

Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste
June 4, 2018
10:30 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Marc Eberlein, Commissioner Chris Fillios and Commissioner Bob Bingham met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Solid Waste (SW) Director Cathy Mayer, SW Operations Manager John Phillips and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Marc Eberlein called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Action Items:**

Year to Date Trends

Solid Waste Director Cathy Mayer advised the Board that there was a 9.6% increase in materials delivered to the landfill over the past five months. She said May 2018 was a record high and one day last week fifty-one trailers were sent to the landfill, which was also a record.

Chairman Eberlein inquired how long the landfill would last, if the deposit rate continued to climb. Ms. Mayer stated the projections on its lifespan have not changed in any substantial way. She said she expects the East Cell to be in action until about 2040.

Disposal Challenges and Solutions

Ms. Mayer informed the Commissioners that one of the challenges Solid Waste is facing is receiving out-of-County waste from contractors. She said that she could not provide any definitive proof yet, but there is a substantial difference in the cost of depositing waste in Kootenai County and in Spokane and many contractors work in both locations. She commented it would be a challenge to prove debris came from one site or another. Ms. Mayer assured the Board that SW has sent letters out to all contractors and that the Department's Managers are keeping a close watch on loads that are delivered. Commissioner Bob Bingham inquired what the fine or penalty was for such a violation. SW Operations Manager John Phillips said there was a \$1,000 fine for illegal dumping, but the Sheriff's Office would have to be summoned to write the ticket.

Mr. Phillips said that there were also issues with some customers dumping more than they were allowed at rural pick-up sites. Ms. Mayer added this was particularly a problem with the Rose Lake site, primarily Shoshone County residents and people on Highway 95 taking advantage of easy access. Commissioner Bingham inquired whether there were cameras at the site to identify the offenders. Mr. Phillips said they did not have power at the site now, but there will be security systems put in eventually.

Ms. Mayer said that the grit disposal from a particular car wash was a problem also, due to the discharge having too high of a water content. She said they are trying to work with the owner of the car wash to get the discharge to an acceptable level.

Direct Landfill Discharge

Ms. Mayer told the Board that selected contractors are successfully bringing loads directly to the landfill. She said she hopes to make arrangements to increase their convenience in getting loads weighed.

Construction Projects

Ms. Mayer said that SW has a busy summer coming up; they will have three projects going on at the same time: the Landfill Perimeter Road, Landfill Capping, and the Rose Lake facility. She added that she hoped Rose Lake will be done by the middle of July and asked the Board if they would be interested in attending a small dedication ceremony when it opens.

Mr. Phillips said they shipped out about two and a half million gallons of leachate last year at a cost of about \$100,000. This year they have already evaporated about a million gallons. He added that they have about seven million gallons on site right now and would like to see that drop to half a million gallons by the end of the season.

Program Tour Invitation

Ms. Mayer invited the Commissioners to tour any part of the Solid Waste facility they wished.

- D. Public Comment:** 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.

Chairman Eberlein adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

MARC EBERLEIN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
