



Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 11, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair-Carol Las (left 9:40 am), Vice Chair-Mike Luethe (arrival 8:25 am), Paul Steele and Dan Olson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Solid Waste Manager-Gail Frie, Assistant Solid Waste Manager-Shelly Schulze, Ayres Consultant-Erik Leitz, Randy Weinkauff-Owner, RiverView Construction, Terry Taylor-RiverView Construction-Heavy Equipment Operator.

ABSENT: Mark Halverson excused

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Committee Chair Las at the Solid Waste Administration Building, 20448 Junco Road, Norwalk.

1. **PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT:** None given.
2. **MINUTES OF MEETING:** A motion was made by Las to approve the minutes of the September 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Olson. Motion carried. 3-0, Halverson and Luethe excused.
3. **2016 BUDGET REPORT**
 - The committee was presented with a recap of the financials. Cash Balance is \$383,617.00. A large quarterly WDNR payment will be going out \$77,000.00+. Tonnage is up over 9% and Revenues up approximately 12%.
 - From the budget form, the Facility Reserve is at \$230,026.00.
 - The Last Long Term Care payment will be \$95,000.00 and due this December.
 - The Last bond payment of approximately \$300,000.00 is due in 2017.
4. **DEPARTMENTAL AND LANDFILL OPERATIONS**
 - a. **General Activities/Tonnage/Revenue/Load/Leachate Report:** Went over graphs of totals for this year in comparison to the previous four years January through September.
 - **Loads:** Incoming landfill loads are up 14% over last January-September.
 - **Revenues:** Revenues are up 12% over last January-September.
 - **Tonnage:** Landfill tonnage was up 9% January– September.
 - **Leachate:** Steady hauling of leachate this past month, trying to get caught up. Gail called Robert Conroy, who assists with Monroe County Emergency Management, who called FEMA on our behalf. He checked to see if we qualified for funding to help with extra loads of leachate hauled out. Since there was no damage to the landfill, it is not a qualifying event. (6+” Rain September 21.)
 - b. **Engineering Study: Apex Leachate Filtration:** Frie reported he was hopeful to have the filtration unit operating by the spring snow melt. WDNR meeting is set for October 24. It has taken more than two months to establish a meeting date with WDNR. Clark Engineering was here two weeks running a mini-module to collect over 400 samples. We are testing for all possible contaminants defined by DNR code and more. Minnesota requires testing for 159 contaminants, so we are being proactive in collecting more than Minnesota’s stringent requirements. WDNR is unsure where this filtration system will be classified: under Waste Water permit or Ground Water permit. We are hoping this meeting will get an official concurrence the system will meet Ground Water specifications.
 - c. **Work to be done this fall –Apex Filtration:** Our plans are to dig for the water lines between building and tank while Riverview is here placing interim clay cover. Plans are to work on installing three phase electrical this winter 2017 after WDNR approvals.

d. Engineering Contract for the landfill expansion: In November the geotechnical investigation and drilling for monitoring wells will take place for a baseline for the new landfill cell. Frie wanted the board to know this is done within the scope of the approved budget and he signed off on it.

e. Clay Cover: Riverview Construction will be here in November-December placing interim cover and excavating for drain-line from the old equipment building (site of future filtration system) to the leachate tank.

f. Landfill Compaction Study: Erik Lietz PE from Ayres handed out information regarding the density study and how the compaction rate was arrived at. The current landfill is approximately 80% full by volume and based on current compaction rates, will be full by January 2021. Current density study shows a 6% decrease in compaction, or 1849 lbs./CY. This will pay out at 10% bonus vs. 20% bonus 6 months prior.

Randy Weinkauf felt that part of the issue for the decline is the long distance the operator has to push and then having to push uphill. There was discussion regarding the heavy rains and the amount of water in the landfill also. Weinkauf said that he'd like to see a road put in to the top so the operator can push downhill. We'd need quite a few loads of base/breaker rock and would be wise to purchase fabric so that the majority of the rock could be saved and relocated per Weinkauf. Discussion ensued regarding contractors, locations of quarries and quality of rock. There was discussion of urgency as quarries closing down for the winter very soon and we need to act.

5. **MANAGERS REPORT**

a. **Special Waste Collection:** Frie reported to the board and guests that he felt paint and hazardous materials were slightly down, however citizen traffic remained very heavy and tvs and fluorescent bulbs were in large quantities. La Crosse County sent three HHM people to this collection vs. five people last collection. Monroe County had Officer Joe Brown present for drug collection and he had collected a large box of meds. Traffic was a block long several times during the day.

b. **Minimum load charge letter:** We will be sending a letter out with our yearly permit information regarding the approved increase in minimum load charges to \$10.00 effective January 1.

6. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

Suggested by Olson the department heads get together and set firm meeting dates so meetings do not interfere with each other. Suggestion we go back to third Monday of the month 8-830 am. Next meeting is tentatively set for Monday, November 14 at 8:15 am.

7. **PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

None given.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Luethe motioned to adjourn and seconded by Steele. All in favor (3-0) Halverson and Las excused.