

**Lincoln County
Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Landfill Office, Merrill, WI**

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.** by Chairman Vander Sanden.
Members present: Vander Sanden, Pike, Rankin, Loka and Schwartzman. Dan Miller and Randy Weinkauf were also present.
2. **Minutes** of October 29, 2014 were approved as printed by Motion/ Second (M/S) - Schwartzman/Loka - all ayes.
3. **Leachate Hauling Issues**
 - a. **Treatment problems at the Merrill Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Miller explained that the City of Merrill reduced our hauling to two loads per day and then cut us off for a while until they were able to bring the population of beneficial bacteria to treat ammonia back to normal levels. We are hauling to PCA to maintain 5 loads per day being treated. The City has resumed treating two loads per day from us and will let us know when we can haul exclusively to them again.
 - b. **Scott Drews' accident – approve interim contract with River View Construction** – Miller informed the committee of Scott Drew's accident on November 24, 2014 while hauling a load of leachate. He was hurt and a portion of the load spilled. His truck is not operable. Miller had River View haul leachate starting on November 25th. They have been hauling since. Miller explained the terms and duration of an interim contract. M/S - Loka/Rankin to approve the interim contract with River View Construction – all ayes.
 - c. **Prepare RFP to bid longer term hauling service** – The committee discussed the need to contract for long term leachate hauling and agreed Miller should prepare an RFP for them to review at a future meeting towards spring. (Weinkauf left the meeting after this item)
4. **Review vouchers** – October and November - 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 trending downward about 5% from major haulers and 3% as a component of all waste categories over the same period last year. Advanced Waste is behind by 9% from last year's volumes and Baumgart has shown a 5% increase in volume over last year to this point.

The wet weather in 2013/2014 is still influencing leachate production resulting in a total of 5.37 million gallons produced with 572,000 gallons more than last year going to Merrill or PCA for treatment. Drews was hauling nearly every day and River View has continued to do so as leachate levels are still high in the landfill. Reports to be placed on file.
6. **Financial Reports** – Miller went through Statement of Operations and Cash Flow Statements for the months of October and November and year-to-date for 2014 and the expense tracking report for the landfill expansion project. We invoiced \$4.376 million to date and expensed about \$3.006 million in operational costs. Expansion expenses to date total about \$3.047 million and are complete for the phase 4 mod 1-a expansion. The unrestricted cash reserves balance stands at \$2.8 million to use for capital expenses and restricted reserves stand at 4.39 million for closure and long term care. Reports to be placed on file.

7. **Manager's report** – Written report was handed out at the meeting. Miller explained major points. Report placed on file.
8. **2015 Fee Schedule** – Miller outlined the minor changes he recommended for next year's fee changes. M/S - Pike/Schwartzman to approve the changes to the fee schedule for 2015 – all ayes.
9. **2015 Clean Sweep Grant award – prepare resolution for County Board acceptance** - Miller handed out a draft resolution that explains what the clean sweep grant is, details the grant funds being awarded for acceptance and their purpose. M/S - Vander Sanden/Loka to approve the resolution and to forward to County Board for the January meeting – all ayes.
10. **Advanced Waste discount contract – terminate and set new rate** – Miller went through the current contract assigned to Advanced from Northern Waste. In it a discount rate is identified which is conditioned upon bringing a minimum of 15,000 tons of garbage to Lincoln County annually. Advanced is short on tonnage and will not likely meet the threshold for calendar year 2014. M/S - Loka/Schwartzman to send a letter to Advanced Waste that gives them a 30 day notice of termination as required by the contract and inviting them to renegotiate a new rate under a new contract – all ayes.
11. **Next meetings** – The next meeting will be January 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the landfill office. The Committee set February 18 and March 18 as the two subsequent meeting dates.
12. **Adjourn** - at 6:40 p.m. by M/S - Schwartzman/Loka - all ayes.

Minutes prepared by Dan Miller, Solid Waste Manager