



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

**Solid Waste**

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## Columbia County Solid Waste Committee October 6, 2021

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

**Also Present:** 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 Sleger. Motion carried.

Minutes from September 1, 2021 meeting were approved on motion by Baumgartner, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

### **Town of Pacific**

No complaints or concerns.

### **Communications/Public Input**

No public input. Two committee members attended the WCA conference.

### **Expenditures**

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month of September was \$376,025.60. Motion was made by Sleger to approve expenditures, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

### **Budget and Compensatory Time**

Kaminski reported we have been consistently in-line with compensation time. We had to catch up when we broke down and Covid hit, and we became short staffed.

We have taken in 3,200 tons of demolition in September, and \$887,000 in garbage revenue. We have done very well with recycling and are \$80,000 over in revenue. It

looks like the pandemic has not slowed us down. We are tracking pretty close to budget this year. We may go over on truck maintenance. Discussion followed.

### **Safety Update**

Kaminski reported we had no injuries or accidents. We are having a pretty good year. We are focusing on pre-trips and post-trips inspections on trucks. We are also beginning to focus on winter weather driving. Discussion followed.

### **Recycling Markets**

Kaminski reported we had another good month. Recycling revenue for September was \$141,960.90. We are over on our projected goals and just under a million dollars and have two more months to go. We are waiting for an aluminum load to pick up. Companies are having trouble with trucking issues. We may have hit the peak in pricing markets. Cardboard is at \$210 a ton and most markets are staying the same. We are getting a lot of loads from companies with recycling. Discussion followed.

### **Update on Recycling Upgrade**

Kaminski presented a 3D drawing of the new recycling upgrade. It included all the new equipment such as the infeed conveyor, optical sorter, ballistic separator, and occ screen. It will include some of our old equipment. It will take 7 to 8 people to run. Weekly meetings with Machinex are still being held. We are on course for late February 2022 install. Kaminski has met with the carton counsel and we could get a rebate in the future. The monies would be put back into our recycling line. We are looking at anything we can do to cut down on our recycling residual that goes to the landfill. It will be good to have the new line installed to help with this. Discussion followed.

### **Change in Outlay**

Kaminski reported that we asked for a Telehandler and purchased a small loader to load the line. Slegler made motion to approve the correct wording of a small loader purchased to load line, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

### **Operations Report**

Kaminski reported a lot of the equipment budgeted for we won't see until 2023, including new trucks that are needed. This is all due to short supply and high demand. We ordered a new truck that is due to come very soon from JWR because they could get it to us this year. We may not see new equipment and trucks for a few years out.

Kaminski is hoping to get the ARPA funds to help our facility with much needed improvements. We will know more next month.

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The December Solid Waste Committee will include municipal residential contacts to discuss service and recycling issues.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be November 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. on motion by Schroeder second by Baumgartner.

Secretary of Record



Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary



Gail Benz