



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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## Columbia County Solid Waste Committee

January 4, 2016

**Present:** Mark Sleger, Barry Pufahl, Robert McClyman, Robert Collins

**Absent with approval:** Ken Hutler

**Also Present:**

Vern Gove-County Board Chair, Mary Cupery County Board Vice-Chair, Lyn Jerde-Portage Daily Register, Greg Kaminski and Gail Benz recording secretary.

Chairman Mark Sleger called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and noted the meeting had been properly noticed. Hutler made motion to approve agenda as presented, second by Gove. Motion carried.

Minutes from the December 7, 2015 meeting were approved on motion by Sleger, second by Gove. Motion carried.

### **Town of Pacific**

No issues to report.

### **Expenditures**

Expenditures were presented for payment. Greg Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. Motion was made by Pufahl, second by Collins to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

### **Budget and Compensatory Time**

Kaminski reported we had quite a lot of comp time in the last two week holiday period. We were shorthanded, trucks broke down, and also a bad snowstorm to deal with. Two of our loaders broke down and we delivered garbage carts to Wyocena. We got through it all, but it was a very difficult time. A discussion on how compensatory time is paid out was brought up. Discussion followed.

### **Safety update**

Kaminski reported we have gone 204 days without an accident.

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We did not have any injuries this month, but we had a near miss. One of our employees put too much material in the baler and it exploded. They learned that the baler can't be overloaded. We are instituting new policies up on the hill with our new system and rules to be followed. We did not have any lost time incidents throughout this past year. Discussion followed.

### **Recycling Project Update**

Kaminski passed out a spread sheet titled Building Project Phase I. It shows total dollars spent on the new recycling system of \$954,622.80. That leaves a balance of \$45,377.20 left for the office reconstruction.

Kaminski showed a 10 minute video on the new recycling project sort line in progress. We do need more people. The additional Huber labor, has been helping. We need two good supervisors and Kaminski has drafted two new job descriptions for supervisors. Discussion followed.

### **Recycling Market**

Kaminski reported that our December totals were lower than expected on recycling. Metal prices continued to plummet along with a drop in cardboard prices. There is no sign of any price recovery for any of the recycling markets going into 2016. We need to get the new line running as efficiently as possible. Many different facilities would like to bring us some good recycling. There are opportunities to get more material and we would make more revenue by doing this. Discussion followed.

### **Approve Position Request Part Time Administrative Assistant**

This is a 16 hour per week position which is already in the budget. McClyman made motion to approve the request for a part time administrative assistant, second by Collins. Motion carried.

### **Review Supervisor Job Descriptions**

Kaminski has put together two new job descriptions drafts. This had not been done for about 20 years. This would replace the supervisor and two foremen we have now, to just two supervisors in garbage and recycling. Discussion Followed

### **Operations Report**

A women from the DNR came out in December for a recycling inspection. It was positive. She wanted us to put together a new recycling ordinance but this was just done about five years ago. We will be getting back to DNR garbage representative with a summary for 2015 with what we did for the year.

Kaminski handed out a spread sheet titled 2015 Transfer Station Summary and compared the last three years in net revenue. Our net revenue, for 2015 was about the same.

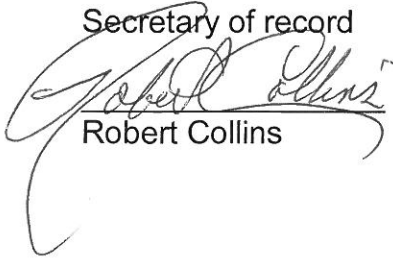
Truck #34 will be going to Canada to get an automated arm. The new rear load truck has been ordered and gravel has been delivered to the highway 51 drop off site.

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The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Highway Department.

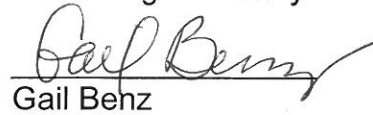
Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. on motion by McClyman, second by Collins. Motion carried.

Secretary of record



Robert Collins

Recording Secretary



Gail Benz