this committee. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 27, 2010, starting at 1:00 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room in California, MO.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Jolly, Manager
Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District