



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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## Columbia County Solid Waste Committee

November 2, 2015

**Present:** Mark Sleger, Phil Baebler, Ken Hutler, Robert Collins, and Robert McClyman

**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 Baebler. Motion carried.

Minutes from the October 5, 2015 meeting were updated and approved on motion by Collins, second by McClyman. Motion carried.

### **Town of Pacific**

There were no complaints or concerns.

### **Expenditures**

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

### **Budget and Compensatory Time**

Kaminski reported that some employees did work on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are working on getting our recycling building cleaned up to be ready to move equipment needed for the hill. This includes a conveyor and the baler.

Regarding the budget there should be money left from the new building project to use on the office renovation. We were over budget on refuse truck maintenance and we have dipped into the equipment maintenance budget. We are down in recycling revenue but, expenses are also down. Over all the budget looks pretty good.

### **Safety update**

Kaminski reported that we have had no accidents for 4 months, and going on 62 days without any injury. We are heading towards our goal of 6 months.

We did have an incident this past Thursday, one of our trucks blew a hydraulic line and 25-30 gallons of hydraulic oil had spilled out on the ground in front of the Courthouse. It took two dump trucks full of sand and the vacuum truck from the Highway Department to help clean it up. We had the truck towed. This truck has had issues in the past. Then another truck that very day had the same problem. Discussion followed.

### **Recycling Market**

Kaminski reported the recycling market is not good and getting worse. Our recycling revenue from October was \$15,418.85. We sold some metal for \$40.00 a ton and it may go down to \$20.00 a ton in December. Markets continue to fall with metal and some plastic prices heading toward zero. It is now speculated that these markets may not recover until 2017. We are storing tin and PET plastic until we see some recovery. Cardboard and paper are still doing ok at this time. What will help will be separating our #2 plastic when we get our new line going. As long as oil remains low it's cheaper to buy virgin plastic. It is expected the plastic market will get better by spring. We are hoping once our line is up and running we should have more material to get out.

Discussion followed.

### **Additional Huber Labor**

Kaminski stated with the new line starting up and two regular employees contemplating carpal tunnel surgery Kaminski would like a fourth Huber position. We are approved for three but could use a fourth.

Motion was made by McClyman and second by Hutler for the committee to approve adding an additional Huber worker when necessary.

### **Operations Report**

Attorney Ruf and Advanced Disposal are working out the final details of a new hauling and disposal contract.

Winnebago County Solid Waste submitted a very competitive proposal for disposal. The issue is, that the increased cost of trucking more than offset any potential savings on disposal. Discussion Followed

We are continuing to increase our commercial business and we are getting requests for residential garbage pick-up.

Kaminski put together a proposal for a new rear load truck. The bids will open in December.

A motion was made by Hutler and second by Baebler to send out bids on new rear load truck contingent on the County Board passing the 2016 budget.

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The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Monday, December 7th, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Highway Department.

**Tour Recycling Facility Project**

The Solid Waste Committee reconvened at the new project area at the Solid Waste facility. JWR's Mike Evans and Corey Gardner gave a presentation of all new equipment installed and progress.

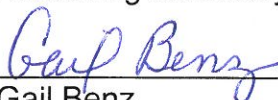
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. on motion by McClyman, second by Collins.  
Motion carried.

Secretary of record

  
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Robert Collins

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Recording Secretary

  
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Gail Benz