

**Columbia County Solid Waste Committee  
Approved Minutes**

**January 11, 2005**

**Present:** Gerald Salzwedel, Ken Hutler, Don Nelson, Harlan Horton and Jim Pugh

**Also Present:** Susan Martin, County Board Chair, Jim Rager, Bill Casey, and Carole Beix, Recording Secretary

Chair Salzwedel called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. noting that the meeting had been properly noticed. Motion to approve agenda made by Nelson, second by Horton. Motion carried.

Minutes from the December 14th meeting were approved as presented on motion by Horton, second by Pugh. Motion carried.

**Vouchers**

Vouchers were presented for payment. Motion to approve vouchers as presented was made by Horton, second by Nelson. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

The Department of Transportation sent out notification that they are planning to close off driveways along Highway 16 that do not have permits. Certified survey shows that we actually had 4 driveways. There is one driveway just past the main entrance, which is used once or twice a year, which we would like to keep open. Casey stated that as time permits he would try to get a driveway permit so we have access to that driveway.

Casey received a letter dated November 2<sup>nd</sup> from Winnebago County indicating an increase in the dollars charged for disposal of garbage and demolition. The contract states that we are to be notified in July of any increases. Casey informed the director at Winnebago County that we had already submitted our figures to the County Board for the 2005 budget and it was too late to go back to the board asking for additional funding, but that he would bring it to his committees' attention at the next monthly meeting. Discussion between Casey and the Winnebago County director in which both agreed that if we had any monies left over at year-end in the budget the county would consider addressing the increase. Committee discussion followed. Motion by Horton that since contract language was not followed by not receiving proper notification in July we will not pay at this time, second by Nelson. Motion carried.

**Budget and Compensatory Time**

We have one employee who is close to the 80-hour limit of comp. time because he comes in early to plow snow. Everyone else is in good shape.

Budget is in good shape. The 2004 budget for disposal of garbage is overdrawn, but revenue coming in should help offset the added expense. Overall 2004 budget should be fine.

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Casey is going to the Finance Committee this week to discuss the two contracts, which were awarded to Columbia County. Casey is going to suggest adding monies from the contract revenue into budget lines.

### **Recycling**

Revenue is going very well for recycling. Tin and aluminum cans remain good. Plastic prices are at there highest with several vendors calling looking for plastic. Paper and cardboard remain strong with glass being the only problem.

### **Operations Report**

The Department of Corrections is no longer picking up computer equipment. Our scrap metal vendor will only take the CPU unit. Casey has made inquires to companies and one company will do it for us but they are going to charge \$.25 per pound or \$500 per ton. This company is equipped to remove the lead screen off the monitor. We need to think if we want to offer this option to the public and what the charges should be. Casey suggested that the committee think about it, and it will be placed on the March agenda for further discussion.

We shred paper free of charge. This past year we have had a large number of businesses and public that have come in with large quantities of confidential paper that they want to watch be shredded. Casey asked the committee to think about the possibility of charging businesses and the public for shredding of confidential papers. This takes a number of staff people to complete this task in a timely manner especially if a business brings in several pick-up loads at one time.

We have a small number of farmers, which use shredded paper for bedding. Even though we find that paper prices vary according to seasons we consistently charge theses farmers \$40 per ton, which makes it easier for the farmer to budget ahead of time. Again, it is very time consuming and continued shredding for farmers will be addressed at a future meeting.

We have purchased a garbage truck for \$20,000 and have found another one in Racine with the same brand and body style, runs sound, but has a small amount of damage to the cab which is fixable, and we can purchase for \$4,500.00. Casey recommends that we purchase this truck, which will aid in the pickup of garbage with the purchase money coming out of the revenue received from the Village of Poynette. We ran our first garbage and recycling route on Friday in the Village of Poynette with everything going quite well. Motion was made by Hutler to look into the purchase of a second garbage truck, second by Nelson. Motion carried.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> we took over the Town of West Point site. We put in extra containers at the site to help with the overflow of material from being closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

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**Town of Pacific**

No odor complaints this month. Jim Rager had no new business.

**Aging Report**

Reviewed past due accounts

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be March 8th at 9:00 a.m.

The Solid Waste Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. on motion by Nelson, second by Hutler. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

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Jim Pugh

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Carole J. Beix