**JOINT MEETING OF THE SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE & FINANCE COMMITTEE 2023 MINUTES**

THE COUNTY BOARD ASSEMBLY ROOM March 15, 2023

*Solid Waste Members*: David Kuderer-Committee Chair, Eric Devine, Remy Gomez, Nodji VanWychen, Keith Giraud; Solid Waste Director, David Heser, Solid Waste Coordinator, Dawn Pingel

*Finance Members*: Cedric Schnitzler-Committee Chair, Toni Wissestad, David Pierce, James Kuhn, Wallace Habhegger

**Attendance:** *Solid Waste Committee*: David Kuderer, Nodji Van Wychen, Eric Devine, Keith Giraud; Absent: Remy Gomez

*Finance Committee*: Cedric Schnitzler, David Pierce, James Kuhn, Toni Wissestad, Wallace (Wally) Habhegger

Other Guests: Lisa Aldinger Hamblin and Carrie Sullivan-Flock, Monroe County Corporate Council; Zach Zebell, Tina Osterberg

Joint meeting was called to order @ 5:32 p.m. by Finance Committee Chair, Cedric Schnitzler

Solid Waste Committee and Finance Committee: Closed Session Per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e). Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Addressing funding to assist with the legal and environmental concerns at the Interim Landfill Site. Motion by Eric Devine to enter closed session at 5:33 p.m., 2nd by James Kuhn.

Motion to move into open session by Toni Wissestad, 2nd Wally Habhegger at 7:00 p.m.

Solid Waste Department has been recommended to move forward.

Cedric Schnitzler recapped the two recommendations for the Solid Waste Department and the Solid Waste Committee.

1. Solid Waste Department is to make a decision on how to move forward (ex. Environmental Lawyer and Engineer, etc.)
2. $20,000 ($10,000 each for attorney fees and environmental engineer project) to be put into an account to get things started.

BACK IN SESSION FOR SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING

Attendance: David Kuderer-Committee Chair, Eric Devine, Nodji VanWychen, Keith Giraud; Solid Waste Director, David Heser, Solid Waste Coordinator, Dawn Pingel

Absent: Remy Gomez

Other Guests: Jerry Martell, Terry Taylor, Tina Osterberg

February 2023 Minutes (Discussion/Action): Motion to accept minutes by Nodji Van Wychen, 2nd by Eric Devine, all ayes.

**Landfill and Departmental Operations**

General Activities/Tonnage/Revenue/Load/Leachate Report: SW Director, Dave Heser, explained that cover sand was loaded prior to road bands to stay compliant; weather has caused less tonnage to be hauled on leachate due to weather conditions; incoming loads is down; leachate loads are being hauled in ½ loads because of road bans.

February 2023 Financial Report: SW Director, Dave Heser, noted that Feb. 28th the ORF accounts were finalized and put in MUNIS, so those amounts will hit all at once. Revenue is a head for collecting but down because of less loads having been brought in but that will go up. SW Director, Dave Heser, updated on some upcoming expenses but that is typical of this time frame.

**Budget Adjustment** (Discussion/Action)

**Long Term Closure Account**

SW Director, Dave Heser, stated the budget adjustment was tabled at the Finance Committee meeting because the finance committee didn’t feel that the DNR can just change fund amounts. The appeals option is being looked at, but that will cost money as well. June 30th is the deadline to get the ORF accounts paid. Jerry Martell asked how the funds had to be paid to the DNR, and Tina Osterberg explained that the county opted to create the escrow accounts here instead of sending it to the WI-DNR, but we can’t touch it. SW Director, Dave Heser, will get those dollar amounts for the appeals and engineers and will update as those numbers are found for cost amounts. Eric Devine moved to table this until next month, 2nd by Nodji Van Wychen. Motion carried.

**Resolution in Support of the Continuation of the Monroe County Landfill into the future** (Discussion/Action)

 SW Director, Dave Heser, explained it was suggested by Cedric Schnitzler that Solid Waste Department create a resolution for the Monroe County landfill remain open and stay in the waste business. The Solid Waste Department created a 15 year financial plan and SW Director, Dave Heser, went through the proposed plan. This plan follows the plan of operations schedule for items to be completed and required. Motion to accept the Resolution by Eric Devine, 2nd by Nodji Van Wychen; all ayes. Jerry Martell stated that he felt that the short comings of revenue not being set aside is not all from past management, but the WI-DNR changing the dollar amounts. SW Director, Dave Heser, responded that this plan will help us adjust things going forward and not looking at a small tunnel vision. Discussion on WI-DNR ensued.

**Cathodic Protection RFP** (Discussion/Action)

SW Director, Dave Heser, went through the RFP and what it is for. The WI-DNR has not given an official notice that this needs to be done. Motion to move forward with RFT by Eric Devine, 2nd by Nodji Van Wychen; all ayes.

**Manager’s Report**

E-Cycle Inspection – SW Director, Dave Heser, reported the inspection was scheduled for March 16th but had to be rescheduled. SW Director, Dave Heser, had Tina elaborate on funding from the Federal Government regarding the refugees. Appropriation money is available. One was put through Tammy Baldwin’s office and another through Derik Van Dorn’s office. $950,000.00 is being sought. August 2023 would be the earliest to hear something otherwise November.

Next Meeting: Special meeting before County Board on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Next regular Solid Waste Committee Meeting: April 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Assembly Room.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. by Nodji Van Wychen; 2nd by Eric Devine