



COLUMBIA COUNTY

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee July 1, 2020

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

Also Present: Lois Schepp- Columbia County Comptroller, Jessica Hale-Assistant Corporation Counsel, 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 Recycling Facility Upgrade out of order today. St. Maurice made motion to approve, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Minutes from June 3, 2020 meeting were approved on motion by Sleger, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns. Kaminski stated we just found out our worker who runs the Town of Pacific site has given notice. We will be trying to find someone to replace him. Kaminski attended the last Town of Pacific meeting and the Highway 51 drop off site was discussed. It will be shut down on July 6th. We will post a sign to notify the public and plan on putting up gates.

St. Maurice made motion to close the Highway 51 drop off site with adequate posting, second by Long. Motion carried.

Recycling Upgrade

Kaminski handed out 2 handouts and noted he used June rates for the projected revenue of-10 ton per hour upgraded system with \$625,705.00 projected net revenue. The second handout shows all costs needed for the upgrade with a total of \$2,168,445.20. This includes some updates to building and floor. We need to remove the tank we use to use, when we composted. We could make a road there.

Lois Schepp stated we would not be able to borrow the 2 million, but we could borrow from the general fund if we have to. This is a very different year due to the Covid-19 outbreak and the Solid Waste Department is still struggling. She

suggested if we want to move forward and get bids we would need to do a general fund resolution and present to the County Board. Foth could attend and we would prefer to do the installation in winter when it is slower. The next step is to go the Executive Committee and then Finance. Schepp noted August will show more numbers and we will have a clearer picture of the County's revenue. Kaminski stated the cost savings on labor will be great. We are a vital essential service to the public. Discussion followed.

Communications/Public Input

A question has come up regarding grocery plastic bags and if they are recyclable. Kaminski stated there is no market and they are trash for us. Some stores may still be taking them and the public should call to find out. Discussion followed.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month June was \$455,636.65. Motion was made by St. Maurice, second by Schroeder to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we are still behind due to truck repairs and we have had a couple of major machine repairs. Our temporary staff is really costing us. We have had them since March. The Huber staff is now coming back and we need to keep them safe from Covid-19. We will be able to release our Remedy staff soon.

Our volume is up and for the month of June we took in 4,800 tons of garbage and 1000 tons of demolition. We are shipping more loads out per day. We have to have a fourth truck every day to keep up. We did a large item clean up this month for the City of Columbus and City of Lodi and there was more demolition than ever. Kaminski will have a 6-month summary to present at the next meeting. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we had one injury. We have gone 106 days without an accident. The injury was an LTE that punctured his finger with glass. He needed to get new gloves. His old ones were wearing out. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported we had a pretty good month with a recycling revenue of \$75,662.35. We had a load of aluminum go out and we are working on getting another out in July. We are trying to move out a lot of cardboard right now since OCC is \$100 a ton and mixed paper is up to \$45. Markets are changing from broker to broker. We are waiting to get approved to take material to 9 Dragons Facility. Hopefully markets will stay at good prices to increase our revenues. The markets

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have been all over the place. Covid-19 monies might be able to be reimbursed on the temporary labor cost increases. Discussion followed.

2021 Position Request

Kaminski reported we have hired Jessica Mohr as the part-time Administrative Assistant. She works 3 days a week and we need her 4 days. It has been so busy with an increase of people daily.

Motion by Baumgartner to approve the part-time Administrative position from 3 days to 4 days a week starting 2021, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Operations Report

Kaminski stated we have had some major truck repairs. Truck #30 needs a minimum of \$27,000 in repairs and a total of just under \$50,000. This truck is just not worth putting that much into. We need to replace it. Envirotech would have a new truck here by September. We would not have to start making payments until February 2021. We could really use that truck the sooner the better, and save on costly repairs.

Motion by St. Maurice to enforce proposal to purchase a new truck this year and begin payments in 2021, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

A new roll off truck should be here this month that we ordered in January. We were down to 1 roll off truck for a short while and we had to run double shifts just to keep up. Kaminski requested contact information from Committee members be updated. Discussion followed.

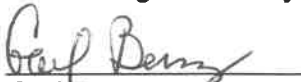
The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Wednesday August 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m. on motion by Sleger, second by Baumgartner.

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz