

**Columbia County Solid Waste Committee  
Approved Minutes**

**April 11, 2006**

**Present:** Gerald Salzwedel, Harlan Horton, Doug Richmond, and Donald Nelson

**Absent:** Jim Pugh

**Also Present:** Harlan Baumgartner-County Board Vice Chair, Bill Casey, Jim Rager and Carole Beix Recording Secretary

Chair Salzwedel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. noting that the meeting had been properly noticed. Motion to approve agenda with the addition of Fire Review made by Nelson, second by Horton. Motion carried.

Minutes from the March 14, 2006 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Horton, second by Nelson. Motion carried.

**Vouchers**

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

**Correspondence**

On Saturday April 22nd Casey will be participating in Earth Day at the City of Lodi. Casey informed the committee that he has been working with both the City of Portage and the Town of Lodi to apply for an efficiency grant that is due by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Budget and Compensatory Time**

Due to the fire on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> we had three employees who worked 12 hours doing clean up causing them to go over the 80.0 hour limit. We will be paying out these employees the 12 hours at time and one-half and submitting the amount to the insurance company for reimbursement.

**Recycling Market Update**

The shredder is up and operational. Mixed paper prices have fallen slightly with glass remaining at zero. Tin and aluminum remain steady. Plastic is strong with several companies interested in purchasing.

**Operations Report**

Casey informed the committee that a new employee has been hired to replaced the one who resigned in the compost area. In house staff has completed the welding on the drums and both drums are running with garbage being pushed into both.

**Town of Pacific**

No odor complaints this month. Compost hauling to area farmers will begin on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Landscaping will be done in front of the fence and also around the entryway of the recycling site located on Highway 51/16.

**Aging Report**

Reviewed past due accounts.

**Fire Review**

A fire alarm was called in at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Fire started near a stairwell in the compost building with the cause undetermined. Gases on the ceiling may have caused the explosion, which blew off the overhead doors on the building on the hill. Fire was contained in a 75' by 100' building which has no heat and very little plumbing with minor damage to the electrical controls, which run the drums. Two loaders were lost in the fire. Brooks tractor delivered a rental unit by noon on Monday, and the insurance adjustor stated that we could purchase the same vintage loaders with the exception that the smaller loader will need a clam bucket. Highway on the day of the fire supplied us with one of their loaders, and also one of their employees to help get the garbage and demolition out of the building. The metal structure may not be rebuildable. The main beams are not bent, but the smaller beams received structural damage due to the intense heat. Now would be the time for improvements. Discussed holding areas where light and heavy material could be stored helping with the load weights going to the landfill. No estimate of the cost at this time. Discussion followed.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be May 9th, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

The Solid Waste Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. on motion by Nelson, second by Horton. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

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Gerald Salzwedel  
Committee Chairman

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William J. Casey

