

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 6:10 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

Present: Commissioner Eric Tobin, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Scott Brown, Member  
Commissioner Charles Monaweck, Member  
Commissioner Christopher Vreeland, Member

Absent: Commissioner Hugh Coward, Chairman- excused

Also Present: Kevin S. Henning, Managing Director  
Pixie Coats, Board Clerk  
Angie Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer  
Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk  
General Public

Vice Chairman Eric Tobin called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2009. Voice vote: Motion carried.**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mrs. Coats read the communications as follows:

- a) Received BPW Resolution 2009-02 regarding the abandonment of the fee schedule in the Community Compost Center Agreement
- b) Received a letter from Tiffany Eichorst, Solid Waste Director, to approve the Land Lease Agreement between the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners and the Calhoun County Board of Public Works

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the 2008 Audit Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson. Roll call vote: Tobin-Yes; Brown-Yes; Vreeland-Yes; Monaweck-Yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the Compost Center Agreement between the Calhoun County Board of Public Works and the City of Marshall with the abandonment of the fee schedule. Roll call vote: Monaweck-Yes; Tobin-Yes; Brown-Yes; Vreeland-Yes. Motion carried.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion made by Commissioner Vreeland and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve BPW Resolution 2009-02.**

**BPW Resolution 2009-02**

WHEREAS, Calhoun County Board of Public Works and the City of Marshall are authorized to enter into intergovernmental agreements pursuant to MCL 124.2; MSA 5.4082, and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of Public Works recommends to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to abandon the fee schedule in the Community Compost Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of Public Works hopes that by abandoning the fee schedule, it will decrease roadside dumping; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun County Board of Public Works recommends and asks that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners consider the abandonment of the fee schedule in the Community Compost Agreement.

**Voice vote: Motion carried.**

It was noted that the resolution would go before the County Board of Commissioners at their meeting on 4-2-09.

**Motion made by Commissioner Vreeland and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the Land Lease Agreement between the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners and the Calhoun County Board of Public Works.**

Commissioner Monaweck asked who would be signing the Land Lease Agreement. Commissioner Brown replied that he would sign on behalf of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners and Hugh Coward would sign on behalf of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works. Commissioner Monaweck asked how we could negotiate a contract between the Road Board and BPW when the same Board members serve on these Boards. Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Vreeland agreed that this is a problem.

**Roll call vote: Tobin-Yes; Monaweck-Yes; Brown-Yes; Vreeland-Yes. Motion carried.**

It was suggested that a joint meeting be scheduled with the Road Commission and the County to discuss separate appointments with different members on the Road, Public Works, and Parks Board.

**SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS**

A copy of the Solid Waste Director's Report on Public Works for March 18, 2009 was provided to Board members. Mrs. Crumpton read portions of the report as follows:

**Solid Waste:** The electronics collection was held on March 7, 2009. The event was very successful and we collected a semi and a half load of electronics. We may hold another collection in the fall if Valley City can guarantee the same fee structure - \$12/TV and \$3/computer monitor.

The Solid Waste Management Planning Committee (SWMPC) met on March 9, 2009 and unanimously approved the 2010 budget. A memorandum has been sent to the County Board requesting a name change of the SWMPC or to postpone meetings until another Solid Waste planning period is mandated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The May SWMPC meeting has been cancelled and the final meeting for 2009 will be held on Monday, October 12, 2009.

We recently bid out scrap tire recycling services and the bid opening was held yesterday. We only received one bid follow up is being done to ensure we are getting the best price.

**Duck Lake (per Progress Meeting of 3-6-09):** The project was shut down since the last meeting on 2-10-09, due to frost laws. Some televising went on and it is now complete. The Grinder Station is being replaced. Lift Station inspections are being conducted. The Wastewater Treatment Operator requested that the inspection not include opening pumps up, as most are old, and opening the pumps will certainly cause leaks that at this time are not present. If pumps are not internally inspected, a credit will be expected from Balkema's contractor. After installation of the Grinder, Balkema will return to the lagoons. Lagoon Panel install is expected in late March. Sludge removal is expected to start about May 1, 2009. The liner is expected to follow around May 15, 2009. Balkema will start final clean up and restoration when the weather warms. Manholes on the overland route will be marked with fence "T" irons. The broken manhole on Monroe will be fixed soon. The approximate final completion date for the project is June 26, 2009. The next Construction Progress meeting will be April 3, 2009 at 10 a.m. at Clarence Township Hall.

**Update from SME on Environmental Progress:** At this point, we are waiting on testing on the final lagoon (need to confirm valves are fixed) to complete the Exfiltration Study as required by MDEQ. The Wastewater Treatment Operator indicated that it may be later in the summer for this.

Regarding the salt water contamination to both the groundwater and residential drinking water, the MDEQ is now expecting the completion of a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study report. Eric Chatterson at the MDEQ had previously requested the Feasibility Study be completed. SME is now completing both the reports. The MDEQ stated that the completion of these reports will be required by the MDEQ before they will look at any form of closure.

The MDEQ mentioned that they are comfortable with where things are at, and are awaiting both reports. However, before SME sends MDEQ the reports, we (the Township and County) will need to discuss the long term solution for the site. After the draft reports are completed, we will meet to discuss – this will likely be in early April.

### **MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Henning noted that there is a meeting scheduled with representatives from the County, Clarence Township, and the Road Commission to discuss the long term issues with Duck Lake regarding amounts financed through the Road Commission, as well as the future of that site.

County Administrator Kelly Sproule was introduced at this time.

Discussion took place on the construction completion date and consent order.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. or following the 5:30 p.m. Road Commission Board meeting.

There being no additional business before the Board, Vice Chairman Tobin adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

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Eric J. Tobin, Vice Chairman