



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee May 5, 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, Vern Gove-County Board Chair, James Foley-Vice Chair, 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 and we will be taking some topics out of order. St. Maurice made motion to approve, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Minutes from April 7, 2021 meeting were approved on motion by Schroeder, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns.

Communications/Public Input

No public input.

Leadpoint Staffing

Kaminski reported he and the Operations Manager along with some committee members took a tour of another MRF facility in Little Chute WI. This facility uses Leadpoint staffing. Kaminski did meet with Accounting previously regarding cost. We struggle trying to get temp help and Huber-inmates to run the line. There are days there are only 3 or 4 people that show up. Leadpoint would replace LTEs, Huber-inmates, and Remedy temp staffing. There is a 58% mark up per shift. We pay 50% now. They pay \$14.00 an hour. They promote a career path for workers and pay benefits. We pay \$12.00 an hour right now, with no benefits. We would not need our recycling supervisor and would save that yearly cost. It is costly but we would have people here to run the line and produce the product. We pay \$18.00 with temp help now and overtime at \$27.00. If we don't go with Leadpoint it will be difficult to attract quality workers.

We can't count on Huber labor any longer. We are getting our new line next year and we need to run it. We need to resolve the labor issue before the 2-million-dollar line is installed next year. Leadpoint staffing guarantees to have the amount of people needed each day. We would not need to work so much overtime if we had quality people.

Lois Schepp Columbia County Comptroller stated we need to go over the complete project and evaluate looking at variables as markets change and staffing change. This will be looked at in June or July. The Solid Waste receivables program will be coming very soon. Kaminski will revise a plan with more costs and wage comparisons, with more projections along with labor costs increases to attract more people, or better people and do a cost comparison. Chair Gove supports better wages for line workers. We will be looking more into this in the future.

Container Demand and Service Area

Kaminski stated we have a lot of drop off centers with increased volume and others that want our service. The Town of Columbus and Village of Doylestown would be added sites for garbage pickup. We talked about getting more containers. We need to get the drop off center's dumpsters replaced and or provide additional ones if needed. We need \$109,744 for these containers. We can replace the old battered ones and refurbish if possible. Lois Schepp Comptroller will check if we can use stimulus funds. These containers are for garbage and the overflow from the pandemic. Kaminski passed out handout of dumpster needs and costs.

Motion by Schroeder to approve and establish a receivable and go forward with purchase of additional Solid Waste dumpsters, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month of April was \$334,399.66. Motion was made by St. Maurice to approve expenditures, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we have had very little compensation time. We are on track with truck repairs. We have been busier with roll-off dumpsters and have a waiting list. Our budget in April is looking good. We have taken in 3,200 tons of garbage and construction and we are right on budget. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we had 1 accident and no injuries. A roll off driver hit a house and did a little damage to the home. We have turned it over to the insurance company. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

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Kaminski reported recycling revenue for the month of April was \$139,096.65. This was the best month on record. Recycling prices are up. We are projecting to be over our recycling revenue goal this year of \$850,000. A load of aluminum went out last month and another will go out this month. Cardboard projected to go up and newspaper went up as well. We are looking good on recycling but need to continue to staff the line. Kaminski stated some markets are opening up and he will be meeting with vendors in the future regarding rigid plastics. Discussion followed.

Dane County Hazardous Waste Contract

Kaminski informed the Committee that Dane County would like to redo the contract from 15 years ago regarding the Hazardous waste. They will charge a \$10 fee to anyone who goes there. We run the clean sweep each year from June 1st to the end of September. We pay the bill at the end for Columbia County residents only.

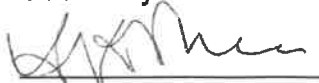
Operations Report

Kaminski stated we would like to utilize some of the possible stimulus money coming to the County. The transfer station floor needs to be redone and also the construction bunker. Hopefully, we could get this done. Our recycling building needs repair, or to be updated. We need equipment also. We will need a priority list of projects. We have 63 acres and we can restructure. Kaminski will have a list ready for next meeting.

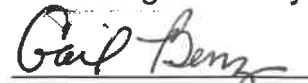
The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Friday June 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m. on motion by Schroeder, second by St. Maurice.

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz