



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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## Columbia County Solid Waste Committee

April 4, 2016

**Present:** Mark Sleger, Barry Pufahl, Robert McClyman, Robert Collins, and Ken Hutler

**Also Present:**

Vern Gove- County Board Chair, Mary Cupery- County Board Vice-Chair, Craig Cawley-Pacific Town Supervisor, 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. Pufahl made motion to approve agenda as presented, second by Collins. Motion carried.

Minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting were updated and approved on motion by Collins, second by McClyman. Motion carried.

### **Town of Pacific**

There were no concerns or complaints. Kaminski is getting quotes regarding the Hwy 51 drop off site and resurfacing.

### **Expenditures**

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

### **Budget and Compensatory Time**

Kaminski reported we had a much better month in March and volume is picking up. The only thing that set us back was the restrictions on the roads due to the frost laws.

We have had some comp time with all the material coming in. We have been working some Saturdays to keep caught up on recycling. A lot of recycling companies are closing throughout the state.

Joe Ruf-Corporation Counsel and Greg Kaminski conducted interviews on the two Supervisors positions. We had some internal and external candidates. Mike Navone was chosen as the Operations Supervisors and Scott Uptagraw as the Recycling Supervisor. They will have training in Supervisory Management in the near future. This will open one permanent position. We have six Huber employees at this time and this is working out well. Discussion Followed

#### **Approve 2015 Budget Shortfall**

We ended up the year 2015 with a \$13,130.31 shortfall. One of the reasons this happened was due to sharp decline in recycling prices, resulting \$80,000 under budget. The drop in recycling prices, and wage increases for employees were not included in the budget. We were under budget in refuse and this offset, left us with the shortfall. Kaminski stated markets may not turn around for a long time. McClyman made motion to approve the resolution to cover 2015 overdrawn Solid Waste accounts second, by Collins. Motion carried.

#### **Safety Update**

Kaminski reported we are now approaching 300 days without an accident. We did have three Huber employees receive needle pokes. They did get medical attention. Columbia County does have a sharps container program. Anyone can bring the red sharps containers here at no cost for proper disposal. Safety meetings are covering repetitive injuries this month. Discussion Followed

#### **Recycling Markets**

Kaminski reported March was one of best months we had in nearly two years. Although recycling markets continue to be weak, we are starting to see the benefits of the new sorting system. We moved a lot of material making a revenue of \$48,270.50. We sold over 200 tons of cardboard, metal was up to \$70.00 a ton, and aluminum was up to \$970.00 a ton. We got a mixed load of plastics out and aluminum and tin. We need to get \$40,000 of material out a month in the future. Discussion followed.

#### **DNR Update**

Kaminski reported one of the things we have is a tipping floor. We were storing material there outside, and someone reported us. We have to get that cleaned up and nothing can be stored outside. We are working very hard to clean this up. We have contacted SCS engineers to help with the contaminated soil beneath the loading ramp. We have allotted money in the budget for this. Discussion followed.

#### **Approve Tele-handler Lease**

Kaminski stated we are looking at the purchase of a Tele-handler. This Tele-handler is a combination of a forklift and skid steer. We have gotten quotes from three Columbia County Solid Waste

companies, JCB, Bobcat, and Cat. JCB's quote to purchase was \$67,000; Bobcat was \$51,000 and a lease of \$1200 a month. Kaminski suggested we could lease from our leasing company MidAmerica. We have \$17,000 in the capital outlay for a portable loading ramp but this is no longer needed at this time and could be used for the new Tele-handler. Most of our equipment is very old and we will have to replace. A suggestion was made to borrow from Columbia County and pay the County back at a lower interest rate. A motion to approve the purchase of the Bobcat Tele-handler was made by Pufahl and second by Hutler. An additional Motion to borrow money from the Columbia County was made by Pufahl second, by Hutler. Motion carried. Kaminski will go to Finance for approval.

#### **Office Remodel Update**

Kaminski stated the office remodel is on hold until we can go out for formal bids which may be required due to the bonding. This will be looked into further. Discussion followed.

#### **Operations Report**

Kaminski reported we have picked up the Village Friesland starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. We have added a number of new commercial businesses and have received several inquiries from businesses in surrounding counties to utilize our services. We may need to add a fifth day to one of our driver's routes.

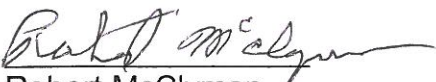
Our garbage truck with the new arm added is back from Canada and is being used in our fleet.

The Town of West Point will take over employment of the drop off center workers effective April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

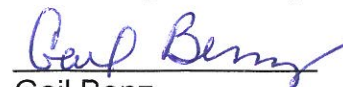
The new supervisor's positions will start April 12, 2016 officially.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. on motion by Sleger, second by Collins. Motion carried.

  
Robert McClyman

Recording Secretary

  
Gail Benz