



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee September 2, 2020

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

Also Present: Vern Grove-Columbia County Chair, James Fowley-Columbia County 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. Baumgartner made motion to approve, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Minutes from August 5, 2020 meeting were approved on motion by Sleger, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns. Kaminski noted we have hired Robert Curtis as the Town of Pacific drop off attendant.

Communications/Public Input

None at this time.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month of August was \$279,844.81. Motion was made by Schroeder to approve expenditures, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we have been down on comp-time, cutting out working some Saturdays in August. We were covering and training the new Town of Pacific attendant. We are in pretty good shape with recycling and should hit our budget. We

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are over in refuse. The community has much more garbage and we are picking up a lot more. The first 4 to 5 months were really busy and we were very full. Now it's leveling off, but we are still picking up a lot of trash. We may need to look at some rate increases in the future. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we did not have any injuries for the month. We did have one accident. A worker was hauling bales with a forklift and got hit from behind from another driver. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported August was a good month even though cardboard dropped to \$60 a ton, recycling revenue made was \$65,996.35. We shipped out a lot of material. We will have a load of aluminum to go out this month. A lot of metal is coming through on the sort line and it is not good for our line. The #2 plastics are still doing very well and more valuable than tin cans at this time. We have been trying to let the public know what is recycling and what is not. Discussion followed.

Position Revision Request-Truck Driver to Maintenance Mechanic

Kaminski handed out an estimated cost sheet for reclassing Todd Weinke from truck driver to maintenance mechanic. He was offered another position and we don't want to lose him. We need another mechanic and he can fix just about anything. When we have our new system, he could repair and maintain also.

Sleger made motion to approve position request to reclassify Todd Weinke from a Truck Driver to a Maintenance Mechanic, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Operations Report

Kaminski reported we are going to do the first Saturday a month a little differently. The office will be open and everyone will get a receipt.

A sever is being installed and should be ready to go in the next few weeks to improve our internet.

The new truck should be here this week.

Kaminski is working with Town of Courtland to see options in the future regarding garbage collection.

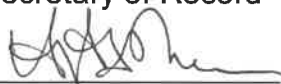
A UV sterilizer will be given to the Solid Waste Department in the future. Discussion followed.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Wednesday October 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

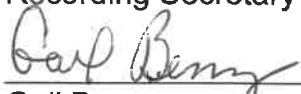
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Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m. on motion by Sleger, second by St. Maurice

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz