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#### Columbia County Solid Waste Committee March 3, 2014

#### **Approved Minutes**

Present: Mark Sleger, Susanna Bradley and Phil Baebler

Absent with approval: Ken Hutler and Robert McClyman

**Also Present:** Vern Gove-County Board Vice-Chair, Lyn Jerde-Portage Daily Register, Greg Kaminski and Carole Beix recording secretary.

Chairman Sleger called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. noting that the meeting had been properly noticed. Bradley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented second by Baebler. Motion carried.

Minutes from the February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with an amendment to the February 19<sup>th</sup> minutes to reflect that Susanna Bradley had permission to be excused from the meeting on motion by Bradley, second by Baebler. Motion carried.

### Town of Pacific

There were no complaints. No additional business.

#### **Expenditures**

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. Discussed regarding travel expense. Suggestion was that in next year's budget to put in a request for a vehicle. Motion was made by Baebler, second by Bradley to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

## **Budgets and Compensatory Time**

Compensatory time is in line with county policy.

Kaminski stated that C & D volume is down due to the cold weather. Due to cold the garbage does not want to compact causing lighter loads going out. With the purchase of the compactor the weight of the loads will improve and reduce hauling costs. Kaminski informed the committee that he has seen the compactor and stated that it is in good condition. Discussion followed.

Truck maintenance is in line with no major repairs. Kaminski explained that scheduled maintenance is being reviewed on a weekly basis.

### Safety update

Kaminski stated that we have gone 200 days with no vehicle accident, but have had an employee injury with no lost time. Kaminski informed the committee with the type of winter this year that winter safety is being reinforced at the bi-weekly safety meetings. Discussion followed. It was stated that all incidents need to be reported.

#### Infrastructure

No additional information to report.

#### Review and approve annual report

Kaminski reviewed and explained the changes in the 2013 annual report. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Bradley, second by Baebler to approve the 2013 annual report with a change from 600 tons of municipal solid to 600 tons of accumulated municipal solid waste that had been stored in the transfer station building and the compost drums. Motion carried

#### Approve resolution for budget shortfall

Kaminski reviewed the summary of financial operations regarding the shortfall for 2013 budget which amounted to \$18,000.00. Kaminski explained about the maintenance overage and the extra shipping costs which were offset by the extra tonnage that was brought in. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Bradley to approve the resolution regarding the budget shortfall in the amount of \$18,000.00, second by Baebler. Motion carried.

# Recycling Market

Kaminski stated that the recycling budget is on pace to hit our goal. Markets remain steady, but look for the trend to increase. Kaminski stated that the staff is processing about 2 tons of material an hour. Kaminski stated that in Outagamie County he viewed automated equipment which can process approximately 25 tons per hour. Kaminski feels that we are headed in the right direction. Discussion followed.

## **Operations Report**

Kaminski explained the four proposals received for the purchase of a new baler. Kaminski stated that he feels we should hold off deciding on a baler until he has more time to review all of the specifications and check on locations that have balers on site and get feedback. Discussion followed.

Action on the future of the drums was tabled till the April meeting due to two committee members absent.

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Kaminski informed the committee that the transfer station-permit should be finalized in a couple of weeks. Once we become a transfer station we will lose our permit as a compost facility when we are approved by the DNR. Discussion followed.

Discussed the wave of the future is in companies that handle biodegradable material at their locations.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Monday, April 7th at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. on motion by Bradley, second by Baebler.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

Susanna Bradley

Carole Beix