

Columbia County Solid Waste Committee  
August 14, 2007

**Approved Minutes**

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

**Excused:** Brian Landers

**Also Present:** Bill Casey, Mark--Town of Wyocena Resident, 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 made to approve agenda made by Salzwedel, second by Gove. Motion carried.

Minutes from the July 14th, 2007 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Salzwedel, second by Baebler. Motion carried. Vern Gove noted that we should do background checks on hubers before they are sent here.

**Vouchers**

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

**Town of Pacific**

This past month we received 6 to 7 direct complaints about the odor. Casey explained that for the past 7 years we have been taking liquid waste from Brakebush. Recently, they put in a new line causing more liquid to come in faster than we could handle it causing us to stock pile the liquid. All the liquid has been removed and the remaining pallets are being shipped with the demo to the landfill. We have contacted Brakebush letting them know that we will no longer be excepting the liquid. We will lose close to \$50,000 in revenue. Question was asked-Why are we bring in material outside of the county? Casey explained that about seven years ago he asked the Town of Pacific permission to bring in from the outside to generate more revenue. Discussion followed.

**Correspondence**

Casey informed the committee that he had attended a meeting at Wisconsin Dells for Solid Waste directors put on by Foth to discuss the supreme-court decision regarding solid waste facilities. Discussion followed.

The Rio School District contacted us and is interested in starting a recycling program and asked if we would be interested in placing containers at the school. Discussion followed. Motion made to place containers at the Rio School on a trial bases for recycling purposes made by Gove second by Baebler. Motion carried.

### **Budgets**

Casey handed out the supporting sheets for the Administrative, Recycling, Co-Composting and Clean Sweep Budgets. Review and discussion followed. Motion made by Gove second by Salzwedel to approve the Administrative Budget. Motion carried.

Motion made by Baebler second by Gove to approve the Recycling Budget with the addition in the Building Repair to include fencing out front to catch debris, and in the Capital Outlay change Lease purchase of new trucks for curbside collection to Purchase of new trucks for curbside collection. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gove second by Baebler to approve the Co-Composting Budget with the addition to Building Repair to put fencing on the south line up on the hill. Motion carried.

Motion made by Salzwedel second by Baebler to approve the Clean Sweep Budget. Motion carried. Casey informed the committee that the Department of Ag wants a co-operative agreement drawn up between Dane and Columbia Counties allowing Columbia County residents the ability to take their hazardous materials to Dane County. Joe Ruf is presently drawing up this agreement and with this agreement Dane County will apply on our behalf for a grant.

### **Budget and Compensatory Time**

Compensatory time is in line with county policy

We will be short on our LP fuel by the end of the year. Discussion followed.

### **Recycling Market Update**

Paper, plastic and cardboard is strong and holding. Glass still remains a problem.

### **Operations Report**

Casey informed the committee that one of our garbage trucks caught on fire while on the highway, and the driver was unable to put it out. The insurance company has totaled the truck and we are in the process of finding a replacement truck.

With the odor complaints the Department of Natural Resources visited twice.

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The Solid Waste Department and the City of Portage will be working together towards an efficiency grant with light bulb education. This grant benefits both the City of Portage and Columbia County as it receives so much per resident.

**Aging Report**

Committee reviewed and discussed past due accounts.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made to adjourn Solid Waste Committee meeting at 10:35 a.m. made by Salzwedel, second by Gove. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

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Don Nelson-Chairman

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Carole Beix