

**Columbia County Solid Waste Committee
Approved Minutes**

June 14, 2005

Present: Gerald Salzwedel, Ken Hutler, Don Nelson, Harlan Horton and Jim Pugh

Also Present: Jim Rager, Bill Casey, 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 made by Nelson, second by Hutler. Motion carried.

Minutes from the May 10th meeting were approved as presented on motion by Horton, second by Pugh. Motion carried.

Vouchers

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

2006 Employee Request

Casey explained the need for additional staff beginning in 2006, and that we should consider a salary increase for the Town of Pacific site attendant. Discussion followed. Motion to raise the hourly rate to \$9.00 for the Town of Pacific site attendant made by Horton, second by Nelson. Motion carried. A motion to support the hiring of two people, one for the recycling routes and one for the garbage and roll-offs was made by Nelson, second by Hutler. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Casey read a summary of the Joint Finance Committee actions as they relate to solid waste and recycling. After some discussion it was felt Casey should draft a letter that could be sent to members of the sub committee especially, Luther Olsen who represents part of Columbia County. The letter should address the tipping fee surcharge and more funding for the "Responsible Units" to run the programs. The committee will consider the letter at the next meeting for support, and possibly forwarding to the full County Board.

Budget and Compensatory Time

The maintenance budget in the Co-Compost is tight and may run over. Casey told the committee that he has spoken with the Comptroller about a non-lapsing account in the maintenance area.

Our Internet service budget may go over due to changes with our DSL phone line going from dynamic to static, causing the monthly fee to double.

Truck maintenance in recycling may go over due a transmission going out of a recycling truck. To replace the transmission would cost \$7,000.00. Casey informed the committee that he went on-line and located a recycling truck in Jackson Minnesota. Total cost amounted to \$6,025.00.

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Compensatory time is in line with county policy.

Recycling

The steel market continues to go down. The paper market is iffy, and our glass broker has informed us that he is going out of business. Casey informed the committee that a semi load of wood chips was shipped out last month.

Operations Report

The plunger on the loading compartment on drum # 1 broke after 14 years. Staff is doing repairs and should be ready by the end of the week.

Drum # 2 the screen arms broke. Repairs will be made and should be ready to go by the beginning of next week.

Town of Pacific

There were no odor complaints this month. Jim Rager asked if we would be able to plant some bushes around the Highway 51 site. Casey explained that last year we had planted a number of bushes. When the Highway Dept. did mowing along the roadside during the summer the bushes were accidentally mowed off. Plans are for next spring to replant more bushes.

Aging Report

Reviewed past due accounts

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

The Solid Waste Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m. on motion by Nelson, second by Horton. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

Jim Pugh

Carole J. Beix

