**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE 2023 OCTOBER MINUTES**

**October 18, 2023**

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

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

Guests: Terry Taylor, River View Construction Operator; Jerry Martell, Modern Disposal; Randy Weinkauf, River View Construction

Meeting was called to order by Chair, David Kuderer, at 5:30 p.m.

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

**Landfill and Departmental Operations**

*General Activities/Tonnage/Revenue/Load/Leachate Report*: SW Director, Dave Heser, went over the landfill and departmental operations. The landfill will be having a WI-DNR inspection next week and the landfill is looking very well. Leachate is low with pump 3 slowly draining. The operators have been recirculating regularly and looking at calling off the leachate hauler for a month and just have operators pull leachate. Tonnage is up compared to last year, although loads were slightly down. Revenue is slightly above last year.

*September 2023 Financial Report*: SW Director, Dave Heser, reported on the department’s financials. Revenues were looking good until unexpected expenses with the WI-DNR were needed, so came into 2023 with less cash than what was expected, but we should end the year on the positive side. The financial report for Sand Creek was explained with the normal expenses and some of the costs with the contamination currently being handled, but funds showing are not included in the final line due to it being a separate item being funded by general funds and not the departments.

**Interim Site Work Plan Update** (Discussion): SW Director, Dave Heser, updated the committee with the three wells that were installed. The preliminary test results do not show any contamination in the area. If results come back differently, it will be dealt with at that time. All three wells are on the Schmitz property. The WI-DNR has there 90 day review period, so it may be a bit before we hear something.

**Recycling MRF Update** (Discussion): SW Director, Dave Heser, turned it over to Jerry Martell of Modern Disposal to discuss the MRF’s. Jerry Martell discussed the minutes from last meeting about some of the topics that were covered. SW Director, Dave Heser, explained what had been discussed. Discussion followed. It was stated that the county should look at working with Columbia County, who has a state of the art facility, to have them take the county’s recycling. SW Director, Dave Heser, explained the subsidy and how that works. Discussion followed on the recycling subsidy. Currently, there is no contract for the recycling and is just a gentleman’s agreement that was put in place when Al Roof was landfill manager. The product being sent to Columbia County is clean recycling, but Modern Disposal does not feel that they will be able to keep going the way they have been. The market is worse now than it was in 2008. Eventually a contract will need to be put in place. Questions and discussion followed for clarification purposes.

**Budget Adjustments** (Discussion/Action): SW Director, Dave Heser, went over the budget adjustments for the department. Money will be moved for the recycling budget adjustment (Monroe County/MDS) from the land improvement account and the recycling grant funds; Motion to approve the recycling budget adjustment by Remy Gomez, 2nd by Nodji Van Wychen. The contracted services (Monroe County/River View contract) budget adjustment will have money moved from the landfill tax account and the environment repair fund. Remy Gomez moved to approve the contracted services budget adjustment, 2nd by Eric Devine.

**Manager’s Report**: SW Director, Dave Heser, discussed the new road access currently being put in by River View Construction. Currently the road access is coming up the middle and the new one will bring access to the northeast corner. The access road will be utilized until the permanent access road is placed in the spring with the new cell construction. Material will be coming tomorrow. The landfill inspection is scheduled for October 26th. Everything is looking nice and there will be some touch up work before the inspection.

Next Meeting Date: November 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Committee members discussed the possibility that December’s meeting could be earlier in the evening.

Motion to adjourn by Remy Gomez, 2nd by Nodji Van Wychen at 6:15 p.m.