



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee November 3, 2021

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

Also Present: Jessica Hale-Assistant Corporation Counsel, Craig Cawley-Town of Pacific 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. St. Maurice made motion to approve, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

Minutes from October 6, 2021 meeting were approved on motion by Sleger, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns. Kaminski added we are trying to keep an eye on trash along the side of road that blows out. We try and pick up as much as we can.

Communications/Public Input

No public input. Kaminski presented a letter to be sent out to communities we contract with, inviting them to the December meeting.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month of October was \$274,180.05. Motion was made by Schroeder to approve expenditures, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we have done pretty well with compensation time but still working Saturdays to keep up with all recycling coming in. Kaminski reported we have been very busy. We had a warm October so we have not slowed down at all. We had a

problem with our eddy current belt went down. We are waiting for a new belt to come in. We are running but doing more manually. We purchased a lot of tires this month, because many things are going to be very hard to get like parts, trucks, and equipment.

We are on track regarding budget. We are over budget on container rentals. The demand is very high and the new roll-off containers will be coming soon from Poynette Iron Works. We will be over budget on vehicle repairs. But overall, we are very close to being on budget. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we had a pretty good month with no accidents. But we did have one injury. A driver was trying to free a cart from the arm-truck and he injured his hand. It has been a pretty good year regarding safety. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported we had another really good month. Recycling revenue for October was \$125,722.40. A load of plastic did not pick up due to trucking problems. Kaminski tries to use other brokers to help out. Cardboard and paper prices have stayed the same. Prices maybe going down just a little. With our new system to be installed next year we should be able to process much more material and this will bring in more money. There will be less waste (recycling residual) hauled out. Discussion followed.

Update on Recycling Upgrade

Kaminski reported he is still having frequent meetings with Machinex. We are trying to work out any unforeseen problems that may arise making sure everything will go smoothly. We are on course for the last week in February 2022 for installation. Discussion followed.

Kaminski reported we have approval to go out to bid using some of the monies from American Rescue Funds to repair the transfer floor, get a bigger compactor, and hire a consultant to help us with these improvements. We would like to use Foth since they work with the DNR and know their requirements. Once we get the bids they will be presented. There has been an increase in volume since the pandemic. We need to utilize the 63 acres we have. The consultant will help with a layout. We are very congested with commercial haulers and public dumping in the same place. If we have a better traffic pattern it would be safer for all.

Operations Report

Kaminski reported Waste Management has pulled out of a good part of Columbia County for residential carts. This includes the Village of Fall River. We will help as

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many as we can if included in our routes. Kaminski to give quote to Fall River. We are taking what we can. Kaminski still working out details.

St. Maurice made motion to approve proposal to Fall River for service without cart bids, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Kaminski did mention we will be maxed out if this would go through, with personnel and trucks.

New cameras were installed this past week.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be December 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Health and Human Service building -Rooms 2 & 3.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. on motion by Schroeder second by St. Maurice.

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz