



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

**Solid Waste**

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## Columbia County Solid Waste Committee December 1, 2021

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

**Absent Without Approval:** Mark Sleger

**Also Present:** Jessica Hale-Assistant Corporation Counsel, Craig Cawley- 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 Baumgartner. Motion carried.

Minutes from November 3, 2021 meeting were approved on motion by Schroeder, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

### **Town of Pacific**

No complaints or concerns.

### **Communications/Public Input**

Chairman Long welcomed and made introductions to municipal clerks and officials that came to attend our December meeting.

Kaminski made a presentation about the Solid Waste Department. He shared facts like we take in 36,000 tons of garbage a year, and we service over 9,000 homes. Our business has increased by 30% since the pandemic. This year recycling markets are up and we will be over 1 million in revenue. We try and keep our recycling local in the state. The recycling upgrade set for next year was discussed along with some challenges our department faces.

### **Expenditures**

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month of October was \$266,811.31

Motion was made by St. Maurice to approve expenditures, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

### **Budget and Compensatory Time**

Kaminski reported we had a little bit of compensation time due to the holiday. We worked the Friday after Thanksgiving so we could catch up. Our budget is looking pretty good. We switched our scale system. We are looking good on recycling revenue and over our goal. We are over budget on the refuse end and truck repairs. We spent money on smoothing out the parking lot. We want to black top it, in the near future. The American Rescue Funds have been approved for our facility for much needed improvements. Discussion followed.

### **Safety Update**

Kaminski reported we had another good month with no accidents or injuries. The topic this month is winter driving and working in cold weather. Discussion followed.

### **Recycling Markets**

Kaminski reported we had another good month. Recycling revenue for November was \$124,752.10. We are sitting on some loads that did not pick up. Aluminum to be picked up soon. Recycling revenue still looking strong for the year. A lot of prices are leveling off, but markets continue to look good. Discussion followed.

### **Approve Changes to Fee Schedule Ordinance**

Kaminski handed out fee schedule with changes and noted container price increases for the year 2022.

St. Maurice made motion to approve fee schedule for 2022, second by Baumgartner. Motion carried.

### **Position Replacement Requests- Driver and Administrative Assistant**

Kaminski stated one of our drivers took a different job. We need to replace him. The part-time Administrative Assistant took another job and we need to replace this position.

St. Maurice made motion to approve the two positions request, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

### **Approve Resolution to Increase Administrative Assistant to 40 hours**

Kaminski stated the Administrative Assistant position was part-time and we need to increase this to full-time with how busy we have become.

Motion was made by Baumgartner to approve the resolution to increase the Administrative Assistant to 40 hours a week, second by St. Maurice. Motion carried.

### **Operations Report**

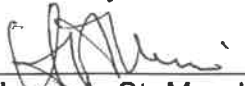
Kaminski reported bids are out for the transfer station floor repair, compactor, and two new trucks. The bids are due December 14<sup>th</sup>. We need to order trucks now, since it will take a few years to receive. We received approval to hire Foth Consulting. They will be out once the contract is done and help us with layout. The transfer floor and compactor are the most important things to do first, to handle the increase in volume.

Kaminski stated he is still talking to Fall River. If we get that contract we will be at our capacity or maxed out.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be January 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. on motion by St. Maurice second by Schroeder.

Secretary of Record

  
Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary

  
Gail Benz