

Lincoln County
Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 18, 2023 5PM
Meeting Location: Room 247/248 Government Services Center
801 N. Sales St., Merrill, WI 54452

Members Present: Brian Hafeman (virtual), Don Wendorf, Julie Allen (virtual)
Elizabeth McCrank, Dana Miller,
Members Absent: None
Visitor: Julie Depasse (District 12), Samantha Fenske (Finance Director),
Renee Krueger (Administrative Coordinator), Shannon Collins
(Program Assistant)
Landfill Manager: Keith Cohrs

- 1) **Call meeting to order:** – 5:00 PM – Chair Hafeman
- 2) **Approval of minutes from December 14, 2023 meeting:** M/S: Miller/McCrank: to approve Minutes; - Motion Carried; all ayes.
- 3) **Approval of Manager’s time sheet:** December 14 thru January 7, 2023; M/S: Miller/McCrank: to approve timesheets; - Motion Carried; all ayes.
- 4) **Waste tonnage and leachate reports:** – Discussion: Cohrs explained, tonnage up, Leachate data from November and December will be updated next meeting.
- 5) **Financial report – December 2023:** Fenske reported; regarding emailed reports and \$200,000 transfer history, trends in our Investment Fund & Fund Balance since 2003: Discussion regarding omission of \$200k transfer in 2024. Allen noted it was not on the Agenda, Hafeman noted it may be placed on next month’s agenda. M/S: McCrank/Miller: to approve reports and place on file; - Motion Carried; all ayes.
- 6) **Set Rates/Gate Fees for 2024 – Discount Agreements:** Cohrs spoke in regard to cancelling discount fees for out of County contracts and financial performance of the landfill, some of the changes/additions made to the Fee Schedule. Mattresses’ and box springs are difficult to manage and take up too much airspace. Most landfills have a surcharge. Some other changes to Fee Schedule and Open Date Calendar. Krueger spoke on discussion of cancellation of agreements with Corp. Council and based on financial performance we could cancel. M/S: Hafeman/McCrank; to adopt Fee schedule and a 4% increase; - Motion Carried; all ayes. M/S: Hafeman/Miller: to terminate discount agreements for out of County Haulers; - Motion Carried; all ayes.
- 7) **Compactor Rental** – Cohrs reported compactor is not operable for 2 weeks now, has checked on availability of a rental with very limited success. Size of machine is the same as ours and would need to rent a dozer as well to assist. The compactor requires at least 4 weeks to repair. Engine needs to be overhauled, transmission needs overhaul, machine is undersized for landfill needs. There is an 826G available for approximately \$700,000. Hafeman suggested the rental does not make sense, need to consider purchase. McCrank suggested rental is not ideal option but how do we pay for it. Fenske explained that Cohrs had done research that shows this machine is likely the best option for landfill needs. Can put in a CIP request or utilize bonding for purchase of equipment. Hafeman suggested CIP request will take time. M/S: McCrank/Allen: to make CIP request to replace compactor with CIP. Motion Carried; all ayes.

- 8) ****Clay Haul** – Cohrs explained the need for clay and allocation of funds to pay for it. Postponed clay haul until proper funding can be lined arraigned. Need at least 10,000cy to complete next cell. Economy of scale suggests 63,000 tons be hauled. Krueger asked the Committee to consider sending items 8 & 9 to Finance and A&L Committees for review of options. M/S: Hafeman/Wendorf; to send items 8 & 9 to Finance and A&L Committees for funding.
- 9) **** Landfill construction and Equipment Financing**
- 10) **TRC Engineering Services 2024 Phase 4 Mod 2B Cell Construction** – M/S Hafeman/Miller to accept Bid; Discussion on timeliness of TRC bid, Cohrs explained it was at his request that TRC provide at last minute for this meeting: Motion Carried; all ayes.
- 11) **Application for Account – PGA Inc. and Rug’s Northern Dumpsters LLC.** – Cohrs reported good references for both customers; M/S: Miller/Wendorf: to approve applications; Motion Carried; all ayes.
- 12) **Boot/Clothing Allowance Policy and Resolution:** M/S: McCrank/Miller to send request to A&L and County Board for adoption. Motion Carried: all ayes.
- 13) **Manager’s report – written report:** Hafeman ordered report to be placed on file.
- 14) **Set next meeting date:** February 22, 2024 5:00PM
- 15) **Adjourn:** M/S: McCrank/Miller: adjourned: 5:53 PM

Minutes prepared by Keith Cohrs – Solid Waste Manager