



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

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**Solid Waste**

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## Columbia County Solid Waste Committee July 7, 2021

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

**Also Present:** Craig Cawley-Pacific Town Supervisor, Jessica Hale-Assistant Corporation Counsel, Greg Kaminski-Director, Reba Weidling-Operations Manager, 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. St. Maurice made motion to approve, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Minutes from June 11, 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.

### **Expenditures**

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month of June was \$274,976.17  
Motion was made by St. Maurice to approve expenditures, second by Schroeder.  
Motion carried.

### **Budget and Compensatory Time**

Kaminski reported we had a pretty good month regarding compensation time, trying to keep it to a minimum. Due to the holiday we did have a little more.

Our budget is doing really well for the first half of the year. In June we took in 3,700 tons of garbage and demolition. June was one of the busiest months, making \$68,000 in net revenue. We struggle in January and February and make up for it in the summer months. The transfer station end of things are having a pretty good year. Our container rentals continue to be strong. We are ordering a lot of dumpsters just to keep up with demand. We still have some communities that want our service, but we do not have enough trucks or personnel to take on anymore at this time. We may look at this more in the future. Discussion followed.

#### **Safety Update**

Kaminski reported we had a good month with no accidents or injuries. We have started our weekly safety meetings again. We were having them less frequently due to Covid. Discussion followed.

#### **Recycling Markets**

Kaminski reported we had another really good month. Recycling revenue for June was \$117,477.15 Most prices have gone up. Markets are doing well and cardboard, newspaper, and plastics prices are up. Discussion followed.

#### **Recycling Line Labor Options**

Kaminski reported we can't keep people for what we are paying for working on the recycling line. We have to keep the speed down on the line with not enough help to run it. Issues with labor could be resolved with an increase of wages or having a company like Lead Point Staffing. We are going to spend 2.1 million dollars on the new line and we need staff to run and make more money on recycling in the future. We need to stay competitive. Our new line is due for install February 2022. We will be down for 3 weeks. Lead Point Staffing would be a great asset to us. They do all the training and guarantee workers to be here. We are turning material away because of not enough laborers. We are losing revenue with lack of staff. There is money to be made, if we had the staff to run it. Budget will be presented next month with a comparison of increased wages or contracting with Lead Point Staffing.

#### **Line Item Transfer- Loader Tires**

Kaminski stated we needed to purchase loader tires. We took it out of insurance and building maintenance. Motion by Schroeder to approve line item transfer, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

#### **Operations Report**

Kaminski stated he will have the budget ready to go for next month. We should be in good shape with recycling prices if markets stay the same.

The County did receive monies from the stimulus or infrastructure funds. We are hoping our list of priority projects could be completed. The transfer station floor

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needs to be redone and also the construction bunker. We also need a new compactor in the transfer station and to expand the tipping floor.

Transportation costs keep going up and we need to cut costs as much as we can. Installing a new compactor would help with this.

The committee will plan on taking a tour of facility next month.

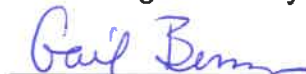
The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be August 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Solid Waste Facility.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. on motion by Schroeder second by St. Maurice.

Secretary of Record

  
Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary

  
Gail Benz