

Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste Update
June 3, 2019
10:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Solid Waste (SW) Director Cathy Mayer and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Discussion Items):**

Construction Projects

Solid Waste Director Cathy Mayer updated the Commissioners on her department's current construction projects.

- Prairie Transfer Station – The retaining wall project being done by NNAC (National Native American Construction) has remained within budget. She noted that there would be amendments coming in for the engineering contract and the construction contract. She said she hoped this project would be complete within the next two weeks.
- Landfill Corridor – She reminded the Commissioners this project, which included the new weigh scales and entrance at the landfill, was the one on which they had opened bids in last week's Business Meeting. Ms. Mayer noted the bids had been on the high end of the engineer's estimates but she hoped to have a recommendation for the Board for next Tuesday's Business Meeting. She said the project should start in early July 2019 and be done in November 2019. She added the anticipated total cost would probably be between 2.2 and 2.5 million dollars. Ms. Mayer reported the cost had all been budgeted except for about \$200,000, but they had plans to cover that with funds left over from the Closure Project. She said that Finance Director Dena Darrow had told her that would be an acceptable solution.
- Ramsey Household Hazardous Waste Project – Ms. Mayer remarked that SW had worked on planning for this for about three years. She reminded the Board that the bids had also been opened on this project last week and said she intended to bring a recommendation to them in next week's Business Meeting. She stated the project should also start in early July 2019. Ms. Mayer explained that as the design and permitting had proceeded, they had found they needed to add additional fire systems, a new fire hydrant, a water line and some additional paving. She said the hazardous material storage locker and other items also were going to cost more than originally hoped. Ms. Mayer said SW had \$350,000 set

aside in the FY2020 Budget but they would have to modify their request to \$700,000 to be certain all the costs would be covered.

Ms. Mayer stated that the current hours for Hazardous Waste were Wednesday and Saturday at Ramsey, Friday and Saturday at Prairie. She said that when the hours at Ramsey were disrupted by construction, they planned to increase the availability at Prairie.

- Ms. Mayer predicted that the Chilco Rural Collection Site would be affected by the “Bridge the Valley Project”. She explained that a bridge was planned over the railroad tracks, which would affect access to the site. She said SW was working with the designers of the project to ensure that the needs of the County would be addressed. She added that she did not expect that the project would be begun for some years.
- Ms. Mayer said that about thirty acres had been cleared adjacent to the rural collection site near the Super 1 Foods store in Athol for planned commercial development. She noted that SW was granting the Highway District a right-of-way through their land off Howard Road, to allow the road to be widened. She predicted this project would come before the Board soon.
- Ms. Mayer also remarked that a roundabout was being planned near the Prairie Transfer Station, where West Prairie Avenue crosses Pleasant View Road. She said the project had been planned for next summer; SW would probably have to give a right-of-way there also.

Bid Solicitation Procedures

Ms. Mayer stated that, historically, bids had been issued through the Board of Commissioners. She remarked that other departments, such as Buildings & Grounds, had a different process, which she would like to copy. She said her department would like to work with the Board to streamline their process by issuing the packets of bidding documents themselves for larger construction projects. She added that she hoped it would improve customer service and cut down the demand on BOCC administrative staff time.

Ms. Mayer reported that she had discussed the plan with Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes, who did not voice any objections to it.

Environmental Permits/Inspections

Ms. Mayer informed the Board that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Panhandle Health were supposed to do inspections of the landfill every three to five years. She explained the transfer stations were inspected every three years; the landfill had been done at the five-year mark. She reported that they had received excellent reviews from everyone. Ms. Mayer said they had also received good reviews on their Household Hazardous Waste program.

In closing, Ms. Mayer said that May is often SW’s busiest month of the whole year; the lines had been long and she thanked everyone for their patience. Commissioner Brooks said he had been to the transfer station last weekend and thought the service was very fast and efficient.

D. Public Comment (Discussion): This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County-related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There was no public comment.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
