



# Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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## COMMITTEE MINUTES MARCH 21, 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice Chair: Mike Luethe, Committee members: Paul Steele, Mark Halverson, and Dan Olson (arrival 8:47 am) **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chairperson: Carol Las

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Also present, Solid Waste Manager, Gail Frie, Solid Waste Assistant Manager, Shelly Schulze, Riverview Construction Owner, Randy Weinkauf, Ayres Associates Consultant, Erik Lietz, Riverview Construction Operator, Terry Taylor and Modern Disposal Systems Owner, Jerry Martell (arrival 08:37 am).

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:33 am by Committee vice Chair Luethe at the Solid Waste Office, Norwalk, WI.
2. **PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT:** None given.
3. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2017:** A motion was made by Steele to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Halverson. Motion carried 3-0. (Las and Olson absent)
4. **DISCUSSION BUDGET REPORT:** Frie covered the budget report, using information through March 8 of this year, comparing it with the Munis-Generated report from Finance. The final LTC (Long Term Care) payment has been made of \$95,000.00, and the final bond payment has been made. That will be \$396,000 less expenses in 2018, per Frie. Vice Chair Luethe reminisced that just about ten years ago, the County was looking at getting a transfer station and closing the landfill because of the financial shape it was in. Frie also advised the board a new auditor is on board with the County and this will be taking place soon.
5. **DISCUSSION: LANDFILL AND DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES**
  - a. **TONNAGE/REVENUE/LOAD/LEACHATE REPORT:** Frie went over the bar graphs and mentioned we had a project brought in by Gerke within the month spiking our revenue and tonnage. Deconstruction project (Tee Pee restaurant in Tomah) and we are up 17% in revenue in the most part because of this project.
  - b. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: LINE ITEM TRANSFER FOR RIVERVIEW CONSTRUCTION SITE WORK:** Frie ordered work to be done in 2017 by our site contractor Riverview, which was completed in 2016 by request of Riverview due to logistics with their equipment. Contractor Okayed payment in 2017, but the Finance Department denied this and said it must be paid out of 2016 funds if completed in 2016. Subsequently, we had to wait until the Finance Departments March meeting to pay Riverview, and move monies from six different accounts in order to have enough funds to do so. As of this meeting, it has still not been paid as Finance Department has to make funds available, our computer system won't allow us to move forward until Finance does their part. The funds are available in the 2016 budget and are coming from Engineering, Landfill Gas/Site Licensing. Steele motioned to approve. Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
  - c. **DISCUSSION: LEACHATE FILTRATION PROJECT:** Ayres Consultant Erik Leitz met with Apex regarding the Informal Plan Review for the proposed Leachate Filtration project. It will be put before the WDNR waste water treatment department in Madison formally upon receipt of engineering plan and process report from Apex. We are hoping to receive this information within the next two weeks. Copies will go to local WDNR solid waste managers as well even though this will fall under the jurisdiction of waste water. Discharge permits (2) take six months once submitted. Because of the time constraints with permitting and the fact we still do not have a completed process report and engineering plan from Apex,

we have mentioned to Apex the longer this drags out, another option is being considered. With the six month permitting.

- d. **DISCUSSION: BYRON/WYEVILLE LANDFILL RELOCATION:** Geologist Lori Rosemore is working with Kurt Rutland, Owner of Riverside Cranberry Marsh, to possibly do Ground Penetrating radar so as not to disturb the soil to determine size of the trenches filled with buried burnt waste from a previously closed dump site. This expense is between Ayres and Riverside Cranberries, per Frie.

## 6. **MANAGERS REPORT**

- a. Mike Lueth was recognized by the committee with a framed certificate signed by Board President Schnitzler for nine years of service as Vice Chair of the Solid Waste Committee. Lueth gave a short speech following congratulatory well wishes.
  - b. WIRM Conference was attended by Frie, and he updated the Solid Waste Board on the pricing on recyclables. Jerry Martell of MDS filled the board in on the history of pricing and reiterated the quality of the recycling coming out of MDS/Monroe County is trusted enough at the recycler to go directly onto conveyers at the Whitewater recycling facility. Frie nominated the Sparta Earth Club for their very successful food digester project, and they won the Recycling Excellence Award. Frie nominated Erik Lietz, PE of Ayres for the Young Professional Award. Lietz won, and was awarded the same. Frie also nominated Joe Cook for the Christy Dixon Recycling Award, and the educator from Sparta High School took honorable mention.
7. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 17, 8:30 am at the Solid Waste Dept. 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk, WI 54848
  8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Operator Terry Taylor of Riverview Construction mentioned that there seemed to be quite a bit of cardboard and recycling in Clark's load.
  9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Steele to adjourn with a second by Olson at 9:35 am. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by: Shelly Schulze