



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee September 1, 2021

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

Also Present: Joseph Ruf -Corporation Counsel, 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. Schroeder made motion to approve, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Minutes from August 11, 2021 meeting were approved on motion by St. Maurice 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 August was \$276,349.15. Motion was made by St. Maurice to approve expenditures, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we had a pretty good month with not a lot of compensation time. We are working every other Saturday. We have just enough workers to run the line.

We have taken in 3,500 tons of garbage and demolition. The transfer station budget is in line. We have done very well with recycling revenue. We are over budget on

building maintenance. We have spent a lot on gravel this year. We are hoping to black top the parking lot in the future. Budgets are looking pretty good. We are over on some, but will have off-sets to balance out. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we had no injuries and only one accident. We had some high winds and a gutter blew off the building and scratched an employee's vehicle. Kaminski is speaking with insurance company on this. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported we had the best month ever. Recycling revenue for August was \$158,214.35. We are over on our projected goals and have made more than all of last year. Cardboard is at \$200 a ton and most markets are up. We are now starting to pay for recycling. We are completely caught up and labor wages increased to \$16.00 an hour. We now have enough staff for the line. We should hit the 1 million mark this year. We have struggled over some really bad years and it is nice to be doing so well. Lead Point Staffing to be looked at in the future if needed. Discussion followed.

Update on Recycling Upgrade

Kaminski reported he, the operations manager, and mechanic have been attending weekly Zoom meetings with Machinex. They are working on nailing down the final 3D drawings. We are on course for late February 2022 install. We should have final drawings by October. We have limited space for all the equipment needed. Discussion followed.

2022 Retirement and Replacement of Comptroller and Assistant Comptroller

Corporation Counsel J. Ruf presented information regarding Columbia County Comptroller and the Assistant Comptroller retiring. Columbia County board chair will start the hiring process right away for the Comptroller and will conclude by March. The Assistant Comptroller will be hired sometime in the future.

Operations Report

Kaminski reported that he has handled all the requirements that needed to be done at the request of the DNR. An ongoing problem is loading over the wall into open top trailers. We need to address installing a compactor in the transfer station. We need to find the funds and make plans. We need a professional opinion on what needs to be done and how to approach. A consultant would be a good way to go coming up with a site flow plan. Kaminski will report back in October. We should look at loading garbage in the building in the future.

We submitted a 3-year extension of the municipal contract with the City of Portage. We are still working with City of Columbus.

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The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be October 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building.

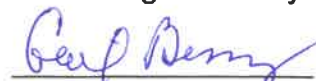
Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m. on motion by Schroeder second by St. Maurice

Secretary of Record



Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary



Gail Benz