



COLUMBIA COUNTY

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee October 7, 2019

Present: Mark Sleger, Nancy Long, Robert McClyman, Christopher Polzer, Henry St. Maurice, Jon Plumer

Also Present: Dan Drew–Vice Chair, Craig Cawley-Pacific Town Supervisor, Greg Kaminski-Director, and Gail Benz-recording secretary.

Chairman Mark Sleger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and noted the meeting had been properly noticed. Long made motion to approve agenda as presented, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Minutes from September 3, 2019 meeting were approved on motion by McClyman, second by Polzer. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints but Kaminski added we are only taking garbage and recycling in on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The Town of Pacific residents get 5 bags of trash free during Tuesdays and Saturday drop off times, and residents may come and pay for items during normal business hours Monday thru Friday.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month of September was \$331,176.31. Motion was made by Long, second by St. Maurice to approve expenditures. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported our budget remains off due to recycling prices being low. We are off on our transfer station also. People are putting more garbage into the recycling. We have flyers and signs now to try and educate the public on what is considered recycling. We will be updating the communities and townships. A newspaper article was done.

Compensation time was in normal range. We have been working some Saturdays. We had been shut down for 2 weeks because we did not have enough staff to run the line. We did not have any Huber's and had to get temp labor through Remedy Staffing. This can be costly. Hopefully, we will be back to full staff with our LTE's and Huber's. When and if we get the new system we would need only 5 people to run the line. But right now we need 10 to 11 people. It is hard to find people to work on the line. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we had another good safety month. We are at 5 months with no injuries. We had only 2 accidents and 2 injuries for the entire year. The topic of our safety videos this month is Personal Protective Equipment. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported we did not have a good revenue month due to not having enough people to process it, and falling prices. This is a problem nationwide. We are storing some metal until prices go back up. Cardboard remains at \$40.00 a ton and newspaper at \$20.00 a ton.

Our consultant gave Kaminski a schedule, out to bid by October, back by November, and get it processed by December. If everything is approved we would have a contract by Jan 2020 and ready for install March 2020. This will still have a positive impact even with prices low. We are a good central location for a lot of companies. If we process more material and save on labor we should have return.

Kaminski will show returns on the investment and present to the committee in November. Discussion followed.

Operations Report

Kaminski stated we got the contract with the Village of Rio. There are 450 homes and we will start picking up January 1, 2020.


One of our forklifts went down and needs \$12,000 in repairs. Kaminski states it is not worth fixing. We can get a used one for around \$15,000. We will be auctioning off some older equipment here this month and the Columbia County Highway will be helping us with that. Discussion followed.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Monday November 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Following today's meeting the committee will be taking a tour of the recycling line on the hill.

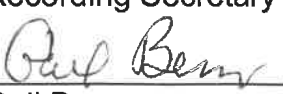
Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m. on motion by McClyman, second by Polzer.

Secretary of Record



Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary



Gail Benz