



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

**Solid Waste**

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## Columbia County Solid Waste Committee March 2, 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 Schroeder. Motion carried.

Minutes from January 5, 2022 meeting were approved on motion by St. Maurice, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

### **Town of Pacific**

No complaints or concerns.

### **Communications/Public Input**

None at this time.

### **Expenditures**

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the months of January and February was \$804,271.35.

Motion was made by Schroeder to approve expenditures, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

### **Budget and Compensatory Time**

Kaminski reported we are short on drivers and we have had some compensation time. We lost a driver in December and we posted the position and only got one application. Another driver is out due to surgery and came down sick. There are days when we are 3-4 drivers short. Everyone is trying to cover. We need to hire a couple of drivers

soon. It is hard to find CDL drivers and the labor shortage is a big issue. We need to find a way to stay competitive.

Kaminski reported we are off to a good start with revenue. We are on track with expenses, except for truck repairs. Discussion followed.

#### **Safety Update**

Kaminski reported we had a minor accident in January. A driver struck a car with the arm of the truck and there were minor damages. The carts were placed too close to the car. We also had one injury. Our mechanic was fixing a skid steer and dropped the radiator on his wrist. Discussion followed.

#### **Recycling Markets Update**

Kaminski reported we are off to very good start. Recycling revenue for January was \$102,122.70 and February was \$110,641.25. Prices have come down a little. Prices are projected to go up. That will be good because of our new line is to be installed soon. Prices are still strong and will remain strong. Discussion followed.

#### **Recycling Upgrade Discussion**

Kaminski reported that Machinex is scheduled to start March 10. They will be installing the optical sorter, and on March 18th the recycle line will shutdown until the new equipment is installed. Then starting March 18<sup>th</sup>, they will be working 24/7 including Sundays to install the new line. We need to do a fire watch during this time. Many employees volunteered to come in. The plan is the first week of April testing then up and running. By our next meeting we should be close to starting up.

#### **Approve Recycling Upgrade Change Order- Compressor**

Kaminski stated we had to move the compressor for the optical sorter. There was a tank and electric box in the way. We moved it to the other side of the building. The concrete pad is done and the compressor will sit there. Motion was made by St. Maurice to approve moving the compressor, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

#### **Approve Vehicle Mileage Form**

Kaminski stated we need to approve the mileage form for 3 county vehicles. They are the service truck, Ford Explorer, and the Crown Victoria. Schroeder made motion to approve the vehicle mileage report, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

#### **Approve Annual Report**

Kaminski handed out our 2021 Annual Report. It was noted our revenue has increased by 17%, and the report was reviewed by all.

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Motion was made by St. Maurice to approve the 2021 Solid Waste Annual Report, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

**Operations Report**

Kaminski reported we have a new part-time office Administrative Assistant. She will be working 6 hours a day, four days a week. We are very busy.

There is a delay with our approved ARPA funds. We have retained Foth to help with lay out. We will continue working with them. They will basically be helping put the bids together for the transfer floor first. We will put together a time line with the recommendations for using the ARPA funds.

Kaminski noted the WIRMA Conference was attended February 25th and 26th in Green Bay.

Kaminski reported Dane County Extension has started an on-line program at their UW Extension regarding recycling. Kaminski noted that Dane County has seen a 5% drop in residual garbage since the program has started. Recycling education is very important and with our new equipment being installed, we should get a cleaner product.

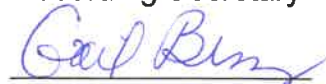
The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be April 6th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. on motion by St. Maurice second by Schroeder.

Secretary of Record

  
Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary

  
Gail Benz