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Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee July 14th, 2009

Approved Minutes

Present: Don Nelson, Gerald Salzwedel, Barry Pufahl, John Healy and Ollie Mielke

Also Present: Bill Casey, Bob Westby, Craig Cawley-Town of Pacific Supervisor, Lyn Jerde-Daily Register, and Carole Beix, Recording secretary

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. noting that the meeting had been properly noticed. Supervisor Westby requested to be added to the agenda to discuss space needs. Salzwedel made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of space needs, second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Minutes from the June 9th meeting were approved as presented on motion by Healy, second by Pufahl. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints. Town of Pacific Supervisor Cawley mentioned that the Highway 51 site could be mowed again. Casey stated that it will be mowed next week.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Motion to approve expenditure report as presented made by Healy second by Salzwedel. Motion carried.

Budgets and Compensatory Time

Compensatory time is in line with county policy

Revenue stream in recycling is low. We are beginning to see an increase in plastic and paper. Cardboard may also be going up.

Correspondence

The governor signed the state budget imposing a \$7.10 per ton tipping fee increase as a user fee. Beginning July 1 a \$4.10 per ton increase was added on and October 1 an additional \$3.00 will be added, which will be passed on to our customers. Letters and resolutions opposing the increase were presented to the legislature, but to no avail due to the state's budget deficit.

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This summer we have a student thru workforce development helping to do survey work at the different recycling sites around the county. This way we can compile the number of times each site is used by the public over a period of time.

Bob Westby explained the space needs options, and answered questions that the committee had. Discussion held.

Recycling Market

Processing of recyclable material is in line with last year this time, but the revenue side is down from last year. We have been hearing that the markets may be going up.

Operations Report

Oil burning furnace: Casey received a quote of \$11,000.00 for a drain oil burning furnace for our shop. The down side to this type of furnace is that it would need a lot of oil and that they recommend we use our own oil and not oil dropped off by the public. Casey also contacted Wisconsin Power & Light to have them stop and give us a quote to have natural gas installed. Discussion held.

Single Stream Recycling: Casey passed out a paper showing Source Separated vs. Single Stream which he explained to the committee that revenue received would be based on \$45.00 per ton paper price. Revenue for single would be less, but the operating and maintenance costs being lower. Presently, we separate as we pick up the recyclables with some communities having their paper and cardboard bundled and flattened. With the change to single stream it would make it easier for our customers to recycle and help to increase the volume received. If we decide to go to single stream we cannot go back due to educational reasons. After lengthy discussion motion was made by Pufahl to move to single stream recycling beginning January 1, 2010, second by Mielke. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 11th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made to adjourn Solid Waste Committee meeting at 10:10 a.m. by Healy, second by Mielke. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

Ollie Mielke

Carole Beix