

**Columbia County Solid Waste Committee
Approved Minutes**

May 9, 2006

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

Absent: Vern Gove

Also Present: Bill Casey, Jim Rager and Carole Beix Recording Secretary

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order welcoming new members 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 April 11, 2006 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Salzwedel, second by Baebler. Motion carried.

Vouchers

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

Correspondence

Casey has been meeting with Kurt Calkins/Land and Water, Barb Salna/Health & Human Services, Kathleen Haas/U.W. Extension, and John Exo, UW Extension Sauk County, to discuss targeting a particular town to take water samples from private wells. Testing will continue in area towns to compare results. Plans are part of an extension project, which are still being discussed.

Human Resources sent a memo that if we are requesting additional staff for 2006 that they be notified by next month. Casey informed the committee that we would not be requesting any additional staff for 2006.

Departments have been notified by the Accounting Department to anticipate what outlay items will be needed in the next two years. Discussion followed. Anticipated items: forklift for 2007 – garbage truck in the compost area for 2008. Casey will have a more complete list for the next meeting.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Compensatory time remains the same with one employee slightly above the 80.0-hour limit. Welding on the drums has been paid out along with the time three employees had the day of the fire.

Budgets are in line.

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Recycling Market Update

Plastic markets are weakening somewhat. There is no glass market. Paper market fluctuates with tin and aluminum being strong.

Operations Report

Fire Update: The insurance company has replaced both loaders. We are still waiting the for clamp bucket which should be here shortly for the smaller loader which loads the garbage and demo semis. Bid opening for the 75' X 100' compost building will be on Monday the 15th. Due to the 30 foot high building the structure will need to be strong enough for high winds and heavy snow.

Casey informed the committee that he would like to put up a three-sided 20' by 40' concrete pit where the overrun of demo would be kept for a day till it could be loaded onto semis. The concrete pit would be at a 45° angle to the loading ramp to reduce turning of the loader. A tarp may be placed over the pit to prevent paper, that's attached to shingles from blowing around. Casey spoke to the DNR proposing the pit area and will compose a letter indicating the intent of the pit. The finance committee has approved the cost if we can finance it. Discussed raising demolition fees to \$55.00 per ton. Motion to construct a concrete pit and pay for the cost by raising the demolition fees to \$55.00 per ton beginning July 1st, 2006, by Salzwedel, second by Landers. Motion approved.

Town of Pacific

No odor complaints this month. Compost has been hauled to area farmers. Received 75 Ash trees from the Land and Water Department, which were planted on the west side of the building. There are some concerns about the site line at the entrance to the Highway 51 recycling site. Landscaping is being planned at the entrance to the 51-recycling site showing the use of tire chips.

Aging Report

Reviewed past due accounts.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be June 13th, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

The Solid Waste Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m. on motion by Landers, second by Baebler. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Brian Landers

Recording Secretary,

Carole Beix

