



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Solid Waste

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee November 6, 2017

Present: Mark Sleger, Robert McClyman, Nancy Long, Barry Pufahl, Craig Robson and Henry St.Maurice

Absent without Approval: James Brooks

Also Present: Mary Cupery- County Board Vice-Chair, Jim Fowley County Board Supervisor, Lois Schepp Columbia County Comptroller, Craig Cawley- Pacific Town Supervisor, Greg Kaminski, Gail Benz-recording secretary.

Chairman 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 St. Maurice. Motion carried.

Minutes from October 2, 2017 meeting were approved by Pufahl, second by Long, Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns.

Guide to County Budget /Finances

Lois Schepp is attending all of the committees and making presentations. The committee reviewed the Making Cents Guide. This report examines the relationship between the county's finances, budget, and the levy limit. It provides an in-depth review of pending issues and the future. Questions were asked and answered. It was noted this guide is on my CCG and soon to be on the County's website. It will be updated yearly.

Expenditures

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

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we had a really good month in October. Demolition brought in over 1,000 tons and we are on pace to exceed 30,000 tons of material brought out to the Transfer Station. We have had to increase to 3 drivers hauling loads to the landfill to keep up with the volume. It was a very busy month. We are also getting a lot of recycling. We are over in maintenance budget and disposal since so much is coming in and it has to go out. We are working Saturdays to keep up on material coming in. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we did not have the best month. We had two injuries. Our mechanic hurt his back changing a tire out on the road and one of our drivers lifted a garbage cart that was too heavy and it resulted in a hernia. A couple of mailboxes were damaged in Columbus and we have repaired. The new garbage carts are a new learning experience for residents. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported that the prices for paper and cardboard have dropped dramatically due to new restrictions on exports to China. Cardboard was at \$170.00 and now it is down to \$120.00 a ton. When prices drop low enough China will buy again and prices should go back up. We are looking at other markets. Most of the paper and cardboard stay within our state. We still are on pace to be over \$900,000 in revenue this year. Kaminski is always checking with suppliers to lock in loads to get the best prices. We are paying for some material coming in that is single stream recycling. Discussion followed.

Low Hazard Glass Exemption

Kaminski stated we applied for exemption and paid over \$6,000 already. The DNR has sent a letter requesting a lot more information. Kaminski has contacted Strategic Materials to take a trial load of our glass and is working with our consultant to address DNR's concerns. Kaminski will provide further update in December. Discussion followed.

Recycling Conveyor Purchase

We have a major issue regarding our baler in-feed conveyor. It has been down frequently and is 25 years old. Kaminski passed out two price quotes. They are included in the budget. We are going to hold off on the main in-feed conveyor at this time. But the baler conveyor and the trash conveyor need to be replaced as soon as possible. We are waiting on a second quote. This will take 2 more weeks. It is an emergency situation. If they go down again we will not be able to run. Pufahl made motion to accept the lowest bid on the baler conveyor and trash conveyor needed ASAP, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

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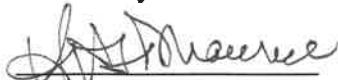
Operations Report

Kaminski reported the new position of Operations Manager was posted and we have had only two applicants. We now have extended the posting. Kaminski will update at the December meeting.

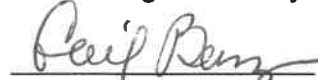
The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is set for Monday December 4th at 9:30.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. on motion by Sleger, second by Long.

Secretary of Record


Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary


Gail Benz