

Columbia County Solid Waste Committee
March 11, 2008

Approved Minutes

Present: Don Nelson, Phil Baebler, Gerald Salzwedel

Absent: Vern Gove

Excused: Brian Landers

Also Present: Bill Casey, Carole Beix-Recording Secretary

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

Minutes from the February 12th meeting were approved as presented on motion by Salzwedel, second by Baebler. Motion carried, voice vote.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Motion to approve expenditure report as presented made by Baebler second by Salzwedel. Motion carried, voice vote.

Annual Report

Casey reviewed annual report. Discussion followed. Motion made to approve the 2008 annual report as presented by Salzwedel, second by Baebler. Motion carried, voice vote.

Correspondence

Casey discussed the WCSWMA winter conference held in Oshkosh February 28th and 29th. Casey spoke about the different sessions that he attended and also the round session for solid waste managers, which provides information as to what is happening around the state. Don Nelson also spoke about the Pharmaceutical session which he attended.

Casey has been in contact with the Town of Lodi regarding a pharmaceutical pickup costing \$1,200 for a full day, and will also contact City of Lodi and Town of West Point to see if they would like to be included in the collection process. The City of Portage has been running a drop-off site for the past year or two. Casey contacted local agencies asking how they dispose of their medical waste. Discussion followed. The medical waste collected from this one day will be transported to LaCrosse County for disposal.

Our license for land spreading is coming up for renewal and Tracy Benzel, Soil Scientist, is helping us to become more standardized.

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Casey informed the committee that he received a letter from OSHA regarding dust causing explosions in Solid Waste Processing facilities Discussion followed.

Budgets and Compensatory Time

Budgets are in good shape

We have one employee over the 80.0 hours, but has scheduled time off to be in compliance with county policy.

Recycling Report

Markets continue to be good with plastic, tin and aluminum being strong. There continues to be no market for glass.

Operations Report

Casey would like to start the planning process as to how the department handles some of its waste streams. The make-up of these waste streams has changed significantly over the last 17 years when the facility was opened, and future planning needs to be addressed. In our recycling report for instance we now have included a line for single stream recyclables. This was done at the first of the year as both an experiment and a necessity due to the holiday rush. There are things that if we plan ahead will allow us to be better prepared to be competitive, and provide the services that are being requested by the public.

Town of Pacific

Casey informed the committee that we had no odor complaints this month.

Aging Report

Casey explained with the resent upgrade to the scale program that we were unable to obtain an Aging Report for this month. The software provider is working on fixing this along with some other problem areas.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 8th, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made to adjourn Solid Waste Committee meeting at 10:20 a.m. by Salzwedel, second by Baebler. Motion carried, voice vote.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

Donald Nelson-Chairman
Solid Waste Committee

Carole Beix