



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee July 2, 2018

Present: Mark Sleger, Robert McClyman, Jon Plumer, Henry St.Maurice

Absent with Approval: Nancy Long

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

Chairman Sleger called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 June 4, 2018 were approved by McClyman, second by St. Maurice. 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 of vouchers for the month of June was \$275,220.67. Motion was made by McClyman, second by St. Maurice to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we are still working 48 hours a week to keep up with the material coming in. We are trying not to work Saturdays. This week with the holiday, we will be working more hours to keep up.

We are very close to being at the top of our budget for truck maintenance. We will need to transfer some funds from other accounts. Kaminski will be working with the Accounting Department to do this. We had some major repairs on trucks.

We had 2500 tons of garbage come in for the month of June and 1000 tons of demolition. A total of 3,500 tons of material for the month. We are pretty much on budget with the transfer station and routes. Our repairs on trucks should go down since we have more new trucks. We have to use some old trucks for now until we replace with newer ones. Container rentals are going very well. Our construction and container business is very strong. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we had few things happen this month. An arm on the truck was not all the way retracted and hit a car at the Culver's parking lot in Columbus. Then another driver hit the over-head door on the hill. We also had one injury. One of the sort-line workers cut his hand on glass that came over the line. We are looking into more expensive gloves to help prevent this. A discussion regarding air movement on the line when it is extremely hot was brought up, and Kaminski is looking into this. Kaminski reported lightning struck the building on the hill and Alliant Energy had to come out to repair. It took 3 days to repair the sort-line after the strike. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported markets continued to be poor. Cardboard prices dropped again in June and they are projected to continue to go down. We are trying to process more material to create revenue. We have a new metal broker that is paying \$180.00 a ton at this time. We will be doing more of this in July. We are keeping our paper as clean as possible to get the best price. If we can keep on goal of \$72,000 a month brought in by recycling we should meet our yearly goal.

We are at our limit of what we can run through our line. We can upgrade the line in different ways to produce more. We can do this by getting an OCC screener and or an optical sorter. We can increase revenue down the road but we would have to invest more also. We can process 4-5 tons an hour now, with staff. With an optical sorter you could cut down on workers. An average price for a screener is four hundred thousand. It pays for itself over time. We can do one piece at a time. Even with the constraints of the budget in this down market we are still bringing in revenue. We need to look at this more in the future. A suggestion was made regarding long term planning by forming an Ad-Hoc committee to address the future of this department, handling issues 5 years or more down the road. Discussion followed.

DNR Update

Kaminski and Krista Miller met with the DNR to discuss issues with the recent inspection. It was agreed that the yard waste will be debagged and turned into compost. The department will no longer accept leaves for composting. The glass is being hauled to Strategic Materials and will be cleaned up by the end of year. The transfer station has been cleaned up. Discussion followed.

Approve Ordinance- Solid Waste Fee Schedule

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Kaminski presented an updated fee schedule to include rate for comingle and single stream recycling. Cardboard will remain no charge. When we need to update fees in the future we will have a special meeting to change or update prices. McClyman made motion to approve the Amend Title 9-1-16 Solid Waste fee schedule, second by St.Maurice. Motion carried.

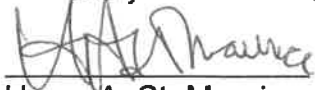
Operations Report

Kaminski reported he has started working on the budget. We will have that ready to go next month. We have a lot to do to make changes, keep things updated, and on our long range goals. We need to take a good look at our expenses and on revenues we can make. Our truck maintenance costs should go down since we have started getting new trucks and they are under warranty. The 5 year cycle of replacing will keep our trucks updated. We may increase our truck maintenance budget for next year.

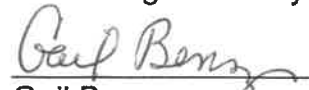
The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Monday August 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. on motion by McClyman second by Plumer.

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz