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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Zero Waste Task Force Minutes  
June 5, 2014**

The Zero Waste Task Force met on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 1:15 pm in Conference Room West of the County Outreach Building, 2550 N. Annie Glidden Road. In attendance were Zero Waste Task Force Members Steve Challgren, Deirdre Davis, Brian Gregory, Connie Handel, Mike Hey, Marc Johnson, Ken Koch, Greg Maurice, Roy Plote, Jerry Smith, Christel Springmire and Steve Wolf. Task Force members absent: John Emerson.

**Approval of Agenda**

Marc Johnson moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Jerry Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Marc Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the May, 1, 2014 meeting, seconded by Greg Maurice. The motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None

**Old Business**

1. Discussion of Prioritized Goals and Objectives

The Task Force reviewed the Priority Rankings from the May meeting. Chair Capek raised the question if any of the items on the list; regardless of ranking would be considered germane to the overall recommendations. The Task Force felt education would be a key component to any recommendation and would include the general public and the business community. The Task Force agreed that the landfill rate should be the measurement tool to track program improvements, and lastly that adding incentives to increase recycling was important.

The discussion shifted to the specific recommendations of the task force, to include the number of recommendations; whether there should be priorities or timelines as well as the responsibilities of the Task Force. The Resolution creating the Task Force charged the group with adopting, identifying and evaluating the goals, objectives, policies, programs, tasks and costs associated with implementing a Zero Waste approach to waste management in the County.

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Jerry Smith commented that Multi-Unit Recycling was an item that surfaced multiple times at Task Force meetings; noting that if we do not do anything now; nothing will change. Christel explained that the County Board could pass an ordinance requiring Multi-Unit recycling which would not impact the County financially. Jerry suggested that perhaps there might be a process to move toward this direction to allow landlords to initiate steps to recycling on their properties.

It was agreed that the Task Force supports Zero Waste as a guiding principle and that the Task Force was responsible for providing a path or direction to reach Zero Waste. Discussions on various topics followed to include implementation of ordinances, policies on land use, construction waste, organic waste and commercial accounts, pilot programs for organic waste for the general public, rural recycling, public education, making recycling the easy choice as well as the level of detail of the report to the County Board

It was agreed that the report should list several objectives; followed by action items. The staff will develop a draft report for the Task Force. The Task Force also felt that the group should continue to meet and advance Zero Waste principles. The report will be presented to the Planning Commission on August 27, at 7 pm; prior to being forwarded to the County Board. The Task Force membership was encouraged to attend the meeting.

### **New Business**

1. Staff Report: Chart of Provider Services offered in each Community

Christel Springmire reviewed the chart of providers for various communities in the county to include the rates that were reflective to date noting that these rates were very similar with the exception of Hinckley. She explained that Hinckley was at the end of their contract; thus the lower cost to the subscriber. She reviewed the statistics regarding the percent of the population living in rural areas noting that this represents approximately 15% of the total county population. Although this was not a large number of individuals the Task Force felt that addressing rural recycling was important.

2. Develop Recommendations

Given the level of discussion under old business, staff felt they had sufficient direction to develop a draft report for presentation to the Task Force on July 1.

### **Persons to Be Heard from the Floor**

None.

### **Adjournment**

Christel Springmire moved to adjourn, second by Brian Gregory at 2:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on July 1, 2014, 1:15 pm, in the Conference Room West of the County Outreach Building, 2550 N. Annie Glidden Road. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Capek  
Zero Task Force Facilitator