



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee June 3, 2020

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

Also Present: James Foley–Vice Chair, Jessica Hale-Assistant Corporation Counsel, Craig Cawley-Pacific Town Supervisor, 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. Long suggested our next agendas to include public input. St. Maurice made motion to approve, second by St. Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Minutes from March 2, 2020 and May 27, 2020 meetings were approved on motion by Sleger, second by St Maurice. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns.

Highway 51 Drop Off Site

Kaminski stated the site on highway 51 is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it is not manned. We have two of these sites and the other is in Portage at the City garage. These sites were for the overflow of recycling only. They have become a dumping ground for everything from building material, tires, televisions, and appliances. We don't have the man power to go there daily to clean up. We need to have the public come out here and pay for what they discard. We need to seriously discuss closing the site. Kaminski to attend meeting at Town of Pacific. This has been an ongoing issue. We will discuss more in future. Discussion followed.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month May was \$267,508.21 Motion was made by St. Maurice, second by Baumgartner to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported it has been 3 months since Covid-19 started and we have had a major increase in public using the facility. Our employees have done very well with all the increased business. We had some comp-time due to everyone trying to keep up. On average we take in residential garbage of 550 tons to 600 tons a month. But in March we saw 693 tons come in and in April 782 tons, and May 796 tons. This is more than 250 more tons a month. The public was home making more trash. We can't charge communities more. We did get a lot more from the general public which was an off set to all the increased residential trash costs. Things are starting to get better. We will see the impact in the next couple of months. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported that the last two months were really good. But, in March a driver got hurt when dumping a container on a very windy day. He broke his hand. It has healed and he is back to normal duty. Discussion followed.

Recycling Upgrade

Kaminski updated everyone regarding our upgrade we were planning from last year. We can't process all the material that comes in right now and have to turn people away. If we have enough people we can process 4 tons an hour. We wanted to increase production to 10 tons an hour and cut down on labor costs. We were planning on an upgrade replacing the infeed conveyor. The one we have now is 25 years old. Also, an OCC screener and an optical sorter that would have replaced the workers that separate the material now. It would then go to a ballistic separator. This new upgrade would allow us to make more money on recycling revenue. The cost of new project would be around 1.7 million and we would make that back in a 2-year time frame with an output of 10 tons an hour and less labor needed. Kaminski will check with Machinex regarding their proposal. The more automation the more money we will make. We should revisit this next year. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported recycling revenue for the month of March was \$33,118.20, April \$46,559.10, and May \$68,282.50. Over the last 3 months cardboard has gone up. In May it was \$145.00 a ton. It may go back down in June. We sold a lot of cardboard and news.

On March 16th, our Huber workers were quarantined in the jail. We used Remedy Staffing to fill the shortage of workers and got more LTE personnel. The problem with temporary labor is they do not always show up. Then we can't run the line to make the product we sell. Hopefully, in a few more weeks we should have our Huber labor back. We will know pricing soon for June. Discussion followed.

Approve Write Offs

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Kaminski reported we have three different delinquent accounts. Keri Krueger \$118.22, Travis Cornford \$169.48, and Angels Loving Care \$92.70. Motion by St. Maurice to write off all three delinquent accounts, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

Operations Report

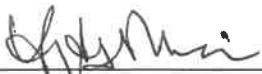
Kaminski stated our landfill contract with Advanced Disposal was extended for 5 more years. We would work together regarding taking their recycling here and processing. We were awarded our recycling grant of \$130,977 for this year. In May we got carts delivered to Pardeeville and it's going well. We have a quote out to the Town of Courtland to pick up garbage in the future. All our routes are now garbage carts and not hand tossed.

The committee members would like to continue and press forward with the new recycle line. We need to continue to look for opportunities to proceed and would like to act as soon as possible. This will be forwarded to the Finance Committee. Kaminski stated he will get more information on actual costs and will add to the agenda for July. Discussion followed.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Wednesday July 1st, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m. on motion by Baumgartner, second by St. Maurice.

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz