



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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## Columbia County Solid Waste Committee January 9, 2018

**Present:** Mark Sleger, Robert McClyman, Nancy Long, Barry Pufahl, Craig Robson and Henry St.Maurice, James Brooks

**Also Present:** James Foley County Board Supervisor, Craig Cawley Pacific Town Supervisor, George Beasley- Pacific Town Supervisor, Greg Kaminski, Gail Benz- recording secretary.

Chairman Sleger called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and noted the meeting had been properly noticed. Pufahl made motion to approve agenda as presented, second by McClyman. Motion carried.

Minutes from December 4, 2017 meeting were approved by McClyman, second by St.Maurice. 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 of all vouchers for the month of December was 162,070.02. Motion was made by Pufahl, second by Long to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

### **Budget and Compensatory Time**

Kaminski reported we had a considerable amount of compensation time during the holidays. We worked on December 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>. The office was open until noon and routes needed to be completed. We got everything done even with the extreme cold weather and everyone working together as a team.

Our budget ended well for the year. We had an increase in municipal revenue, construction revenue, and even container rental. More and more people are using our facility and

this is reflected by 5,000 more tons hauled in for 2017. Our operation is continuing to grow. Truck repairs and landfill costs will be over budget, but with our increased revenue we should come out well. Discussion followed.

### **Safety Update**

Kaminski reported we had a good safety month. No accidents or injuries were reported. Kaminski noted that this time of year we usually see more accidents due to the weather. 2017 was a good year for safety but we have more work to do. The new Operations Manager just recently hired, will be working with this and addressing these issues. We will continue our safety meetings and improving our safety culture for 2018. Discussion followed.

### **Recycling Markets**

Kaminski reported that we ended the month and year strong, despite weak commodity prices. The price for metal is up to \$130.00 a ton. Cardboard and paper have gone down, but indications are cardboard will start to move back up in the first quarter of 2018. We made over \$300,000 more in recycling revenue this year. Questions were brought up regarding starting a second shift or having more room to expand in the future. We do have 63 acres here and we have a lot of material. Discussion followed.

### **Low Hazard Glass Exemption**

Kaminski reported we have spent \$7,000 for a low hazard permit and the DNR will still not approve. SCS engineers has talked with the DNR and they have received a letter asking for GEO testing and TCLIP testing to be done. But there is no guarantee we will get the permit and the testing costs will be an additional \$16,000 or more. Strategic Material would take it at \$500.00 a load. This maybe a better route to follow than spending more on the permit. Discussion followed.

### **Truck Bids and Purchases**

Kaminski passed around two handouts from three different companies comparing 5 different trucks. We will be purchasing a rear load and a side load truck. Kaminski is leaning toward the Envirotech #2 right hand drive side load truck. Specifications, price, and delivery time were considered and references checked. Having a shorter delivery time of 10-12 weeks would be a great advantage. Pufahl made motion to approve the purchase of the Envirotech #2 side load truck, second by Long. Motion carried.

Kaminski stated the same companies bid on the rear load truck and Envirotech #2 has the right hand drive option and again the shorter delivery time is a plus. We are growing and we need to keep up. Brooks made motion to approve the purchase of the Envirotech #2 rear load truck, second by St.Maurice. Motion carried.

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### Truck Scale Replacement

Kaminski stated that our truck scale is in need of replacement. We need to move on this quickly because the support beams are rusting and it could collapse. It needs \$20,000 in repairs. The scale is 30 years old. Kaminski got some estimates on replacement. United Scale could replace with a brand new scale for \$55,000 to \$60,000 with delivery of 8-10 weeks. Fairbanks estimate was much higher at \$120,000. Kaminski needs to get it in next year's budget or if we have to, borrow the money to purchase this year. We would need a temporary scale while it is being installed. Hopefully we will have it, by our busy season for summer. We will visit this issue again in March for approval. Discussion followed.

### Operations Report

Kaminski reported we have hired Gary Drew as Operations Manager. We interviewed 7 people and narrowed it down to 3. He will start January 15<sup>th</sup>. His main focus will be safety, maintenance, and supervising the Huber and LTE employees. We are looking forward to having him come on board.


The annual conference this year is February 28 through March 2.

Supervisor Foley is still working with the County Highway regarding repairing our equipment. No decision has been made at this time.

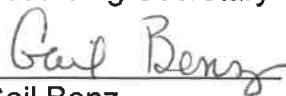
We will not be having a meeting in February. The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is set for Monday March 5, at 9:30.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. on motion by St. Maurice second by Robson.

Secretary of Record

  
Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary

  
Gail Benz