

Lincoln County
Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 26, 2014
Landfill Office, Merrill, WI

1. **Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.**
Members present: Fox, Rankin, Vander Sanden and Loka. Breitenmoser called and asked to be excused. **Others present:** Dan Miller and Dr. Aga Razvi; Weaver, Boos Inc., Randy Scholz, Dan Ross – Roland Machinery, Tim Fritz – Fabco, Bob Weier – Aring Equipment.
2. **Open Bids for articulating wheel loader** – Bids were opened by Chairman Fox. Three bids were submitted as follows: Roland for a Komatsu WA 270-7; new delivered \$156,055, Fabco for a Caterpillar 930-K; new delivered \$143,765 and Aring for a Volvo L70G; new delivered \$145,995. Miller will review cost and equipment options and prepare a spreadsheet for the two lowest bidders comparing machine features and cost options for Committee to review at next meeting. Fox thanked the bidders for replying and attending. They then left the meeting.
3. **Minutes** of February 19, 2014 were approved as printed by M/S: Loka / Rankin; motion carried all ayes.
4. **Review vouchers** – February - 2014 vouchers were made available and reviewed by Committee members.
5. **Waste tonnage and leachate reports** – Miller reviewed the waste volume and leachate reports for the Committee. Garbage volume is up over 16% from all sources over the same period last year. Advanced Waste began bringing in compacted semi loads of garbage again on March 21st but we don't have a definitive answer on whether this is a temporary situation again or long term.

The wet weather in 2013 still is influencing the leachate production. Almost 5 million gallons were produced in the year's comparison and around 1.5 million gallons were recirculated leaving almost 3.5 million gallons going to Merrill or PCA for treatment. This is 1.75 million gallons more than one year ago. Reports to be placed on file.

6. **Financial Reports** – Miller went through Statement of Operations and Cash Flow Statements for the end of the year (2013) and for February 2014 and the expense tracking report for the landfill expansion project. We closed the year earning $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollars more than we expensed for operations. Contributions to long term care and closure accounts, depletion and depreciation and tax levy offsets reduced this amount to final positive earnings of \$43,229. Expansion expenses to date total about \$2.7 million. There remains around \$50,000 of contractor project expense that will be paid or billed in 2014. The unrestricted cash reserves balance stands at \$1.8 million for use for capital expenses. Reports to be placed on file.
7. **Manager's report** – Written report was contained in the Committee packets. Miller explained major points - placed on file.
8. **Budget Modification** – Miller explained that Heather prepared a budget modification to balance out 2013's budget based upon actual revenues and expenses. M/S to approve the 2013 budget modification to balance the accounts, Loka / Vander Sanden; motion carried all ayes.
9. **Leachate Management follow up** – Miller expounded upon his Manager's report with further details. Razvi explained that by getting agreement from Merrill to reduce their testing parameters, agreeing to accept larger volumes per day and reducing the number of tests run, the County should save nearly

\$10,000 from what they have been paying for transport and treatment of leachate should the volume remain similar to last year. The Committee thanked him for his good work.

Miller explained that he had also asked Razvi to follow up with a consultant who spoke at the recent WIRMC conference on aeration of leachate and onsite treatment using existing landfill infrastructure. Razvi is still reviewing the data and having discussions with him but there are a lot of regulatory hurdles to overcome that are different in WI vs. Michigan where he currently operates. Onsite treatment of our leachate may still be viable if large amounts continue to be produced but he has concerns about his methods of adding oxygen to or near the waste and leachate pooling on the cell liner. Other options exist.

10. **Marketing for new waste** – Miller explained that given recent events, diversifying the waste stream would create a more dependable volume for us. The Committee discussed ideas Miller and Razvi had to do so and consensus was reached to seek additional contracts under similar terms as approved in recent contracts.
11. **WPS Ash proposal** – Miller explained that an opportunity arose suddenly with a short response time to submit a proposal to accept more CCR ash from WPS -Weston 4. After lengthy discussions with our consultants and DNR and River View Construction, who hauled the ash for us in 2010, Miller submitted a proposal to accept up to 100,000 tons of the material. If accepted it would be strategically placed to occupy bonus airspace gained through settlement and to replace the necessary soil grading layer over garbage in preparation for area closure. The area would then be covered with soil for temporary cover. It would be a win-win for all parties and could bring in some nice revenues to replenish the cash reserves. Razvi left the meeting at this point.
12. **Closed Session** pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(c) Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of annual performance evaluation of the Solid Waste Manager. M/S to go into closed session with Committee, Miller and Scholz to remain, Loka / Vander Sanden. Motion carried; all ayes.
13. **Reconvene into open session** and take any necessary action. M/S to go into open session, Rankin / Loka. Motion carried; all ayes. M/S to give Dan Miller a favorable evaluation, Fox / Loka. Motion Carried; all ayes.
14. **Next meeting Date** – April 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the landfill office.
15. **Adjourn** at 5:06 p.m. by M/S: Vander Sanden / Loka - all ayes.

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