

Lincoln County
Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2009
N4750 Landfill Lane – Merrill, WI 54452

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.** – Members present – Dave Fox, Mike Loka, and Graham Rankin – Members excused Bob Weaver and Jim Alber
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Motion/Second (M/S) Loka/Rankin to approve December 10, 2008 minutes as printed.
3. **Review vouchers and charge applications:** Vouchers were passed around no charge applications were presented.
4. **Waste tonnage and leachate reports:** Overall garbage tonnage increased from previous 12 month period however some haulers experienced decreases probably due to slow down in economy. Contaminated soil volume increased slightly but demolition material had a significant decrease. Total leachate volume dropped to 2,746,287 from previous 12 month period of 3,004,672 gals in part due to last summer being so dry. 1.8 million gals were recirculated back into the landfill.
5. **Financial report and fee schedule tipping fee rates:** January's statement of operation and cash flow reports were reviewed.
6. **Discuss cost saving ideas:** Methane gas to energy options were discussed. Even though it's premature to aggressively pull gas from the landfill at this time the cost to upgrade existing power lines and possible grants will be investigated; Pursue every cost effective way possible to increase overall waste compaction which will result in additional space/revenue; Increase leachate recirculation and other cost efficient ways(like temporary plastic covers on part of the landfill) to reduce waste water treatment and hauling costs; Save sales tax by requiring general contractors who bid on next module construction project to purchase items under our tax exempt number and not include sales tax with their bid; Cost of last years pharmaceutical / household / ag hazardous waste collection was discussed. Less expensive haz waste disposal alternatives (like having individuals solidify paint with cat litter or dissolve pharmaceuticals in quikcrete) were discussed. M/S by Fox/Loka to NOT fund a one day haz waste collection next year and encourage less costly disposal alternatives; Also reviewed list of budget considerations presented at Admin/Legislative Committee meeting.
7. **Replace small compactor with used track loader:** Handout detailing the four existing landfill machines was reviewed along with justifications for replacing the small compactor with a track loader. Reichelt will do more checking on pros/cons of tracks vs. steel wheels in a landfill and bring back to committee.
8. **Closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stat. for deliberating waste agreements whenever competitive reasons require a closed session (out of county waste agreements):** M/S Loka/Rankin to go into closed session with Bob Reichelt and Aga Razvi present. – Fox, Loka and Rankin voting aye by roll call.
9. **Reconvene into open session and take any necessary action:** M/S Loka/Fox to return to open session – all voting aye by roll call vote. No action taken.
10. **Managers written report:** was distributed and discussed.
11. **Set next meeting date:** March 4, 2009 at 6pm at the Landfill Admin Ofc.
12. **Adjourn: at 9:05 P.M.**