



COLUMBIA COUNTY

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee January 6, 2020

Present: Mark Sleger, Nancy Long, Robert McClyman, Christopher Polzer, Henry St. Maurice, Jon Plumer

Also Present: Dan Drew–Vice Chair, Greg Kaminski-Director, and Gail Benz-recording secretary.

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

Minutes from October 16, and December 2, 2019 meeting were approved on motion by Long, second by Polzer. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month of November was \$247,856.07. Motion was made by St. Maurice, second by Polzer to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we needed to work Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. We had to work to keep up with our routes. We made it through the holidays fairly well, but generated some overtime.

We are glad to be done with 2019. We have high hopes 2020 will be better. We are over on garbage because of all the garbage in the recycling. We are over in machine maintenance. The older equipment on the line is wearing down and some other equipment also. The upgrade will eliminate some of these repairs. We had hoped

recycling would have rebounded in 2019 but it did not, it got even worse. We are having trouble moving newspaper at this time. If we would have had the same prices as 2017 we would have made 1.1 million dollars with the amount of recycling we took in for 2019. We will have to transfer funds for shortfalls. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we had a great 2019 regarding safety. We had a total of only 2 injuries and 2 minor accidents for the entire year. Overall we did a real good job regarding safety. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported we ended December with recycling revenue of \$59,771.70. We are seeing some encouraging numbers. Metal is up and along with tin, and PET plastics. We are seeing some movement in the right direction. Actual tonnage has gone up but recycling prices are down. In the state of Wisconsin there is a mandatory law to recycle and that is keeping the program going. Discussion followed.

Recycling Facility Upgrade and Discuss Revenue Projections

Kaminski stated we are going to slow the process down. We only received 2 proposals. We asked for a guarantee and only 2 companies could offer guarantees. The bonding was deterrent for some vendors. They could not guarantee so they did not do a proposal. If we remove the bonding clause we could go back out to bid. The two companies that bid were Sparta at \$1,820,474.00 with additional costs for us, and Machinex. Their bid is \$1,933,245.20. We have a couple options. Kaminski wants Foth, our consultant to come out and review proposals. Kaminski will meet with Adams County Facility this week and see the progress of their new equipment being installed and share ideas. He will check if Adams County could help us out by taking some material when we are installing our new automated system. Kaminski passed around handouts to compare both proposals and options. The bounce belt needs to be replaced very soon, due to wear. There are other improvements that need to be done, the tipping floor needs repair and some building repairs. Reducing overtime was one of our big concerns and will save on labor costs. If we upgrade the system, and work a 40 hour week, we will process more material and have less labor. It would be good if Foth came out along with Machinex to present to us in March.

A motion was made to table further discussion with the new project until March by St. Maurice, second by Long. Motion carried.

Operations Report

Kaminski stated our contract with Advanced Disposal is up at the end of this year and we shall see what our opportunities are.

We are interviewing this Friday for the part-time office assistant.

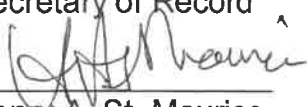
Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells will host the WIRMC Conference February 27th and 28th.

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The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Monday March 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m. on motion by Polzer, second by McClyman.

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz