



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee April 3, 2017

Present: Mark Sleger, Robert McClyman, Nancy Long, Henry St. Maurice

Absent without Approval: James Brooks

Also Present: Vern Gove-County Board Chair, Mary Cupery- County Board Vice-Chair, Joe Ruf III-Corporation Counsel, Barry Pufahl and Jim Foley-County Board Supervisors, Greg Kaminski, and Gail Benz-recording secretary.

Chairman Mark Sleger called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 March 6, 2017 meeting were approved by Long, second by McClyman. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Greg Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. Motion was made by St. Maurice, second by Sleger to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we are working a lot of Saturdays. Since March there has been restrictions on the roads due to the frost laws. Our trucks hauling out to the landfill in Horicon can't go over 80,000 when usually they haul 110,000. We have had a lot of truck repairs and this has impacted our budget. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported there were no accidents or injuries this month. We are putting the new employees through safety training. Safety meeting topic this month is slip, trip, and falls. Discussion followed.

Changes to Operations Supervisor Position

Kaminski reported one of the supervisors was demoted back to a regular employee and Powell has been moved back to a foreman. The other supervisor, Uptagraw is our recycling supervisor. Attorney Ruf commented it's a nominal cost having a foreman in place helping on the operations side. When the director is not here we need to divide up some of the responsibilities. We are looking at a new position to budget for as an operations manager. Kaminski stated something we will be looking at, for next year. The committee agreed to revisit this position. A suggestion was made that all positions at the Solid Waste department should be re-visited. St. Maurice made motion to approve the request to authorize a compensation study on all positions at the Columbia County Solid Waste Department and approve the request of a new position, operations manager in the future, second by Long. Motion carried. McClyman made motion to approve the permanent foreman position effective immediately, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported March was our best month ever. We made \$111,581.85 in recycling revenue. Paper and cardboard prices continued to move up. Newspaper is at \$110.00 a ton and cardboard is at \$175.00, and these prices could go up even more. The markets are doing well. Glass is still an issue. The best solution is to work something out with the landfill. Kaminski is continuing to work on this. Discussion followed.

Truck Purchase

Kaminski stated we have two new trucks on order. We have been renting two other trucks at a rate of \$1500 a week. We have had so many repairs on our old trucks that we were spending more in repairs than they are worth. Kaminski stated we have budgeted \$28,000 for a fabric building but would like to hold off for a year and use this money to purchase one of the trucks we are renting. The suggestion was made to leave the building in the budget and use money from the general fund. Motion was made by Sleger to approve \$27,500 from general fund to purchase one of the trucks we are renting, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Forklift Purchase

We have only one operational forklift at this time. We need another just to keep up. Our other forklifts are from 1995 and it does not make sense to replace these old engines. We need bigger forklifts to lift the cages for the recycling line. Kaminski suggested we buy a used forklift for \$17,500.

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A suggestion was made to up the warranty if possible. Motion by McClyman to purchase a new \$17,500 forklift, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is set for Monday May 1, 2017 at 9:30.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m. on motion by McClyman, second by Long.
Motion carried.

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz