**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE 2023 AUGUST MINUTES**

**AUGUST 16, 2023**

Attendance: David Kuderer, Remy Gomez, Keith Giraud, Nodji Van Wychen

Absent: Eric Devine

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

Guests: Jesse Turner and Terry Taylor of River View Construction, Tina Osterberg, Jerry Martell of Modern Disposal

Call to Order by Chair, David Kuderer, at 5:32 p.m.

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

The Professional Engineering and Consulting Services RFP had four bids submitted:

*Tetra Tech - $330,190.00*

*Ayres Environmental - $252,714.00*

*TRC Environmental Corp - $227,300.00*

*Oakridge Engineering - $301,233.00*

SW Director, Dave Heser, went over the Engineering bids submitted and explained the bid tabulation handout and the breakdown of the RFP’s requests. TRC was the lowest bidder and was the recommendation to the Solid Waste Committee. SW Director, Dave Heser, went over the scorecard and ranking. Nodji Van Wychen asked where TRC was located and SW Director, Dave Heser, said they had multiple offices, but were within one hour away from most of the offices they had. Motion by Remy Gomez to accept TRC bid according to scorecard and recommendation; 2nd by Keith Giraud. All ayes.

**Budget Adjustment** (Discussion/Action): SW Director, Dave Heser, explained the budget adjustment for the Interim Landfill and the movement of funds. Motion to accept the budget adjustment by Keith Giraud, 2nd by Nodji Van Wychen. Question by Remy Gomez about the monitoring expense and payment split with the City of Sparta. SW Director, Dave Heser, explained the Solid Waste Budget already funds that expense and the increase in the expense would be minimal. All ayes.

Approval of the July Committee Meeting Minutes (Discussion/Action): Motion to approve the minutes by Remy Gomez, 2nd Nodji Van Wychen. All ayes

**Landfill and Departmental Operations**

*General Activities/Tonnage/Revenue/Load/Leachate Report*: SW Director, Dave Heser, reported the WI-DNR was here for the onsite inspection. They liked the look of the landfill, and commended Terry Taylor on a job well done. The tonnage is down a little. The recirculation of leachate is getting the garbage to settle two feet.

*July 2023 Financial Report*: SW Director, Dave Heser, went over the financial handout and updating the committee on where the department will be for the rest of the year. The fall clean sweep will be September 16th. There will be no radio ad, but it will be in the newspaper.

**Interim Site Work Plan Update** (Discussion): SW Director, Dave Heser, reported the Ayres contract on putting in three monitoring wells had quotes returned to costs if installation. SW Director, Dave Heser, went over the quotes and the associated costs. Nodji Van Wychen asked when would the wells be put in and SW Director, Dave Heser, said that the drilling would start around mid-September, and with the budget adjustment approved, things could start moving forward.

Dave Kuderer @ 5:54 p.m. turned over the meeting to VP Chair, Keith Giraud, for another commitment scheduled.

**Recycling MRF Update** (Discussion): SW Director, Dave Heser, turned the floor over to Jerry Martell of Modern Disposal to give an update from the MRF view. Recyclables are not back to normal with the loss of recycling facilities and improvements on another facility. Modern is working hard to get the recyclables to facilities and it will be a while until things are back to normal.

**Budget Projections for 2024** (Discussion): SW Director, Dave Heser, went over where next year’s budget is currently sitting – this is in the preliminary stage since there are figures still needing updates from the Finance Department. SW Director, Dave Heser, went over the handout provided. Discussion followed on different aspects of the budget. SW Director, Dave Heser, will keep the committee informed on the budget. Tina Osterberg and Dave Heser will be meeting to discuss the budget next week.

Nodji Van Wychen apologized for interrupting, but asked Tina Osterberg about the appropriation reimbursement. Tina Osterberg reported it was accepted and made it through a few approvals with there being one more approval step. Tina Osterberg thought we would know sometime in November if we would receive the reimbursement, with funds possibly available in the spring.

Nodji Van Wychen excused herself from the meeting for another commitment at 6:17 p.m.

**Manager Report**: The Department is working on getting the mower to mow the landfill before the new contract begins; still working on ordering two new pumps and a level indicator as well. The leachate tank control box had another turn on/off switch added along with the controller being replaced. Hoping that nothing else needs replacing or fixing. The Department is waiting for the official onsite review from WI-DNR.

**Next Meeting Date**: September 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. An email will be started to clarify if this date will work since this falls on the week of Cranfest and some committee members may need to attend.

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. by Remy Gomez, 2nd by Keith Giraud.