**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE 2023 JULY MINUTES**

**JULY 19, 2023**

Attendance: Solid Waste Committee: Dave Kuderer, Remy Gomez, Nodji Van Wychen, Keith Giraud, Eric Devine

Solid Waste (SW) Director, Dave Heser, via remote; Solid Waste Coordinator, Dawn Pingel

Guests: Randy Weinkauf, Jesse Turner, Terry Taylor, and Jeff Revels of River View Construction; Jerry Martell of Modern Disposal; Erik Leitz of Oakridge Engineering; Cedric Schnitzler, Tina Osterberg

Call to Order by Chair, David Kuderer, at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of the June Committee Meeting Minutes (Discussion/Action): Motion to approve the June Committee Minutes by Remy Gomez, 2nd Eric Devine

**Landfill and Departmental Operations**

*General Activities/Tonnage/Revenue/Load/Leachate Report:* SW Director, Dave Heser, presented the committee with the update on where the department is standing for the month. Currently, a pump is out and a backup is in place until the new one is in; hauling of leachate continues.

*June 2023 Financial Report*: SW Director, Dave Heser, gave an update on the financials of the department. Revenues vs Expenses leaves the department in the red due to large expenses paid at this time of year. This will straighten out by the end of the year into next year.

**Leachate Bid Acceptance** (Discussion/Action):

The Leachate Hauling RFP had two bids submitted:

*Gerke Excavating - $124,860.00*

*River View Construction - $175,000.00*

SW Director, Dave Heser, read the Leachate Hauling Bid Tabulation Scorecard and gave the recommendation of accepting the Gerke bid. The Leachate Hauling contract will be for a period of seven (7) years beginning September 1, 2023 with up to a two (2) year extension with Committee approval during the fifth (5th) year of the contract agreement.

Motion by Nodji Van Wychen to accept the Gerke bid, 2nd by Remy Gomez. Unanimous for Gerke.

**Operations Bid Acceptance** (Discussion/Action):

The Landfill Operations RFP had three bids submitted:

*River View Construction - $8,662,500.00*

*Gerke Excavating - $7,391,770.00*

*Integrity Grading and Excavating - $13,176,218.89*

SW Director, Dave Heser, read the Operation Bid Tabulation Scorecard and gave the recommendation of accepting the River View Construction bid. SW Director, Dave Heser, gave the reasons for accepting River View’s bid over the Gerke bid were based off the fact that River View Construction has the equipment and the licensing and has a 2nd compactor, where Gerke has no licensing and currently has no compactor. Gerke’s backup to the main compactor would be either a dozer or loader, which does not compact waste very well and we would lose air space. Tina Osterberg added that corporate council informed that the lowest bid did not need to be accepted. Keith Giraud did mention the compaction was not very good when Gerke was operating the landfill.

Motion by Remy Gomez to accept River View Construction bid, 2nd by Eric Devine. Unanimous for River View.

**Engineering Bid Acceptance** (Discussion/Action):

The Professional Engineering and Consulting Services RFP had bids submitted, but Tina Osterberg discussed the bids submitted with Corporate Council and it was determined that one bid was incomplete and the other used inaccurate information. The SW Committee would need to decide to either rebid the RFP, or continue with the other bids submitted. Dave Kuderer asked about the information that was/was not provided. Tina Osterberg did state everyone involved received the same information. Dave Heser added there were areas that needed to be spelled out and others assumed some things would take longer/not as long so bids were not as accurate as they could have been. Dave Heser recommended to the SW Committee to rebid the Professional Engineering and Consulting Services RFP.

Motion by Remy to make the necessary corrections with proper and specific

information and rebid, 2nd by Keith Giraud. Unanimous ayes. Presentation of RFP bids and information will be at the August meeting.

**Interim Site Work Plan Update** (Discussion):

SW Director, Dave Heser, informed the committee that the contract with Ayres for the Interim Site Work Plan is completed. The committee needs to decide what the plan is for moving forward and if we would like to continue with Ayres to do more work on this issue. This will be on the agenda at the August meeting for discussion/action.

**Recycling MRF Update** (Discussion):

SW Director, Dave Heser, reported that recycling is $98/ton due to MRF fires and another facility updating their equipment/remodeling and the recycling commodity is tight. It will take some time to see what will happen. Jerry Martell of Modern Disposal added that things are staying the same and people are struggling and at capacity. John’s Recycling is slowly coming back online. Currently the County’s recycling is going to Harters. They are the only option Monroe County has at this time. DNR was not very helpful and told Modern to figure out things. Taylor County has a small MRF, but not big enough to take Monroe County Recyclables. Dave Kuderer asked if the financial figure on the report was based on $98/ton, but SW Director, Dave Heser, replied that this report does not track that, but this will impact expenses for the rest of the year. Jerry Martell gave some historical information on the prices that he has seen in the past when former SW Manger, Gail Frye, was first here. Remy Gomez asked if the County had enough recyclables to have our own MRF, but Jerry Martell said no.

**Managers’ Report**:

SW Director, Dave Heser, reported that a team from Sand Creek Environmental was out to test the leachate tank to ensure it is not leaking. The tanks do not have cathodic protection anymore, but this will be something that will need to be considered/done in the future. Due to budgeting, this will happen at a future time. Erik Leitz of Oakridge Engineering said another landfill put one in and the cost was around $160,000.

SW Director, Dave Heser, asked Tina Osterberg about the procedure of moving forward with the other RFP’s accepted. Adrian Lockington will have the contracts ready for signing at the next SW Committee meeting.

Next Meeting Date: August 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the County Board Room

Adjournment ~ Motion to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. by Nodji Van Wychen, 2nd by Eric Devine.