



COLUMBIA COUNTY

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Columbia County Solid Waste Committee December 2, 2020

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

Also Present: James Foley-Vice Chair, Bob Koch-Supervisor, Lois Schepp-Columbia County Comptroller, Jessica Hale-Assistant Corporation Counsel, 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 and we will be taking Approve Resolution: Recycling Facility Upgrade out of order today. Sleger made motion to approve, second by St Maurice. Motion carried.

Minutes from November 4, 2020 meeting were approved on motion by Baumgartner, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

Town of Pacific

No complaints or concerns.

Communications/Public Input

Advanced Disposal got bought by Waste Management and GFL. We have had a lot of requests for more carts. Things are not getting serviced, especially the rural areas. We are assisting as much as possible.

Approve Resolution: Recycling Facility Upgrade

Kaminski handed out two handouts based on today's markets and projected revenue-8 tons per hour. The rate proposed by Mahcinex is still in effect. The optical sorter price may fluctuate along with freight charges. It would double our revenue and cut down on labor costs. We did not have any Huber labor but now in November we just got two Hubers back. We need 11 people right now to run the line and with the new system we would only need 8. The new system would make our product much cleaner. We ship out domestically and they can reject and demand a clean product. We will get a refund for Covid Claim on Remedy Temporary staffing costs. It will help this year.

The cost of \$2,168,450 will be required to complete the project and will be borrowed from the General Fund and is included in the 2021 County Budget. Comptroller Schepp stated it will take 7 years to pay back and after that help with the tax levy. The new system should last at least 15 years with proper maintenance. It is guaranteed for 1 year. We are hoping our timeline for installation will be May or June.

Schroeder made motion to approve the recycling facility upgrade resolution, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

Expenditures

Expenditures were presented for payment. Kaminski reviewed each line item and answered questions. The total for the month of November was \$224,376.88. Motion was made by Baumgartner to approve expenditures, second by St Maurice. Motion carried.

Budget and Compensatory Time

Kaminski reported we tried to hold comp time down but we did work Black Friday just to keep up. We are over on refuse and there is a lot of material out at the curb. We are looking very good on the recycling end, from last year. We will know more by January 2021. Discussion followed.

Safety Update

Kaminski reported we did not have any injuries. We did have an accident. Someone pushed bales up against the building with a forklift and pushed the wall out. We made a claim to insurance and that is what they are repairing at this time. It needed to be done and the building had been hit before. Discussion followed.

Recycling Markets

Kaminski reported November we netted \$61,773.35 in recycling revenue. We needed to get an aluminum load out and did not. We will this month. We have had a good recycling year. We were down in March due to Covid and not have any workers for the line. We should hit our goal this year, natural #2 HDPE plastic is up significantly and markets are looking good. Discussion followed.

Line Item Transfers

We are over budget on vehicle maintenance and would like to transfer \$32,000 from building maintenance, and gas and oil budgets. We are over on machine maintenance and would like to transfer \$7,000 from electrical and fuel budgets. We had a loader go down right when the warranty was up. We are over on dues by \$600.00. We need to transfer from convention budget.

St. Maurice made motion to approve all three- line item transfers, second by Sleger. Motion carried.

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Position Replacement Request-Driver

Brent Lange is retiring after 19 years of service. We will need to fill his position. Sleger made motion to replace Solid Waste truck driver, second by Schroeder. Motion carried.

Operations Report

Kaminski reported he will be working with Corporation Counsel to get a contract done regarding facility upgrade.

Waste Management acquisition of Advanced Disposal went through. They are having some issues. The Village of Randolph contacted us to submit a proposal for curbside service.

We are borrowing money from next year's container fund. We used all container funds for 2020. We are ordering when we can.

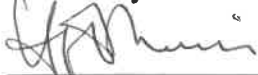
We finally got our new truck we were waiting for. We will get another in 2021. Our baler lease is coming up and we will budget for a new one in 2022.

This year's waste conference will be on line.

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting will be Wednesday January 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

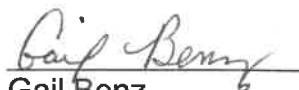
Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. on motion by Schroeder, second by Baumgartner.

Secretary of Record



Henry A. St. Maurice

Recording Secretary



Gail Benz