

**Lincoln County
Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
Landfill Office, Merrill, WI**

1. **Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.**
Members present: Fox, Rankin, Vander Sanden, Loka and Breitenmoser. **Others present:** Dan Miller and Dr. Aga Razvi; Weaver, Boos Inc.
2. **Minutes** of November 13, 2013 were approved as printed by M/S: Loka / Vander Sanden – all voting aye.
3. **Review vouchers** – November, December – 2013 and January - 2014 vouchers were made available and reviewed by Committee members.
4. **Waste tonnage and leachate reports** – Miller reviewed the waste volume and leachate reports for the Committee. Garbage volume is up over 20% from all sources over the same period last year but we have experienced a marked decrease from Advanced Waste as they made a corporate decision to “internalize” their waste handling and disposal since January 26th. They are directing all wastes to their own facilities for now and Miller did not get a definitive answer on whether this is a temporary situation or long term. It could impact our waste stream by 15,000 tons annually. Miller discussed the need to secure the remaining waste stream with direct contracts or seeking alternative sources.

The wet weather in 2013 resulted in the largest production of leachate in the landfill since it opened. Almost 5 million gallons were produced and around 1.5 million gallons were recirculated leaving almost 3.5 million gallons going to Merrill or PCA for treatment. We spent over \$100,000 on treatment in 2013. Reports to be placed on file.

5. **Financial Reports** – Miller went through Statement of Operations and Cash Flow Statements for November, December and January and the expense tracking report for the landfill expansion project. Expansion expenses to date total about \$2.5 million. There remains around \$250,000 of project expense that will be paid or billed in 2014. The need to transfer money to the Long Term Care and Closure funds associated with the new cell will reduce another half million dollars from the unrestricted cash fund balance.
6. **Manager’s report** – Written report was contained in the Committee packets. Miller explained major points - placed on file.
7. **Budget Modification** – Miller explained that Heather prepared a budget modification to balance out 2013’s budget based upon actual revenues and expenses. There is an estimate for depreciation however in the modification worksheet because depreciation figures were not yet available. The Committee decided to lay over action on this item until the actual depreciation figure is calculated and included.
8. **Leachate Management Analysis** – Razvi explained what he looked at for precipitation trends, amount of area open each year in the landfill, management practices including recirculation and treatment and resultant leachate production correlations. He calculated costs per acre open in the landfill resultant from leachate generation and discussed ways to try to control costs. Besides his detailed report he handed out a summary sheet that highlighted his findings and options for reducing costs.

He and Miller met with the City of Merrill lead operator earlier in the day and already got approval to bring more loads of leachate to Merrill (5 per day instead of a limit of 3) resulting in a transportation savings per load. Testing protocols by the City were also discussed and we will be making suggestions on alternatives that would yield further savings if agreed to. Further analysis is still needed on settling rates of the garbage and the feasibility of leaving areas open to the elements resulting in greater leachate generation vs. closing them and not capturing additional air space gained from settlement.

9. **Authorize advertising for bids for wheel loader** – Miller explained that the 930 G is scheduled for replacement in the CIP plan. He went through recent repair bills and discussed specifications for a new loader and potential trade in value. M/S: Rankin / Loka to authorize advertising for bids for a replacement wheel loader – all ayes.
10. **Approve Tipping Fee Discount Agreement – Peterson Brothers Sand-Gravel, LLC** – Miller explained that they had signed the discount agreement in November just after the last meeting. There would be years that they would exceed the 100 ton threshold by bringing in demolition jobs. M/S: Loka / Breitenmoser to approve the discount agreement for Peterson Brothers – all ayes.
11. **Next meeting Date** – March 26, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the landfill office.
12. **Adjourn** at 6:20 p.m. by M/S: Vander Sanden / Breitenmoser - all ayes.

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