



COLUMBIA COUNTY

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee March 3, 2021

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

Also Present: Lois Schepp-Columbia County Comptroller, Jessica Hale-Assistant Corporation Counsel, Craig Cawley-Pacific Town Supervisor, Greg Kaminski-Director, 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 and we will be taking Lois Schepp Resolution-2020 Overdrawn Accounts out of order today. Schroeder made motion to approve, second by St Maurice. Motion carried.

Minutes from January 6, 2021 meeting were approved on motion by Baumgartner, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns. Kaminski reported the regular Town of Pacific drop off attendant is now back from a medical leave.

Communications/Public Input

There was no public input.

Resolution 2020 Overdrawn Accounts

Lois Schepp Columbia County Comptroller presented resolution to transfer funds to cover 2020 Solid Waste accounts of a net overdrawn \$74,395. This budgetary shortage is due primarily to increased disposal costs of garbage. This shortage can be attributed to more people at home through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Kaminski reported there was 25% more out at the curb. Garbage was piled everywhere and sometimes garbage was put into the recycle carts. We had budgeted \$340,000 for municipal garbage for the year and we went over that, by \$39,000. We shipped 114 loads of recycling residual, 25% more than the year before. We had to use temporary workers to replace the Huber's due to Covid-19.

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Baumgartner made motion to transfer \$74,395 from the 2020 pre-closing General Fund account, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month of January and February was \$1,219,114.78.

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

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we had very little compensation time, but we had to cover the Town of Pacific attendant while he was out.

We were off to a slow start due to the weather being so cold in January and February. It is slowly starting to pick up now with the warmer weather and in April we start getting very busy. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we did not have any injuries. One driver is back on light duty from falling on the ice in January. We did have an accident. A driver took 3 mailboxes out and we since have repaired. Our Operations Manager does safety meetings each week. Discussion followed.

Recycling Facility Upgrade

Kaminski updated the committee that we have signed the contract and paid our first installment payment to Machinex. We are looking at February 2022. This may work out better because February is usually a slower month to be down. We are a year out due to Covid-19. In the meantime, we are going to do repairs to some buildings with our own crew. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported we had a pretty good two months even though we were struggling with labor. We do not have any Huber labor and rely on temporary staffing. The #2 plastics and PET plastics are way up and we are trying move out. Cardboard is gradually going up. We are still making good revenue on recycling. Many prices are rebounding back up. Discussion followed.

Leadpoint Staffing

Kaminski reported that they would provide all labor for us and supervision. They would be responsible for training and all PPE material. We could save money by doing this. We would then use our employees to do something else. At this current time, we never know who will be showing up so we can run. They even could start a second shift if needed. They would provide a 11 people. We

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are waiting for some price quotes at this time. They do that now at other MRF's like ours. Kaminski to report back at next meeting.

Line Item Transfer

Kaminski stated we needed to replace some of our old cell phones with smart phones.

Baumgartner made motion to transfer \$2,700 from training and conventions and wire/twine accounts to the telephone account, second by Schroeder.

Motion carried.

Position Requests Driver, LTE Driver

Kaminski reported one driver gave his notice and we would need to replace him. One driver broke his ankle and another had a knee replacement. We are short 2 drivers. One driver is back on light duty. We will be taking on the Village of Randolph at the beginning of April and we just need someone until the driver is back.

St. Maurice made motion to approve the position requests for one truck driver and one LTE truck driver, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Annual Report

2020 Annual Report was handed out and reviewed. Kaminski noted many of the community thank us each day. They really appreciate our facility.

A motion was made by Baumgartner to approve the 2020 Annual Report, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

WIRMC Conference

Kaminski reported this year's conference was all done virtual. One interesting topic was fires and how many different facilities have had one. Only 9% of plastic is recycled and there is a lot of waste happening. When we get our new system, we can recycle clean #3 thru #7 plastics. That will cut down on what goes to the landfill. Kaminski is finding more opportunities to recycle more items in the future than what we do now. We will in future update our website to have better education regarding recycling.

Operations Report

Kaminski informed the Committee that we are starting the Village of Randolph April 1st. Carts will be delivered in March and Schaefer was awarded the bid. Schaefer will deliver the carts and we will start picking up April 2. GFL has taken over Glacier Ridge Landfill from Advanced Disposal.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Wednesday April 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.


Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m. on motion by St. Maurice, second by Schroeder.

Secretary of Record



Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary



Gail Benz