

**Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste Update
May 18, 2020
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, Finance Director Dena Darrow and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Discussion):**

COVID-19, Solid Waste Department Operations Review

Solid Waste (SW) Director Cathy Mayer reviewed the steps her department had taken to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. She remarked that they had lost the assistance of the Sheriff's labor crews and janitorial services from Tesh, Inc., so her staff had needed to cover those duties as best they could. She said she expected the outside help would begin work again in early June. She added that the transfer stations had begun to accept Household Hazardous Waste again; Wednesday and Saturday at the Ramsey site and Friday and Saturday at the Prairie site.

Ms. Mayer explained some of the changes in procedure they had undertaken to reduce risk of infection. She said they no longer offer cards to customers unless s/he is a commercial client or would otherwise need to pay for the load. She remarked that they lose the ability to capture some data by doing this, but have striven to provide estimated figures.

Ms. Mayer commented that they actually had not managed to reduce waste intake during the lockdown period, despite asking customers to bring only what was absolutely necessary.

SW Principal Planner Laureen Chaffin confirmed that Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls sites received more waste than expected. In fact, she reported that their revenue for April had reached a record figure of \$92,000.

Project Updates

Ms. Mayer announced that the new Household Hazardous Waste facility at the Ramsey transfer station was ready, with only a small amount of finish work yet to be completed. She noted that the project would probably come in between \$70,000 to \$100,000 over the originally estimated cost. She explained most of this was due to requirements from

the City of Coeur d'Alene: permitting, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) provisions, fire systems, alarm systems and a tree easement.

Ms. Mayer predicted that they would begin using the new, lined cell at the landfill next month. She reminded the Commissioners that there had been some problems with the State not allowing a necessary exemption for the misting basin, but that seemed to have been resolved. She added that when they reapplied for their Tier One Air permit next year, the misting basin would be included.

Ms. Mayer reported that SW did have a couple of ICRMP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program) claims ongoing. She said there was a fire in a trailer on May 1, 2020 and a lightning strike at the landfill a few weeks ago which damaged their PLC (Programmable Logical Controls), cameras and phones.

Ms. Mayer noted that she had only one employee who had been affected by the COVID-19 closure of a childcare provider.

Chairman Fillios encouraged Ms. Mayer and the employee to discuss the issue with Human Resources to determine what the coverage costs would be.

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 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____

Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
