

Columbia County Solid Waste Committee  
June 12th, 2007

**Approved Minutes**

**Present:** Don Nelson, Vern Gove, Gerald Salzwedel, and Phil Baebler

**Excused:** Brian Landers

**Also Present:** Deb Wopat Vice-Chair, Bill Casey, Randy Davis, 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 May 8th, 2007 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Gove, second by Salzwedel. Motion carried.

**Vouchers**

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

**Bid Document**

Casey informed the committee that at the end of this year our contract with Morath who hauls our material to the landfill will end. With the budget process Casey prepared and handed out to the committee a new bid document with some minor changes. Discussion followed. Bids will be opened on July 6<sup>th</sup> at the County Clerk's office allowing Casey to review and prepare comparisons before the next committee meeting. Motion to authorized Casey to bid out the solid waste hauling contract made by Gove second by Baebler. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

The City of Portage has renewed their recycling contract with Columbia County with a 3% increase each year for the next five years. The city has also approved a \$1.00 increase for tipping fees beginning January 2008 raising it to \$35.00 per ton.

Casey informed the committee with the new power lines going in along the front of the facility that power had to be disconnected twice. The power company started early so there was no interruption of service to our customers. Casey also thanked John Hartman and his staff for their help in resetting our computer equipment after the disconnection of service.

**Budget and Compensatory Time**

Compensatory time is in line with county policy

Budgets are in good shape with exception of LP fuel.

**Recycling Market Update**

Casey reviewed the recycling report and explained to the committee that when a zero shows in the monthly tonnage that the mills may not be receiving material due to being at capacity or trucking was not available for pickup. Cardboard and paper remain steady. Glass still remains a problem and it appears that will not change.

**Operations Report**

Casey explained to the committee due to a large volume of chicken batter coming in weekly and finding it difficult to dump into the drums on a daily bases, Casey had the staff weld together a large holding tank, purchased a pump and with a probe which will be put into the drum the chicken batter will pumped directly into the drums. Discussion followed.

Casey explained that the mast on our new forklift raises the forks too high that we cannot use the forklift to load semis. Casey has been in contact with the salesman to resolve the problem.

**Town of Pacific**

Randy Davis had been contacted by a Town of Pacific resident regarding a pothole at the entrance of the facility. Discussion followed. Entrance is in highway right-of-way. As part of the buildings and grounds repairs this last month 15 cubic yards of gravel was spread into the potholes in front of the building.

**Aging Report**

Committee reviewed and discussed past due accounts.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 12th, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn Solid Waste Committee meeting at 9:45 a.m. made by Salzwedel, second by Baebler. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

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Brian Landers

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Carole Beix

