

**Lincoln County
Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2015
Landfill Office, Merrill, WI**

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.** by Chairman Vander Sanden.
Members present: Vander Sanden, Pike, Loka and Schwartzman. Dan Miller, Landfill Manager, was also present.
2. **Moment of Silence in honor of Graham Rankin** – The Committee observed a moment of silence in honor of Graham Rankin. Afterwards they talked about his valued service to the County and to local government.
3. **Minutes of January 21, 2015** were approved as printed by Motion/ Second (M/S) - Schwartzman / Loka - all ayes.
4. **Review Vouchers** - January - 2015 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 6% from major haulers and 5% as a component of all waste categories over the same period last year. Advanced Waste is behind by 15% from last year's volumes and Baumgart has shown a 6% increase in volume over last year to this point and DC Disposal has brought in a significant amount of demolition material.

The wet weather in 2013/2014 is still influencing leachate production resulting in a total of 5.8 million gallons produced this past year with nearly 820,000 gallons more than last year going to Merrill or PCA for treatment. River View hauled continuously through December, once or twice per week in January and is now down to an on call basis as conditions are finally drying up. The financial impact was an increase of about \$30,000 over treatment and hauling costs from 2013. Reports to be placed on file.

6. **Financial Reports** – Miller went through Statement of Operations and Cash Flow Statements for the month of January for 2015. We invoiced \$68 thousand in the month and expensed about \$23 thousand in operational costs. The unrestricted cash reserves balance stands at just under \$2.9 million to use for capital expenses and restricted reserves stand at 4.4 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. **Update on Sale of CAT 826 C Compactor through Wisconsin Surplus Online auction services** – Miller confirmed that the compactor was sold with a winning bid of \$32,500. The auction service has been paid by the bidder and we should be receiving payment shortly. The bidder will pick up the machine next week.
9. **Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system problems** - Miller explained what the system does in terms of monitoring leachate levels and gas collection flows and that it is a required component of the landfill operation. It is based upon an old software platform called Modicon and still is the original system that was installed in 1989. It is obsolete. Parts are hard to come by if components break or malfunction and we would be at the mercy of finding them online through E-bay. Van Ert Electric has been helping us with connectivity problems with the system and two of their electrical

engineers recently met with Miller to explain the problems we have and will face if we keep the antiquated system. Their recommendation is to use what components are universal and convert the rest to an Alan Bradley platform which is now industry standard. He asked them for a detailed proposal on costs to do the conversion and repair. Once he has that proposal, he will present it to the Committee for further discussion.

- 10. Work Authorization – TRC to prepare bid documents and plans for landfill gas extraction wells and piping** – Miller explained the work authorization and related costs. M/S -Loka/Pike to approve the work authorization for TRC – all ayes.
- 11. Adjourn** - at 6:20 p.m. by M/S - Loka/Schwartzman - all ayes. The next meeting will be March 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the landfill office.

Minutes prepared by Dan Miller, Solid Waste Manager