



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

**Solid Waste**

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## Columbia County Solid Waste Committee May 6, 2019

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

**Absent without Approval:** Jon Plumer

**Also Present:** Dan Drew–Vice Chair, George Beasley-Pacific Town Supervisor, Krista Miller- Assistant Corporation Counsel, Greg Kaminski-Director, and Gail Benz-recording secretary.

Chairman Mark Sleger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and noted the meeting had been properly noticed. St. Maurice made motion to approve agenda as presented, second by McClyman. Motion carried.

Minutes from April 1, 2019 were approved by Long, second by Polzer. Motion carried.

### **Town of Pacific**

No complaints or concerns.

### **Expenditures**

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total amount from the month April was \$181,280.79. Motion was made by Long, second by St. Maurice to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

### **Budget and Compensatory Time**

Kaminski reported we have had a fair amount of compensation time due to being 3 positions short. May is our big clean up month. The Village of Wycocena, City of Lodi, and the City of Columbus have large item pickups. We do this once a year picking up about 4 yards of material. We have a lot of material coming in and we are trying our best to keep up. We are replacing two drivers and we have hired one new truck driver to start by the end of May. Discussion followed.

### **Safety Update**

Kaminski reported we had two minor incidents. One customer got too close to a forklift when dumping material and a Huber had a piece of glass puncture his glove. We have been emphasizing stretching and getting in shape to prevent injuries at our safety meetings. Discussion followed.

### **Recycling Markets**

Kaminski reported April was so far our best month of the year, with recycling revenue of \$72,371.45. Cardboard and newspaper have gone down more, along with all other markets. China is building plants now in the United States and will be looking for material in the future. A suggestion was made to educate the public regarding recycling. Kaminski will look into this and check with the DNR when their information will be coming out. Waste Management is no longer taking anything in a bag. These plastic bags are not recyclable.

Waste Management has purchased Advanced Disposal. This deal will not close to the end of year or the beginning of next year. Discussion followed.

### **Recycling Upgrade**

Kaminski stated he was approved to start getting bids from consulting companies on our recycling line upgrade. He is reviewing proposal from SCS Engineers and Foth. Both companies seemed to think we should use the existing building we are using now. This would save money. We would expand our fabric structure to increase the tipping floor. Both companies said it would make a lot of sense to be more automated to produce a cleaner product. Kaminski suggested to take our time and see how the Waste Management take over will affect us. Kaminski will update at the next committee meeting. Discussion followed.

### **Revolution Plastics- Ag Plastic Charge**

Kaminski reported that Revolution Plastics is a company that provides containers to farmers for agriculture plastics. Prices are down and they have slowed their services. They sent a letter to all the counties asking the counties to pay for the services. They are asking Columbia County to pay \$30,000 according to how many farms there are using their services in the county. Kaminski does not think Columbia County should pay this. We could have it brought out here for less and we can landfill it. Kaminski will be attending meetings in the near future and will report back.

### **Position Replacement Requests -2 Drivers**

We are in need of two drivers. Pat Connell went to the City of Fond du Lac and we need to replace him. We hired Reba Guenther as the Operations Manager and one of our current drivers took her machine/baler position. That opened another truck driver position. It is a slow process hiring more drivers.

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Motion was made by Long to replace two truck driver positions, second by Polzer.  
Motion carried.

**Approve LTE Request-Driver**

David Gonzagowski retired at the end of last year and would like to come back and help while we are short drivers. Long made motion to approve David Gonzagowski as a LTE driver, second by Polzer. Motion carried.

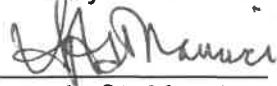
**Operations Report**

The DNR was out 2 weeks ago and nothing was in non-compliance. A few suggestions were made. The oil dump tank was one issue. We will need to look at this in the near future. Discussion followed.

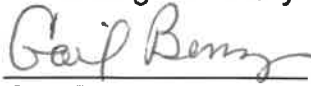
The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Monday June 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. on motion by Long second by Sleger.

Secretary of Record

  
Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary

  
Gail Benz