



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee April 1, 2019

Present: Mark Sleger, Henry St. Maurice, Robert McClyman, Christopher Polzer,

Absent with Approval: Nancy Long, Jon Plumer

Also Present: Dan Drew–Vice Chair, Lois Schepp- Comptroller, Craig Cawley- Pacific Town Supervisor, Lyn Jerde- Portage Daily Register, 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 March 4, and March 20, 2019 were approved by St. Maurice, second by McClyman. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns.

Discuss and Approve RFP's for Recycling Facility Update

Kaminski handed out a projected revenue sheet comparison of our current sort system, 10 ton per hour sort system, 15 ton per hour system and the projected sorting system upgrade costs. Kaminski has met with the Columbia County Comptroller and the Chairman of the board. Kaminski explained we have a lot of customers who would like to bring us much more material. We would have signed contracts on how much they would bring in. We would be getting 2400 tons a month instead of 800 tons a month we get now. Kaminski stated he is looking at a system that could process as much as 15 tons of material per hour compared to 4 ton per hour we do right now. This would be an expansion to our current system. There would be warranties and a maintenance contract included. It would reduce the number of people required to operate the line. The expanded recycling system would also add more automation to the process with the addition of an OCC screener and an optical sorter. This would automatically sort paper, cardboard, plastic, and clean up our material. The new system would have a metering drum which would have a consistent throughput. We would rely on a contractor. The baler we have now would

have a difficult time handling the amount of material projected to be processed, which is why we need a second baler. We are an important presence in Columbia County for residents. This facility makes the County more sustainable. We operate 27 collections sites. It would take 6 months to construct the more automated recycling system and projected be up and operating in 2020.

A motion was made by Polzer to approve soliciting RFP's for Recycling Facility Upgrade, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total amount from the month March was \$276,968.27. Motion was made by McClyman, second by Polzer to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we are working additional compensation time because we are still short two drivers.

As for our budget it is picking up due to flooding and all the demolition that is coming in. The public is happy to have place they can bring out their items. March was a decent month with the increase. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we had our first accident in 9 months. One driver backed up and hit a power pole. We are at 6 months without any injuries. We are continuing to focus on safety at our meetings. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski passed around a newspaper article from the Milwaukee Journal to share with the committee, showing the changes and difficulties we are having with recycling, others are also experiencing.

We are sitting on some plastics until prices go back up. For the month of March our recycling revenue \$59,251.70. Markets are still down and OCC has dropped along with newspaper. The forecasted prices by summer should look up.

Discussion followed.


Operations Report

We posted for a truck driver position and we received 3 applications. We had scheduled 3 interviews and only 1 person showed up, and we hired the applicant. We reposted the Operations Managers position and the other truck driver position. We are getting a lot of requests for commercial dumpsters. We have a waiting list and order dumpsters as needed. We need to add another route because it has gotten so big. Discussion followed.


The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Monday May 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m. on motion by McClyman second by St. Maurice.

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz