**JANUARY 2021 MINUTES**

**ATTENTION: MEETING IS AT THE**

**MONROE COUNTY BOARD ASSEMBLY ROOM**

**112 S COURT ST**

**SPARTA, WI 54656  
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Committee: Solid Waste Management, Mark Halverson, Committee Chair

Date: Tuesday, January 19th, 2021

Time: 5:00 PM

Attendance: Mark Halverson, Keith Giraud, Jen Schmitz, Nodji Van Wychen, Rod Sherwood

Place: County Board Assembly Room/Teleconference

1. Call To Order: Mark Halverson calls the meeting to order at 5:03 PM
2. Period of Public Comment:
3. Discussion/Action: Approval of DECEMBER 2020 Minutes: Van Wychen Motions, Giraud Seconds. Action passed with 5 ayes.
4. Landfill and Departmental Operations
   1. General Activities/Tonnage/Revenue/Load/Leachate Report: Gross tonnage is 48,375 tons, up 6.32% from last year. Tonnage less cover material is 45,015 tons, up .73% from last year. Incoming landfill loads are 9,200, up 6.76% from last year. Leachate out of the landfill is 5,452,998 gallons, up 579,248 gallons from last year. Revenue is $2,282,391, up 2.45% from last year.
   2. DECEMBER 2020 Financial Report: Revenue received for the year was $1,902,517 with $1,840,546 in expenses for a total operational funds balance of $61,971. Our recycling program received the state grant for $144,412 with expenses of $134,852 for a balance of $9,560. Our clean sweep expenditures were $13,388. Our Sand Creek Post Remediation expenditures were $4,582. Our Ridgeville I Closure and Long-term Care expenditures were $21,448. Our cash balance is $222,785. Ridgeville I Total Closure and LTC balance is $311,478. Ridgeville II Total Closure and LTC balance is $2,534,279. Facility Reserve Balance of $278,934 will be exhausted when the payment for partial capping goes through.
5. Discussion: Accepting Cover Material: Jerry Martell has arsenic contaminated soil that we could possibly use as cover material. We are not getting enough loads of stuff we can use for cover material. The soil Jerry has is far below our acceptance limits. We can accept soil with up to 5 mg/l, while Jerry’s soil is at .018 mg/l. It has less arsenic than in areas where it can occur naturally. Jerry just wants to clean up his site, and we need the cover material. The only concern is free liquids in the soil. Jerry plans to stage it and let it dry out, because we cannot have soil that is really wet. A concerned citizen, Mike Geier, questions whether industrial arsenic is different than naturally occurring arsenic. He is concerned about it leaching into the groundwater. David says the landfill is an engineered landfill with a liner and monitoring wells. We have not had any leachate escapes. The only leachate that leaves the landfill goes to the Sparta Wastewater Treatment Plant. Chairman Mark Halverson says the DNR gives us acceptance limits that we abide by. County counsel agrees that as long as we are following the DNR regulations we should be able to take what we want, but is not in a position to offer solid legal advice as he has not read much on the subject yet. Ron Luethe, the Ridgeville Town supervisor, he talked to Marty Herrick, and he did say that industrial arsenic does fall under a different set of rules than naturally occurring leachate. He is wondering if it is under the limits to be classified as hazardous waste. David does not believe so as long as it is in our acceptance limits. Chairman Halverson suggests we call Marty and bring it up at the next meeting. Mike says we should take a serious look at what is going into that landfill. He says the people on the ridge are concerned about what goes into the landfill. According to David, Ridgeville II has never had any monitoring wells show any contamination. Jerry Martell says the landfill has been on the ridge since the 1970s, and questions whether any wells have ever been contaminated. He does not believe any private wells have been contaminated. Ridgeville I is a completely clay liner and has never had a leak. He also mentions that agriculture is also responsible for groundwater contamination and fingers should not be pointed at solid waste. He will take his soil somewhere else if need be. Keith Giraud is wondering if all the soil will be contaminated with arsenic. Jerry says no, because they take all the soil around it.
6. Discussion/Action: Leachate Treatment System Contract: County counsel has a draft of the new contract. There have not been many changes. He cleaned it up to offer context in what was actually going on. David says we should have Jayson from Apex approve the contract. Sherwood motions, Giraud seconds. Action passes with 4 ayes with Van Wychen absent.
7. Discussion: Future Landfill Expansion Financial Breakdown: Erik from Oak Ridge Engineering is still working on some surface issues with the estimates. Chairman Halverson suggests until everyone has a copy, we should wait to bring this up for discussion.
8. Discussion: DNR Notice of Violation: We got a notice of violation from the DNR in August. When Gail Frie retired, the DNR decided to write us violations for things they had been okay with for years. The list of violations is still the same. We have made improvements, but the DNR has not taken any violations off the list. Tomorrow at 2 PM we will have a conference call with the DNR about the violations. County counsel suggests only 1 member of the committee is on the call so we do not have an open meetings violation.
9. Discussion: Leachate Treatment System Update: System has been running consistently since the last meeting. It has not been running at 10,000 gallons a day like it was originally supposed to. It was running at about 6,000 gallons per day. The splits have not been 70/30 like originally planned, they have been about 50/50. They have been trying to increase throughput. System could run better with a new RO stage 1 filter.
10. Manager’s Report: David says there is not much to report. Just hauling leachate and recirculating it.
11. Set Next Meeting Date: February 16, 2021 4 PM.
12. Adjournment: Mark Halverson adjourns at 6 PM.

Cc: Shelley Bohl, County Clerk (press), Solid Waste Committee, Martin Herrick, WDNR, Benjamin Peotter PE, Ayres Associates, Erik Lietz PE, Oakridge Engineering, Randy Weinkauf, Riverview Construction, Jerry Martell, Modern Disposal Systems

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