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Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee March 10, 2009

Approved Minutes

Present: Don Nelson, Gerald Salzwedel, Barry Pufahl and Ollie Mielke

Absent: John Healy

Also Present: Bill Casey, Craig Cawley-Town of Pacific Supervisor,
Deb Wopat-County Board Chair and Carole Beix

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. noting that the meeting had been properly noticed. Motion made to approve agenda made by Mielke, second by Salzwedel. Motion carried.

Minutes from the January 13th meeting were approved as presented on motion by Salzwedel, second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

There were no odor complaints or concerns.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Motion to approve expenditure report as presented made by Pufahl second by Mielke. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Casey reminded the committee about the winter WCSWMA conference being held at the Chula Vista Resort March 12th and 13th.

Casey mentioned that Supervisor Mielke attended the January Village of Poynette Public Works meeting representing the department over a disputed collection day that was postponed due to snow. Casey explained to the committee that he had called four different times to see if the streets had been plowed. The main streets had been plowed, but the side streets had not been plowed yet by 10:00 a.m. Casey felt that it would be too dangerous for our trucks to attempt to pick up the garbage that Friday. The following Monday trucks were sent down to the village to pick up garbage and recyclables, that Friday trucks went down again to resume regular collection. Mielke was able to resolve the issue by addressing concerns the village had.

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Casey discussed the state budget bill with the committee regarding the inclusion of an increased tax on garbage tipping fees of \$4.40 per ton. This will cause a ripple effect for all communities in the state because of levee limits. Casey is going to speak to other county representatives at the state convention regarding the tipping fee increase.

On Wednesday, March 11th 12 high school students as part of the UW Extension FLAG (Future Leaders Active in Government) group will be touring the facility.

Our current tire disposal company Auburndale has been sold to another company.

Evaluations are due soon. Discussion was held. Item will be placed on the April agenda.

Budgets and Compensatory Time

Budgets are in line.

Compensatory time is within the county's policy guidelines.

Recycling Market

Revenue is down due to the drop in market prices. We are holding some materials back until the markets start to increase. Discussion held. Casey is still investigating single stream in the future which could save on collection costs.

Operations Report

Yearly maintenance on the drums has begun. Once the drum is completed the other drum will be shut down for repairs.

A Chevy one-ton 350 pickup was approved in the 2009 budget. Casey explained that we would be able to get the truck at the state price, and that this truck would be set up to haul the welder, tools and other equipment for use when one of our trucks breaks down on the highway. Discussion followed. Casey stated that he will need to get approval from the Finance Committee. Motion made by Pufahl to purchase the pickup truck and to also add a tool box at a cost of \$856.00, second by Mielke. Motion carried.

Ollie Mielke requested to leave at 10:00 a.m.

Our contract with our electronics disposal company will expire on April 3rd. Casey asked vendors to quote a price on the disposal of electronics. Three companies submitted quotes with Dynamic Recycling out of LaCrosse having the low bid. Discussion followed.

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Motion made by Pufahl to table the bid award until Casey and John Hartman have a chance to tour the facility in LaCrosse, second by Salzwedel. Motion carried.

Presently, we have 2 security cameras that are not operational. Casey requested an estimate from Fearings in Portage to replace the cameras; the estimate came in at \$6,000.00. Suggestion was made to contact Kurt Dey to see who installed the highways' cameras. Discussion followed. If there is money available the committee would like to see the cameras replaced. Casey will acquire more information and will come back to the committee next month. This will be placed on the April agenda.

Committee reviewed the 2008 annual report. Motion made by Pufahl, second by Salzwedel to approve the annual report. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 14th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made to adjourn Solid Waste Committee meeting at 10:25 a.m. by Salzwedel, second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

Ollie Mielke

Carole Beix