

Lincoln County
Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 2014
Landfill Office, Merrill, WI

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.** by Vice Chairman Loka.
Members present: Rankin, Vander Sanden, Schwartzman, Pike and Loka. Dan Miller was also present.
2. **Election of Committee Officers:**
 - a. **Chairman** - Loka called for nominations for Chairman. He nominated Vander Sanden, no other nominations were received. Motion/Second (M/S) Loka/Rankin to cast a unanimous ballot for Vander Sanden as Committee Chairman – all ayes. (Vander Sanden assumed role of chairman at this point).
 - b. **Vice Chairman** - Vander Sanden called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Rankin nominated Loka, no other nominations were received. M/S - Rankin/Pike to cast a unanimous ballot for Loka as Vice Chairman – all ayes.
 - c. **Secretary** – Vander Sanden called for nominations for Secretary. Loka nominated Schwartzman, no other nominations were received. M/S - Loka/Pike to cast a unanimous ballot for Schwartzman as Secretary – all ayes.
3. **Minutes of April 14, 2014** were approved as printed by M/S - Loka/Schwartzman - all ayes.
4. **Review vouchers** – April - 2014 vouchers were made available and reviewed by Committee members, placed on file.
5. **Waste tonnage and leachate reports** – Miller explained the report components and reviewed the waste volume and leachate reports for the Committee. Garbage volume is up over 10% from all sources over the same period last year. Advanced Waste showed a 20% increase in volume over last year to this point.

The wet weather in 2013/2014 is still influencing leachate production. Over 5 million gallons were produced in the year's comparison and around 1.45 million gallons were recirculated leaving over 3.6 million gallons going to Merrill or PCA for treatment. This is 1.7 million gallons more than one year ago. Drews has been hauling 5 loads per day at least 2 days per week. The routing of all loads to Merrill is saving the county money on transportation costs. Reports to be placed on file.

6. **Financial Reports** – Miller went through Statement of Operations and Cash Flow Statements for April 2014 and the expense tracking report for the landfill expansion project. We brought in \$381,539 in revenues to date and expensed \$193,561 in operational costs. Expansion expenses to date total about \$2.726 million. There remains around \$50,000 of contractor project expense that is unbilled but due to large volumes of storm water runoff experienced this spring, more robust control prescriptions were needed for the western perimeter ditch and to repair failures to the flumes into the sedimentation

pond. This will result in additional money being billed for the project. The unrestricted cash reserves balance stands at \$1.8 million to use for capital expenses. Reports to be placed on file.

7. **Manager's report** – Written report was handed out at the meeting. Miller explained major points - placed on file.
8. **Preliminary 2015 budget** - Miller went through the budget and explained projected expenses. Depletion account realized a substantial bump to play “catch up” from original worksheet projections. Depreciation is also larger due to the expensed value of the north expansion. Revenues were increased to balance the expense side. M/S - Loka/Rankin to approve the preliminary budget as presented and forward it to the Finance Department – motion carried, all ayes.
9. **North Expansion Project update** – Miller explained what work has been completed and what remains. He further detailed the problems with the sedimentation basin flumes and what prescriptions were ordered to repair and withstand the larger storm water influxes.
10. **WPS Ash Project Update** – Miller explained that DNR required a new plan modification because the original approval was limited to the 48,000 tons of ash brought into the facility in 2010/11. This took time and additional documentation. We received that approval on May 15, 2014 and the first loads of ash were brought in on the 16th. Two heavy haul days occurred on Monday and Tuesday but the Power Plant is shut down for inspections today and tomorrow so the haul won't resume until Friday or Tuesday. We are on track to complete the project by the third week in June at this rate.
11. **TRC Work Authorization** – Miller explained that the plan modification for the ash project burned up the yearly budget for day to day engineering tasks. Also, due to the extra attention necessary to address inadequacies in the storm water controls and ditch construction, additional money will be necessary to complete the Construction Documentation Addendum as required by DNR in their conditional approval of the original document. The total additional anticipated engineering cost for both work items is \$96,500. M/S – Loka/Schwartzman to approve the work authorization for the amount of \$96,500 – motion carried, all ayes.
12. **Next meeting Date** – June 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the landfill office.
13. **Adjourn** at 6:50 p.m. by M/S: Pike/Vander Sanden - all ayes. (Members declined tour of new construction and will do so at a future meeting).

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