

Columbia County Solid Waste Committee
April 10, 2007

Approved Minutes

Present: Don Nelson, Phil Baebler, Gerald Salzwedel, and Brian Landers

Absent: Vern Gove

Also Present: Bill Casey, Jim Rager, and 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 to approve agenda made by Salzwedel, second by Baebler. Motion carried.

Minutes from the March 10th, 2007 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Baebler, second by Salzwedel. Motion carried.

Vouchers

Vouchers were presented for payment. Motion to approve vouchers as presented made by Salzwedel second by Landers. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Lois Schepp, County Comptroller, has emailed a "2008 Budget Calendar." Departments are being asked to begin preparing their 2008 outlay items. Casey informed the committee that for the 2008 outlay budget that he is looking into fencing along the south fence line up on the hill by the compost building. This will help control debris from flying onto neighbor's fields. There is also a need to upgrade a couple of trucks for 2008.

Casey met with the City Administrator regarding the renewing of the contract for the City of Portage curbside recycling.

Budget and Compensatory Time

We have two employees above the 80.0-hour limit. Both have scheduled time off to bring their time within county policy.

Budgets are in good shape.

Recycling Market Update

Casey informed the committee that the recycling market is good. Tin cans are at an all time high, and glass remains the same.

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Operations Report

Casey reported that welding on drum 1 has been completed, and that the staff is making a new plunger for the compactor for drum 2 which should be in and working by the end of the week.

One of our garbage trucks hit the lower doorway in the compost building, which took out the header. An insurance claim has been filed with the County Clerks Office. Casey told the committee now would be the time to raise the header up an additional 8 feet, adding an additional cost of \$3,500.00. This cost includes a new door, roller channels and moving the electrical. Motion to approve a line-item transfer for the additional \$3,500.00 to raise the header, new door, roller channels and moving the electrical made by Landers, second by Baebler. Motion approved.

Town of Pacific

Had one odor complaint last month. Piles were being turned with a strong easterly wind. Jim Rager, Town of Pacific Supervisor, asked Casey about landscaping in front of the Highway 51 recycling site. Casey had contacted Kurt Dey, Highway Commissioner, prior to the meeting, and Dey spoke with the Department of Transportation and informed Casey that we would not be allowed to landscape in front of the fence due to easement rights.

Aging Report

Committee reviewed and discussed past due accounts.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 8th, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn Solid Waste Committee meeting at 9:39 a.m. made by Salzwedel, second by Landers. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Brian Landers

Recording Secretary,

Carole Beix

