

**SEVEN MILE CREEK LANDFILL STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2024**

Members Present: Jessica Janssen, Kathy Campbell, Jon Johnson, Richard Arnold

Members Absent: Matt Steinbach, Lane Berg, Joe Knight

Others Present: Mark Vinall, John Blackmon, Phil Schumacher, Eau Claire City-County Health Dept.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Unable to approve May 9, 2024 Minutes due to lack of required number of members present that attended the May 9, 2024 meeting. Approve at the next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Landfill Data Presentation and Summary Presented by GFL:

- Mark Vinall informed the Committee that 101,893 tons of waste were accepted in Q2. This is slightly higher than in previous years for Q2.
- Leachate collected was higher in Sector 2 due to increased rainfall and move to new cell.
- Litter collection frequency on County Q was lower due to less litter on the highway. This is possibly due to drivers being more aware of the need to secure their loads, daily inspections to ensure that trailers are empty before leaving the landfill and the longer distance the haulers travel on interior roads.
- The landfill is attempting to decrease odors by doing a better job covering the waste site, identifying sources and correcting potential problems more quickly. They are also using odor “neutralizers” when digging in old trash to replace wells, etc. Also, John has been notifying one-mile neighbors by mail when odors may be occurring due to construction or replacement of equipment.
- Through October, work will be conducted to improve the gas collection system. The system will be more efficient and capture more methane. However, since the operators will be digging into old trash to open trenches on the south and east side, there may be more unpleasant odors. Richard pointed out that the landfill is a big contributor to the amount of methane gas in the environment due to organic material deteriorating. We all benefit if the system is more efficient in collecting methane.
- The “Tipper” was shut down on April 3 and April 16 due to high winds to ensure safety and limit litter escaping the site. Sustained winds were above 30 mph on both dates, with gusts 35-40 mph on April 16. Weather and wind is logged every 15 minutes from the “scale house” and calculated for the higher elevation at the working face. When wind speeds reach or surpass 25 mph, the DNR requires that the landfill take action to mitigate dust and litter. For example: movable litter fencing be utilized, watering roads to limit dust, covering the working face more frequently, changing the location of the dumping to a more protected area, shut down the Tipper, etc.
- No WDNR inspections occurred in Q2, but the DNR Solid Waste Engineer did come in July. The DNR approved the collection system on May 16 and an alternate timeline to remedy gas collection at gas well SEC2GW12B on April 26. April Groundwater

Monitoring Events and Reporting was submitted, along with Sector 1 and 2 monitoring data set files. DNR approved the request to accept 50 tons of rigid plastic from Pierce County.

Discussion and Action Items:

Health Department Inspections: Phil Schumacher provided a Summary of Quarter 2 Operations at the Landfill:

- As of July 9, a majority of waste is being collected in the newly constructed Phase 14A, with special waste deposited on top. The average daily waste collected is 1500-1600 tons.
- A gas technician and additional helper have been hired.
- Leachate tank #2 is online and operational. A new compactor will be delivered in August.
- The blower system is being updated and this can cause additional odor issues. Neighbors will be notified and odor neutralizers used, as necessary.
- Trash pick-up and street sweeping are being done as needed.
- Leachate has increased to approximately 45,000 gallons per day due to heavy rainfalls. It's being hauled primarily to Chippewa Falls and Menomonie with some loads being taken to Medford. Eau Claire is not accepting Leachate due to PFAS and difficulty scheduling.
- No changes in the compost levels.
- The landfill elevation is currently at 918 ft. MSL. Phil will include this in his future reports.

Recording Sociological Payments with ROD:

- Rod Eslinger and Roxie brought information as to the time and cost to record the sociological payment for each eligible property within the one-mile radius. A Motion was made by Jessica Janssen and seconded by Jon Johnson that the "tagging" system Roxie devised be used to determine the list of owners eligible for the annual sociological payment. Roxie will be asked to provide a report to the Committee, with a copy to Kathy on October 1st, and it will be discussed at the Q3 meeting. According to the Contract, new owners must be in residence by November 30th of that year to receive the sociological payment. GFL would like to have the W-9 forms for eligible new owners by November 1st.

Property Protection Letter To Residents:

- John forwarded the letter to Mark Vinall for final review. This letter and the Summary of Property Value Protection from the contract will be sent by GFL to the eligible owners once approved.

Announcements:

- Jennifer Nicolai, 7415 Olson Drive, has her home for sale. She has requested a meeting with John to discuss the terms and conditions of the Property Protection Plan. He will meet on August 23 with Jennifer and her realtor.
- GFL Quarterly Files have been posted for Review.

Other Business Items for New Meeting:

- Approve Minutes of May 9, 2024
- Review ROD Report

- County Highway Q construction update

Set Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024, 1:00 p.m. at the Seymour Town Hall.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 2:21 p.m. by Jessica Janssen and seconded by Jon Johnson.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy Campbell, Secretary