**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE 2024**

**MARCH MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order by Chair, David Kuderer, at 5:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Remy Gomez

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

Other Guests: Jeff Revels and Terry Taylor of River View Construction; Tina Osterberg

Approval of the February 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the February 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes by Nodji Van Wychen and 2nd by Eric Devine

**Landfill and Departmental Operations**

*General Activities/Tonnage/Revenue/Load/Leachate Report*: SW Director, Dave Heser, went over the General Activities of the department. Tonnage was down but road bans went on earlier than normal. Asbestos loads are up increasing the revenue. The leachate hauler is hauling two days a week unless he is pulled for other projects.

*February 2024 Financial Report*: SW Director, Dave Heser, discussed the department’s financial activities from the handout.

**Solid Waste Landfill New Cell Construction Funding through Letter of Credit for Long Term Closure** Discussion/Action:

SW Director, Dave Heser, went over the funding resolution and updated the committee on the information received on the Letter of Credit from the WI-DNR after last month’s meeting. A short term and 15 Year Outlook was presented to the committee to show the breakdown of the funding with the new information. Discussion followed. The Resolution for the Long-Term Closure irrevocable Letter of Credit Funding Approval was turned down at the Finance Committee. At the Finance meeting, Jim Kuhn, found 2023 Senate Bill 624 that was signed into law by Governor Evers relating to the method for establishing proof of financial responsibility for municipal solid waste facilities. SW Director, Dave Heser, and Tina Osterberg explained what that would mean for the department. The department did receive the congressional monies that were applied for, but no date has been given for when those will be received nor a date as to when any of the money needed to build will be available. Discussion followed. Motion to go with the recommendation from the Finance Committee to not pass the Resolution of the Solid Waste Landfill New Cell Construction Funding through Letter of Credit for Long Term Closure by Eric Devine, 2nd by Nodji Van Wychen.

**Resolution Approving Loan to Solid Waste Department for Phase 5 New Cell Construction Project** Discussion/Action:

Tina Osterberg informed the committee the Resolution presented to the Finance Committee passed, but an amended resolution was presented to the SW Committee. Motion to pass the amended version contingent on the County Board approval by Eric Devine, 2nd by Nodji Van Wychen

**Fiscal Note Approval: Resolution Setting Change Order Levels for Solid Waste Phase 5 New Cell Construction Project** Discussion/Action:

SW Director, Dave Heser, reminded the committee that this was tabled at the last month’s meeting and explained that the change order(s) that will happen during construction, should not be a huge issue. The change orders currently being complete have hopefully reduced the construction costs and continue to do so. Motion to accept the Resolution Setting Change Order Levels for Solid Waste Phase 5 New Cell Construction Project by Nodji Van Wychen, 2nd by Eric Devine

**Mattress Charge** Discussion/Action:

SW Director, Dave Heser, talked about how mattresses are becoming more of a concern and are problematic to deal with. The additional costs for cover material, equipment use and time, along with what air space costs, not to mention the revenue that is currently being lost. SW Director, Dave Heser, would like to have a discussion with a few haulers to discuss this issue and possibly come up with a subsidy program for mattresses. The subsidy would be spelled out to be specific for each mattress recycled. Motion by Eric Devine, 2nd by Nodji Van Wychen to move forward with the plan and to bring back results/discussion to the committee next month. Chair, David Kuderer, asked if the current Monroe County Solid Waste Full Mattress Load Procedure policy would need to be amended or redone, but SW Coordinator, Dawn Pingel, explained the motion does have a clause at the bottom stating “This Mattress Procedure will remain in place until the Monroe County Landfill creates an on-site mattress solution to the above problems.” SW Director, Dave Heser, also addressed municipalities that only have once a month pick up for mattress/large items and how they could use the Solid Waste Department to dispose of them. Another item of discussion will be the subsidy implementation date, and the price of landfilling a mattress must be so high that it is not the preferred option.

Nodji Van Wychen left for another commitment at 5:36 p.m.

Manager’s Report: a special meeting regarding a budget adjustment will be on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. since it wasn’t on the agenda.

Set Next Meeting Date: April 17, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Keith Giraud, 2nd Eric Devine at 5:53 p.m.