

Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste Update
August 5, 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, SW Principal Planner Laureen Chaffin and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Discussion Items):**

Project Updates

Solid Waste Director Cathy Mayer provided the Board with updates on her department's ongoing projects.

- **Prairie Retaining Wall Project:** Ms. Mayer reported this project had been completed but was not yet operational because they were waiting for some signs and paint. She predicted that two change orders would be brought to the August 6, 2019 Business Meeting. She explained that the NNAC (National Native American Construction) contract would be reduced due to some inspection services being shifted over to the engineering contract. Ms. Mayer said the engineering contract would be increased by about \$19,000 from that and some work delays that resulted in extra costs. She confirmed that there were enough funds to cover this and the project had come in under budget.
- **Prairie facility stairs:** Ms. Mayer reported that they were working on the design phase of the project and expected to put it out to bid soon. She noted that they would be able to use a simpler bid process because the cost of the project would be less than \$100,000.
- **Landfill Corridor Liner Project:** Ms. Mayer said preliminary work and collection of the necessary approvals were underway. She remarked that their team was doing surveying today and hoped to break ground within the next two weeks.
- **Ramsay Household Hazardous Waste:** Ms. Mayer said this project was still undergoing required reviews. She stated that they would direct customers to the Prairie Transfer Station during construction. Commissioner Duncan inquired whether the transfer station accepted medical waste supplies from residential customers. SW Principal Planner Laureen Chaffin confirmed they accept some things, such as sharps, but nothing contaminated with blood-borne pathogens and no prescription medications.

- Capital equipment: Ms. Mayer announced that most of their capital equipment purchases for the year had arrived: four transfer trailers and a loader. She noted they were still waiting for a backhoe and that the water truck and recycling truck might not arrive until the end of September or the beginning of October. Ms. Chaffin assured the Board that the funds for those two trucks would be carried over to the next Fiscal Year if necessary.

Solid Waste Fees

Ms. Mayer announced that SW was proposing some fee changes and, if the Board supported them, they would post public notices on August 12 and 19, 2019. She predicted that a resolution on the changes could then be brought to the Business Meeting on August 27, 2019. Ms. Chaffin explained that a public hearing would be required because three fees would be changed by 5% or more and some new fees were being introduced.

Ms. Mayer explained that most of the fee changes were actually reductions that came from SW's constant efforts to become more efficient. She remarked that they had not had to increase their residential rates since 2010. She said the \$93 yearly fee for residential property owners would be reduced to \$88, while the commercial fee of \$67.70 would be reduced to \$65.

Ms. Chaffin called the Board's attention to the provided notice of public hearing, the proposed resolution and the spreadsheet that detailed SW's current fifteen year planning strategy. She explained that they proposed implementing a recycling fee because the recycling program no longer paid for itself. She said that both residents and commercial customers would still be able to deliver 2,000 pounds of recyclable material free in one trip, but there would be a \$10 per ton fee imposed on anything over that. She predicted that most of the residential customers would not be affected while commercial customers might be motivated to deliver materials directly to the recycling center.

Ms. Chaffin announced there was a new fee proposed for unsecured loads. She noted unsecured loads created many problems for the community. She stated that SW would create policies to ensure the fees were equally applied and would have an appeal process in place. She said another new fee would involve customers who caused the transfer station's closing time to be delayed. She explained that customers often arrived near closing time with large loads and this could prevent the transfer station from closing at the designated time. Ms. Chaffin assured the Commissioners that customers would receive ample advance warning before a fee was imposed for this.

All three commissioners agreed that SW should move ahead with their plans as described.

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 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
