



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee October 3, 2016

Present: Mark Sleger, Robert McClyman, Nancy Long, Henry St. Maurice

Absent with approval: James Brooks

Also Present:

Lyn Jerde-Portage Daily Register Craig Cawley-Pacific Town Supervisor, Greg Kaminski, and Gail Benz-recording secretary.

Chairman Mark Sleger called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and noted the meeting had been properly noticed. McClyman made motion to approve agenda as presented, second by Long. Motion carried.

Minutes from the September 6, 2016 meeting were approved on motion by Long, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

There were no complaints or concerns.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Greg Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. Motion was made by McClyman, second by St. Maurice to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported our budget is still looking pretty good. We are over on labor, but will make up for that with material. Our revenue cost for truck maintenance has been better but we have been repairing a few skid steers that were down. Maintenance is still one our biggest costs.

Huber labor was never accounted for in the budget over the years. We had to work some overtime and Saturdays to keep on top of the material coming in. We do have a full crew right now. We have three LTE's and we need 9-10 Huber's at all times to be able to run the line. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we had a good month. No accidents or injuries. We are pushing to get back on track and emphasizing operating as safely as possible at our safety meetings. We are focusing on being safe in our new building and taking your time, and slowing down to take care of equipment also. We are putting up a steel wall to protect our new baler. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported we did pretty well and recycling revenue for September was \$64,667.45, for a total so far this year of \$477,469.80. We should have about \$650,000 in recycling revenue and over \$150,000 what we budgeted. Our baler was down a week and our new baler was installed September 28th. Our bales are now heavier and made much faster. Fiber markets remained unchanged in September while plastics dropped slightly. There are no markets for crushed glass at this time. Discussion followed.

Second Shift for Recycling

Kaminski handed out a cost analysis sheet prepared by accounting, regarding starting a second shift. We are producing 6 to 7 tons per hour right now and we need to process 10 tons an hour. Kaminski estimates a revenue of \$50,000 a month right now and with wages, electricity, and hiring another supervisor and baler along with more Huber's our profit would be approximately \$242,000. Another route we can look at is expanding our equipment in the future. This would allow us to even process more tons an hour. We will look more into equipment vs. labor. Kaminski to talk with JWR about expanding equipment and costs and will have more information for November's meeting. Discussion followed.

Holiday Schedule

The Columbia County schedule for the holidays is to be off the Friday before Christmas Eve and the Monday after Christmas Day. This would be the same for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. We can either have half the crew be off Thursday and Friday and the other half on Monday or Tuesday. Or two floating holidays to be used in the future. The holidays are difficult on us and to be closed these days we would lose a lot of money.

A motion was made by St. Maurice for Columbia County Solid Waste Department to remain open during the holiday season in December and January and offer employees personal days in the future, second by Long. Motion carried.

Operations Report

Kaminski reported the office remodel started and is going well. The electrician will be coming out and the front entrance will be started soon. Our next meeting in November will hopefully be held there.

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The City of Columbus will choose who will be awarded their contract. Columbus has approximately 1750 homes and this would be a 5 year commitment. Kaminski to report back next month.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is set for Monday November 7th at 9:30.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m. on motion by McClyman, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz