

MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

APRIL 5, 2018

Chairperson, Bev Aas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Neil Herzberg, Harry Thielen, Chuck Koshiol, Duane Olmscheid, Mike Jensen, and Brandon Michaelis. Also present were advisory members Don Williamson, West Central Sanitation; and Ron Mergen, Public Works Director.

Motion was made by Herzberg to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2017 Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Olmscheid to elect Aas as Chair, Herzberg as Vice Chair, and Mergen as Secretary. Seconded by Koshiol and unanimously carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Aas to set the Environmental Committee meetings for the first Thursdays in February and April at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Koshiol and unanimously carried.

SCAVENGER DAYS

The event was discussed, the flyer will be distributed, and an ad was put in the newspaper. Members were asked to post the flyer, as people are asking about it.

SPRING CLEANUP/ HHW PICK UP

It was reported that everything is on schedule for the cleanup. Stearns County is asking for 4 volunteers to help man the household hazardous waste station. Paynesville Township will have 4 volunteers. Williamson and Olmscheid stated they will have enough help for their respected areas. At this point the event will be held in the north parking lot with the same set up as last year. The flyers for both the HHW Collection and Spring Cleanup were reviewed and extra copies distributed. It was noted that the County wants the Committee to inform business owners they need to take business hazardous waste to the County site.

COMPOST SITE REPORT

It was reported that the compost site is scheduled to be open April 13th, weather permitting. The site will be open from 8:00 a.m. to dusk, 7 days a week. Finished compost will be available for residents to take. It was questioned how the City handles residents outside the community because Kandiyohi County has closed their compost site. As set up, the City does not have a process or means to charge them. It was discussed that the system is working well and members don't want to change it at this time. It was discussed to ask for donations as this works well at the RV dump site and the oil depot.

Motion was made by Koshiol to install a donation box at the City Compost Site and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Aas and unanimously carried.

MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES

Members discussed the vacancies and want to keep searching for additional members as there is a need for volunteers on cleanup day and the Committee would not want to turn anyone away.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.