



Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2018

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Carol Las and Vice Chair Keith Giraud. Committee members: Paul Steele, Mark Halverson and Wally Habegger who will be standing in for the seat Dan Olson vacated until elections.

OTHERS PRESENT: Solid Waste Manager-Gail Frie, Solid Waste Assistant Manager-Shelly Schulze, Riverview Construction Landfill Operator-Terry Taylor, Ayres Associates Ryan Shimko P.E., Oakridge Engineering Erik Leitz P.E.(Owner) and Frank Vrawink P.E., Modern Disposal Systems Owner-Jerry Martell, Apex representatives-Mark Rasmussen P.E., and Seth De Geest.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Committee Chair Las at the Solid Waste Office, Norwalk, WI. Introduction of Wally Habegger to the group, who will be standing in for Dan Olson until April's elections.
NOTE: Meeting order was changed by Frie to accommodate phone attendees: Administrator Bialecki and Finance Director Osterberg.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was postponed until the end of the meeting.
3. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVE MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2017.** Las asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 12, 2017. Steele approved the minutes and was seconded by Halverson. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.
4. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: METHOD OF FINANCING FOR THE 1.65 MILLION DOLLAR ON SITE LEACHATE TREATMENT SYSTEM.** Frie explained the leachate system, final budget, and two financing options/lease agreements for the filtration system offered by Mid America Bank-lease Corp. (attached) Using Mid-America and financing the project as a lease, will not affect the County's credit rating. Frie would like to use the facility reserve balance and cash balances to further pay down the lease up front to lessen the interest impact long term. Frie drafted a resolution for the committee to sign as proof of intent for the Finance Committee. Corporate Counsel will make changes, and committee to sign the final resolution. Steele suggested we bring ahead the resolution at this time (point number six of this agenda) and have two votes: Accept the project, and method of financing.
 - a. Chair Las asked for motioned as to the project set forth as described in today's meeting. Steele voted to approve and Halverson seconded. All votes in favor, motion carried, 5-0.
 - b. Chair Las asked for a motion to choose the method of financing. Steele moved to approve the first financing option which is a first payment of \$650,000 in 2018 with four annual lease payments of \$281,080 starting in 2019. Giraud seconded option one. All votes in favor, motion carried, 5-0.
5. **DISCUSSION: LANDFILL AND DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS**
TONNAGE/REVENUE/LOAD/LEACHATE REPORT: Frie went over the monthly sales chart and corresponding graph which detailed percentages of increase/decrease in the listed categories through the month of December YTD. We are 5.56% ahead of last year in gross tonnage, 2.23% above last year in number of loads and 3.88% above last year in revenue. Leachate hauled for the year was 4,577,750 gallons. This is over last year due to heavy rains by 38,000 gallons. 2017 exceeded 2016 by 38,250 gallons. Frie mentioned the hauling contract for leachate is up in September 2018. Discussion regarding cost of leachate hauling and disposal cost ensued. Frie stated the cost is around \$260,000.00 per year the last two years and Leitz mentioned at a cost of 5.7 cents per gallon total disposal for trucking and disposal.

Frie went over the December **Financial Report** handout, including cash balance and reserve balances. Cash Balance is \$469,657. Reserve Balance is \$294,582, and asked the board to keep these totals in mind in regard to the financial discussion on the leachate treatment system.

6. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: ACCEPTANCE OF APEX FILTRATION SYSTEM RESOLUTION**
See point four of these minutes.
7. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: FURNACE BIDS.** Frie opened bids for the new office furnace and a discussion took place. With only two bids, the board opted to go with local vendor Flock's Heating, with an Amana 96% efficient unit with April Air cleaner for \$3273.00 A motion was made by Habbegger to go with Flock's Heating bid and was seconded by Giraud. Chair Las asked for a vote to approve Flock's bid. All ayes. Motion carried. 5-0.
8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: BID ON LA CROSSE COUNTY LANDFILL'S USED SCALE.** A discussion was held regarding the recent scale/equipment available at the La Crosse County Landfill, due to La Crosse County putting in two new in/out scales at their new scale facility. The old scale is a 70 x 11 Mettler Toledo system installed by La Crosse Scale, who currently services and calibrates the Monroe County scale. We would like to bid on this scale to replace our aging scale, with the intent to have the approach redone and this scale installed in a few years should we get the bid. Discussion ensued about bid pricing, and costs involved to move and reinstall with approaches. A motion was made by Habbegger to proceed with a 'not to exceed' price approved by the board. Halverson seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.
9. **MANAGER'S REPORT: Farm Lease:** Discussed the land rent lease which is up in April 2018, with an extension clause. We have the right to extend the lease year to year. Soil samples were taken to check PH and it is still the same at 6.8. Renter Radke willing to extend the lease at the current rate of \$256.00 per acre. Frie discussed putting it out to bid the following year and having crops rotated to hay at an expected rent reduction per acre. **Riverview Operations Contract:** Riverview's contract has a clause where either party can opt out of the contract at the five year mark. That option is up in September. Frie will be meeting with owner Randy Weinkauff to discuss all party's options. We cannot make major changes at this time without putting this out to bid.
10. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** February 13, Tuesday, at **4:00 pm** at the Solid Waste Dept. 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk, WI 54648
11. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Erik Lietz of Oakridge Engineering introduced himself to new committee member Wally Habbegger, and explained his history as our landfill consultant formerly with Ayres Associates, and his recent purchase of his Father-in-law's agricultural engineering firm. He also introduced his landfill engineer Frank Vrawink. Frie stated to the committee that Lietz's firm was hired by Apex to do the engineering and some of the design on our leachate system, and the County also had Lietz proof the contract on our behalf. Engineer Ryan Shimko from Ayres stated to the committee public hearings were held with Ridgeville Township, and Monroe County Zoning. No opposition was expressed to the expansion of the Ridgeville II landfill. The Feasibility will be submitted to the WDNR in 2018. Wall Habbegger brought up the closed Sand Creek landfill and some discussions regarding resident wells near the site. Ayres monitors these sites, and the question that arose was are too many people now using a shared well which was meant for a set number of households? Frie will check with Ayres Geologist Lori Rosemore, whose Ayres team has historically monitored these wells.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Las asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Halverson and seconded by Giraud at 5:40 pm.

Recorded by: Shelly Schulze