



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee January 5, 2022

Present: Nancy Long, Henry St. Maurice, Darren Schroeder, Harlan Baumgartner
Mark Sleger

Also Present: Jessica Hale-Assistant Corporation Counsel, Greg Kaminski-Director,
and Gail Benz-recording secretary.

Chairman Nancy Long called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and noted the meeting had been properly noticed. St. Maurice made motion to approve, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

Minutes from December 1, 2021 meeting were approved on motion by Baumgartner, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns.

Communications/Public Input

It was noted that we had a lot of positive feed back from our December meeting with our municipal accounts.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month of December was \$1,120,859.60 Motion was made by St. Maurice to approve expenditures, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we had a fair amount of compensation time. We worked each Monday after the Holidays and also December 24th and 31st as normal days. There is a lot more garbage and recycling around the holidays. We are still short a driver, but he should be starting soon.

We are under budget for recycling because recycling prices were so good this past year. The Transfer station took in 36,000 tons of garbage and we should be right around budget for 2021. We are in good shape. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we had another good month and a really good year. We had a couple minor accidents and injuries but no vehicle collisions. Safety meeting videos are done monthly. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported we had another good month. Recycling revenue for December was \$143,864.80. Pricing has come down on some plastics. But overall, prices are still good. Aluminum is up but paper and cardboard went down slightly. Markets are predicated to be strong in 2022. We are getting a lot of cardboard in, since the holidays. We are way over our goal of \$850,000. We processed just over 6,000 tons of material this past year. When our new system is up and running we should double this amount. Once our new system is in we should be able to process 3-7 plastics. This won't make much money but it will not go to the landfill. Discussion followed.

Approve Recycling Upgrade Change Order -Transformer Upgrade

Kaminski reported we need to spend \$6,000 for additional electric capacity for the recycling upgrade.
Schroeder made motion to approve change of order for the transformer upgrade, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Approve Recycling Upgrade Change Order -Second Shift Installation

Kaminski stated our original date to go forward with the new line was February 26, and now it is March 10th. We will be down a shorter amount of time by installing the new system with a second shift. We should be up and running by April 10th. This will save us money by cutting down on our down time, by 6 to 7 days. The fewer the days we are down the better. We will store some of our material to process in the future.

Motion was made by Sleger to approve adding a second shift for installation of the new system enhancing a shorter time period to save revenue, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Review and Award Bid for Recycling Upgrade Concrete

Kaminski stated the optical sorter has to go outside on a cement pad and two bids have come in. One bid was very high and the other was much less with no bid bond. St. Maurice made motion to accept the Benninger Concrete Construction bid for \$9,400.00, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

Position Replacement Request- Administrative Assistant

Kaminski stated we need to hire a part-time person as soon as possible at 24 hours a week. We need to replace the person we had. Winter has not slowed down and we are still busy. The request for dumpsters is still very high. Eventually, we will need a full-time person. Schroeder made motion to approve the part-time Administrative Assistant position replacement, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Approve Resolution to Increase Administrative Assistant to 40 hours

Kaminski stated we still need a full-time office Administrative Assistant with how busy we have become. We may need to discuss this in the future.

Motion was made by St. Maurice to table this discussion in the future for the 40 hours a week Administrative Assistant, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

Approve Write Off

Kaminski reported we have one delinquent account. Dena Gedko for \$76.42. Motion by St. Maurice to write off Dena Gedko account for \$76.42, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

Review and Award Truck Bids

Kaminski reported we went out to bid for a side and rear load garbage trucks. He received several bids. Enviro Tech Equipment can have a side load truck here by May or June this year. It was a little more costly but worth it. The other bids would have the trucks here by 2023. We need the trucks now. Motion made by St. Maurice to accept the bid of Enviro Tech Equipment side load truck for \$265,930.00, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Kaminski compared the RNOW rear load truck to Enviro Tech Equipment rear load. The RNOW truck we would not arrive until 2023. The Enviro Tech Equipment truck has a better chassis and is a Peter-Built. We would get the truck in February 2022 because it is on the lot. We would need to add the cart tipper. Motion was made by Sleger to accept the bid for the Enviro Tech Equipment rear load truck for \$227,684.00 with the addition of the cart tipper for a total amount of \$234,184, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Review and Award bid for Transfer Station Compactor

Kaminski reported we went out to bid for the transfer station compactor replacement. Kaminski suggested we should put this out to bid again.

Motion was made by Sleger to request to rebid the Transfer Station Compactor, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Kaminski added a new compactor would improve garbage and demolition rates. It would improve transfer station volume. This would be a bigger unit, done inside the building. It will cut down on trips to the landfill and save us money on garbage and demolition.

Approve Line Item Transfer – Loader Repair

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Kaminski reported we needed to repair the loader for \$36,000. We need to transfer the money from capital outlay to machine repair. We did not get a new truck this year and this money is available. Baumgartner made motion to transfer \$36,000 for loader repair from the capital outlay to machine repair, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

Operations Report

Kaminski reported we were approved ARPA funds and we will be using Foth Consultant. They will be coming out next week and helping us with a plan. The transfer floor will be looked at and be worked on with Foth. Kaminski to present at next meeting. We need more room with a transfer station expansion, for all the trucks and public that use the facility.

Kaminski noted the WIRMA Conference will be February 25th and 26th in Green Bay.


The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be March 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m. on motion by St. Maurice second by Schroeder.

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz