

Vernon County Solid Waste/Recycling Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 9th, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Running at 9:30a.m. Those present included: Justin Running, Lorn Goede, Mary Rae, Kelli Mitchell, Bill Meeks, and Stacie Sanborn. Proper Public Meeting Notice was confirmed.

A motion was made by Mitchell, with a second by Goede to approve the minutes of the December 12th, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

December Committee Report

Sanborn presented the Committee with estimated end-of-year numbers for 2018.

Material volumes for the Recyclable Materials ended 11% above 2017, revenues at 70% above 2017. Recyclable Fee Items volumes were down 12%, but revenue was up 2% compared to 2017. The Solid Waste Department volumes excluding flood debris ended 16% below 2017, with revenues down 17%. Factoring in the flood debris and other landfill materials, volumes were 3% over 2017 with revenues also up 2% over 2017. Leachate volumes were 9% above 2017 volumes and expenses associated were up 4% over 2017.

Estimated department end-of-year financials were presented to the Committee, however these are not final numbers but estimates, because not all of the 2018 bills have been billed and paid.

The Recycling Department's estimated revenues for 2018 are \$279,465.13 and expenses are estimated at \$361,725.44. This leaves the Recycling Department at an estimated net loss of \$82,260.31. Several issues with the 2018 Recycling Budget as well as inaccurate salary distributions, and market volatility are causes for this short fall. Sanborn informed the Committee that these issues have been corrected with the 2019 Budget and staffing changes should help to reduce costs making the program break even or potentially profit in 2019.

The Solid Waste Department's estimated revenues for 2018 are \$965,813.79 and expenses are estimated at \$882,403.27. This leaves the Solid Waste Department at a net profit of \$83,410.52. This is substantially better than earlier projections, reason being is that the 2018 Flood brought in an extra \$100,000 of revenue to this Department as well as overpayments into Long Term Care and Closure were not made due to revenue concerns during 2018. These numbers are not final and the Department is expecting to end 2018 negative around \$20,000 to \$30,000 once all bills and material are shipped and paid.

Review/Approve Vouchers

Vouchers totaling \$76,723.10 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mitchell, with a second by Rae to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action on Purchase of Landfill Dozer

The Department is looking to potentially purchase a dozer for work out in the landfill. The dozer would be utilized in conjunction with the landfill compactor as well as for landfill construction

activities. Sanborn asked the committee for approval to go to the finance committee to get approved for financing. Sanborn is looking to extend the Department's current loan terms 2 years and loan up to \$155,000 towards the purchase of the dozer. The Department plans to rent a dozer for a trial period to see if it will improve operations and compaction within the landfill as well as construction activities before a dozer is purchased. Sanborn would like to have approved financing because the department has had two missed opportunities already due to lack of financing and budget concerns surrounding waste volumes. Rae made a motion to take the issue to the Finance Committee to extend the current loan 2 years or up to \$150,000 for the purchase of a dozer, seconded by Goede. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action on 2019 Construction and Leachate Trucking Bids

Chairman Running opened the submitted Construction bids. Bids were submitted by A-1 Excavating, Inc., Lepke Holdings LLC, Lepke Trucking & Excavating, LLC, St. Joseph Construction Co., Inc. and presented to the Committee for review. After discussion, Mitchell made a motion to award the bid to Lepke Holdings LLC for the 2019 general construction work. *The motion was amended by Goede to include in case of availability the Department would move to second lowest bidder Lepke Trucking & Excavating LLC. Amendment was seconded by Rae, amendment carried. Motion seconded by Rae. Motion carried.*

Chairman Running opened the submitted Leachate Trucking bids. Bids were submitted by A-1 Advanced Pumping Service, Inc., Parr Farm, Southwest Sanitation, and the Vernon County Highway Department and presented to the Committee for review. After review and discussion, the Committee thought Sanborn needs to consult with Corporation Counsel regarding the bid from the Vernon County Highway Department. Mitchell made a motion to Table the decision on leachate trucking to the February meeting and required Sanborn to contact Corporation Counsel and get more clarification from the Vernon County Highway Department on their bid. Motion seconded by Rae. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action on Hauler Contracts

No contracts were presented.

Department Update

Sanborn had no updates for the Committee.

The next SW/R Committee meeting will be February 13th, 2019 at 9:30am.

A motion was made by Goede, with a second by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:05 a.m. Motion carried.

Minutes by Sanborn.

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Shawn Redington, Secretary