

**Lincoln County
Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2012
Landfill Office, Merrill, WI**

1. **Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.**
Members present: Fox, Loka, Rankin & Vander Sanden. Breitenmoser arrived at 5:05 p.m. **Others present:** Dan Miller and consultant Aga Razvi.
2. **Minutes of October 31, 2012 and November 14, 2012** were approved as printed by M/S Loka / Rankin – all voting aye.
3. **Review vouchers** – October vouchers were made available and reviewed by Committee members.
4. **Waste tonnage and leachate reports** – Miller reviewed the leachate and waste volume reports for the Committee. Leachate production is down about 1.5 million gallons from the same period last year. Garbage volume is down 6.6 % from the same period last year from major haulers. Reports to be placed on file.
5. **Financial Reports** – Miller went through Statement of Operations and Cash Flow Statements for year to date and October, 2012 and the expense tracking report for the landfill expansion. Expansion expenses to date total about \$576,000 and are in line with estimated costs. Reports placed on file.
6. **Manager's report** – Written report was distributed and explained by Miller and placed on file.
7. **Rates for 2013 waste disposal** – Miller explained that our contracts are structured to consider annual increases in waste disposal fees based upon the consumer price index – urban indicator for the year. Based upon the yearly change from October of last year to this, the rates should go up by 2.2%. The major in county haulers will experience about a \$1 increase in contract rates for garbage, Sludge/fly ash will raise by \$.80 per ton and our gate rates will be influenced as follows: Garbage will go to \$55 per ton but maintaining the \$15 minimum rate for up to 560 lbs., Roofing to \$35 per ton with a \$10 minimum, clean wood, metal and clean fill will stay the same as 2012 rates. M/S Vander Sanden, Fox to approve the suggested rate changes. Motion carried with all voting aye.
8. **Oneida County Request for Bids on Waste Disposal** – Miller and Razvi explained the nature of the Request for Bids document and various suggested strategies with a recommendation. Waste Management currently has a contract to provide the service that will expire in July of 2013. We would also like to propose a price to Waste Management for acceptance of their waste. M/S Loka and Vander Sanden to proceed with bidding for the two contracts as discussed. Motion carried with all voting aye.

9. Landfill Expansion Local Siting Agreement Update – Miller explained that a letter was sent following our November 14th meeting to the Waste Facility Siting Board petitioning unilaterally for arbitration. The Town of Merrill sent an objection to the request and proposed instead that a mediator be assigned to settle our disputes along with a list of 5 mediators from which to choose. Their Executive Director followed up both letters with phone calls to the respective lawyers and explained that all attempts to settle should be thoroughly exhausted before the Board will agree to arbitration. He suggested a mediator who recently helped settle a Dodge County dispute but would come up with an updated list should we decide against using him. We could meet again on our own or wait for a mediated session. By consensus the committee agreed we should attempt to settle without mediation first.

10. Next meeting Date – January 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the landfill office.

11. Adjourn at 6:00 p.m. by M/S Vander Sanden / Loka; all voting aye.

**Minutes prepared by,
Dan Miller
Solid Waste Manager**