



Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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COMMITTEE MINUTES August 21, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Keith Giraud. Committee members: Paul Steele, Mark Halverson, and Dan Olson. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chair Carol Las.

OTHERS PRESENT: Solid Waste Manager Gail Frie, Solid Waste Assistant Manager Shelly Schulze, Ayres Associates Geologist Lori Rosemore P.G., Nichole Bader, Ayres Associates, Seth DeGeest, Business Manager for Apex.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:45 am by Committee Vice-Chair Giraud at the Solid Waste Office, Norwalk, WI.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVE MEETING MINUTES JULY 2017.** A motion was made by Steele to approve the minutes and was seconded by Olson. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0. Las Absent.
4. **DISCUSSION DETAILED LINE ITEM EXPLANATION OF 2018 FINANCIAL BUDGET:** Frie covered the budget report and will send to Administrator Jim Bialecki having no objections from the board.
5. **DISCUSSION: LANDFILL AND DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS**
 - a. **TONNAGE/REVENUE/LOAD/LEACHATE REPORT:** Frie went over this chart and corresponding graph which detailed percentages of increase/decrease in the above listed categories for the month of July YTD. We are running 2.37% ahead of last year in tonnage, 2.55% above last year in number of loads and about 2.64% above last year in revenue. Leachate loads are up 7% over last year due to the record rains of this year.
 - b.
 1. Gail discussed the Financial Report, including cash balance and reserve balances. Reserve balance correction did not hit the MUNIS report and will be \$50,000 less than stated last meeting. The dollars in excess of \$250,000.00 are transferred at the end of the year, not \$200,000.00.
 2. Gail discussed planned press release of electronic pricing changes and excessive amounts of non-hazardous household waste which will be billed.
6. **DISCUSSION: APEX LEACHATE FILTRATION SYSTEM UPDATE:** Seth DeGeest of Apex reviewed options and pricing with the board for leachate systems. Gail updated the board with progress being made with the WDNR. Erik Lietz of Oak Ridge Engineering has updated Gail with the name of a regional contact with the WDNR that sees the potential for no need to go through the Waste Water permitting since we will not be discharging waste water but clean water. This is huge, and will simplify the progress forward. Timeline is looking like winter 2017 interior work to building updates and electrical updates, and 2018 Spring exterior ground work and start up.

Olson was concerned about the operation of this new system from a technical standpoint (with only two of us at this landfill and the potential for Frie retiring). Frie currently does many technical and maintenance and equipment troubleshooting functions that are not management functions.

The question arose how the Kandiyohi County staff maintained their system. Schulze mentioned they had a staff member monitoring the equipment, and DeGeest verified this person by name, stating he already was doing maintenance and technical work at the landfill. De Geest stated the system has computer system alarms, and although large, the filters are somewhat easy to change.

Schulze stated the filters are on rolling stands and the change-out does not appear to be that difficult. Electrical and mechanical issues will require some outside labor which is factored into the cost, and Frie mentioned our TEC technician for landfill pumps will be instructed on the mechanics of this while learning our leachate pumps this year. Regardless of the system we choose, the filters are not changed very often and the O&M is not labor-intensive.

7. **MANAGERS REPORT:** Discussed several safety incidents at the landfill involving drivers and replacement of failed office water heater. We will need to replace the furnace at the beginning of the new budget year, due to a failure with the furnace last season and a fix that is not long-term. Many building upgrades will need to be made in 2018 due to age and wear-related issues.
8. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, September 25, at 8:45 am at the Solid Waste Dept. 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk, WI 54848
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bader of Ayres was here with a test run of plastic tubing to aid in the sampling of water from the new deep monitoring wells. It didn't go well. She reported that it was very difficult to unwind the stiff tubing to get to the bottom of the new deep monitoring wells, and we could possibly contaminate the well with plastic fragments due to trying to force the tubing. We will have to invest in dedicated pumps in each of these monitoring wells as an unforeseen expense but this will have to be done as part of the Ridge III expansion costs in order to complete sampling.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Steele to adjourn, with a second by Halverson at 10:20 am. Motion carried 4-0.

Recorded by: Shelly Schulze