



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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## Columbia County Solid Waste Committee March 4, 2019

**Present:** Mark Sleger, Nancy Long, Henry St. Maurice, Robert McClyman, Christopher Polzer, Jon Plumer

**Also Present:** Dan Drew–Vice Chair, Krista Miller-Assistant Corporation Counsel, Craig Cawley-Pacific Town Supervisor, Greg Kaminski-Director, and Gail Benz-recording secretary.

Chairman Mark Sleger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and noted the meeting had been properly noticed. St. Maurice made motion to approve agenda as presented, second by McClyman. Motion carried.

Minutes from January 7, 2019 were approved by Long, second by Polzer. Motion carried.

### **Town of Pacific**

No complaints or concerns.

### **Expenditures**

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total amount from 12/28/18 thru 2/28/19 was \$578,683.70. Motion was made by Long, second by McClyman to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

### **Budget and Compensatory Time**

Kaminski reported we did not end 2018 very well but, we were doing better in the start of 2019 until the last week of January when the real cold started. The last six weeks we have struggled with the extreme cold and snow. People tend not to come out in the extreme weather. We have been working some compensation time just trying to catch up with storms. The drivers have worked well together trying to keep up with routes. We have had some issues with carts and garbage bags either buried in, or on top of snowbanks. The public needs to put the carts or garbage bags flat on the street or driveway so the arm on the trucks can reach the carts. For the most part we have not had too many problems. Discussion followed.

### **Safety Update**

Kaminski reported we are 254 days without an accident and 161 days without any injuries. Hopefully this will continue. We are reinforcing that at each meeting, how to stay safe during winter. Discussion followed.

### **Approve Resolution– 2018 Overdrawn Accounts**

Kaminski reported we ended the year \$120,765 with a budget shortfall. Due to recycling markets dropping so low. We tried to push through as much material as possible but with cardboard dropping from \$165 to \$70 a ton it was tough. Newspaper was at \$80 a ton, down to \$35. This was a real difficult year with the transfer station, with weight restrictions on the roads much longer than budgeted.

Hopefully, we can turn this around and we have a lot of possibilities. Everyone who does recycling is experiencing similar losses. If we get more volume and cut labor costs this may help. This would be accomplished with adding onto our line and cleaning up our material. We were \$80,000 over on truck maintenance last year. Most of our trucks now are under warranty. Long made motion to transfer \$120,765 from the general fund to Solid Waste accounts, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

### **Recycling Markets**

Kaminski reported we made \$45,141.75 in recycling revenue for the month of February. We shipped out a load of PET plastic on March 1<sup>st</sup> for a better price. We did not run our line for several days due to the extreme cold. The motor and gear box on the Eddy Current had to be rebuilt and that shut down our line also. Markets are down and cardboard is at \$70.00 a ton and newspaper \$35.00 a ton. The biggest issue is China not buying any cardboard at this time. We raised our rate of recycling coming in, to \$15.00 a ton. We may need to raise it again in the future. We have many companies asking to bring more in. We don't have the room to take it all.

Kaminski passed out a projected revenue hand out. This compared costs of our current 3-4 ton an hour sort line, to a 10 ton an hour sort line. It also included the projected sorting upgrade costs. We have 11 workers on the line now and with the new upgrade we would only need 7. We need a new building to house the new equipment. We would get a new OCC screener and get credit back from the bounce belt we have. It does not work well in cold weather. It also included an optical sorter, new loading dock, another baler, and transfer station repair. We would borrow the money and pay it back over 7 to 8 years. We turn away so much material and people are ready for us take on and expand our equipment. Upgrading and expanding our equipment to 10 tons an hour should be a significant expansion. It would take 6 months to complete. Accounting will be attending our April meeting. Discussion followed.

### **Position Replacement Request – Driver**

Kaminski reported Trent Thompson is leaving and we need to replace him. We are having a hard time finding drivers with a CDL. We are short two truck drivers at this time. Motion was made by St. Maurice to replace Truck Driver position, second by Plumer. Motion carried.

### **Operations Report**

Advanced Disposal is interested in extending our contract. Kaminski will be working on this.

We have a new trucking company that started March 4<sup>th</sup> and it is Fischer Trucking from Germantown.

The Operations Manager position is still open and we have reposted. Hopefully we will get qualified candidates. Discussion followed.


### **Annual Report**

Kaminski presented the 2018 annual report. It was reviewed by all. Long made motion to accept the 2018 annual report, second by Polzer. Motion carried.

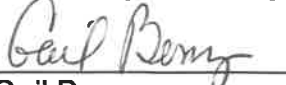
The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Monday April 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m. on motion by Long second by McClyman.

Secretary of Record

  
Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary

  
Gail Benz