

**Columbia County Solid Waste Committee
Approved Minutes**

October 5, 2006

Present: Gerald Salzwedel, Phil Baebler, Vern Gove, and Brian Landers

Absent: Donald Nelson

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

Vice-Chair Baebler 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 Gove. Motion carried.

Minutes from the September 12th, 2006 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Salzwedel, second by Landers. Motion carried.

Vouchers

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

Correspondence

Village of Arlington let out bids for garbage and curbside recycling beginning January 2007. We have notified that we were low bidder. The village board will meet to decide whether it is feasible for the village to continue as they have been or award the bid to Columbia County.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Compensatory time remains the same with one employee slightly above the 80.0-hour limit.

Casey met with the Finance Committee to review the budget for 2007. The 2007 budget, which included a new forklift, was approved. Discussion followed.

We are over on the fuel budget. Casey explained to the committee the fuel surcharge that our hauler has been charging us. Casey informed the committee that the Finance Committee has set up a contingency account for fuel overages.

We are over on the maintenance budget in the compost area. With revenue coming in we should be fine at year-end.

Recycling Market Update

We have met our recycling goal for 2006. Container rental has been going good, and we have gradually begun doing dumpsters for local businesses. Markets are softening somewhat with paper still being strong.

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Operations Report

Screens on drum #2 are now back on and working well. We have some problems with the forklifts, which need to be addressed. Auburndale, our tire hauler, has been in on a regular basis keeping our tire pile down. Fall compost for area farmers has been hauled by the Highway Department. Casey informed the committee that he has written up the specs for the budgeted forklift, and would like to get the specs out as soon as the budget passes at the November meeting. Casey would like to have the bids completed, returned and opened before the December meeting so the committee can review the bids and make an award. Discussion followed. Motion by Landers to proceed with the bid specs for ordering the forklift contingent that the 2007 budget passes, second by Salzwedel. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No odor complaints were received this month. Discussed landscaping at the Highway 51 site. Casey informed the committee that testing is still being done at the old recycling site on Highway 51. Discussion followed.

Aging Report

Reviewed past due accounts. Discussed container rental

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be **Thursday, November 9th, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.**

Motion to adjourn Solid Waste Committee meeting at 9:54 a.m. made by Salzwedel, second by Gove. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

Brian Landers

Carole Beix

