

Vernon County Solid Waste/Recycling Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 20th, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Running at 8:34a.m. Those present included: Justin Running, Mary Rae, Kelli Mitchell, Roger Call, Tim Hundt, Nick Gilman, Brian Kent, Nate Klinge, Mike Paulsrud, Bill Meeks, and Stacie Sanborn.

Proper Public Meeting Notice was confirmed.

A motion was made by Rae, with a second by Mitchell to approve the minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

February Committee Report

Landfill revenue is up 11% compared to February 2018, and 1% year-to-date. Recyclables are down compared to 2018 for the month and year.

Revenues are down for most codes. The department has had a very slow start to the year with the weather. It is expected to pick up now that we are seeing some nicer weather, the numbers should be made up as we go into busy season with clean-ups.

Expenses are below where they should be so far this year. The department did make the annual payment of insurance premiums and the third loan payment of five back to the county in February.

For final 2018 numbers the department is looking at a \$32,580 net loss. The department paid an additional \$7,000 to LTC and Closure as well as had a substantial backdate of tire disposal fees from tires collected in 2018 but not shipped until 2019. This equaled over \$30,000.

Review/Approve Vouchers

Vouchers totaling \$35,856.43 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 Leachate Trucking

Chairman Running suggested that due to confusion over the bid request that the bids be rejected and the department continue as it has in the past until the committee is able to get a better picture of the leachate program. Redington entered the meeting at 9:00a.m. After further discussion a motion was made by Mitchell to reject the bids and continue trucking leachate as the department is currently doing so. Motion seconded by Rae. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action on Landfill Expansion-Brian Kent, S.E.H.

Brian Kent of S.E.H. presented on the landfill siting process. The current landfill has done two siting processes, one for the original siting and a vertical expansion in 2005. Total capacity of

the current airspace is 590,000 cubic yards with roughly 130,000 cubic yards of space remaining to fill. The department, committee, and county board should begin the discussion of expansion now because the remaining air space may only last five years. It takes between three and five years to complete the siting process. Goede entered the meeting at 9:30a.m.

The siting process requires a number of site inspections and studies along with the Feasibility Study. The department would be looking at an investment of between \$500,000 to \$750,000 to complete all of the necessary requirements of the site inspections and Feasibility study. Construction of the new cell would be roughly \$200,000 per acre, and the county would be looking at roughly five to six acres.

#### Department Update

Nick Gilman, Vernon County Forester presented the committee with an update on the logging project. Sanborn introduced the committee to Heather VonRuden, the new administrative assistant. Sanborn extended an invitation to all board members to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Site Attendants Meeting on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2:00p.m.

The next SW/R Committee meeting will be **April 17th, 2019 at 9:30am** (this is the third Wednesday).

A motion was made by Rae, with a second by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:17a.m. Motion carried.

Minutes by Sanborn.



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Shawn Redington, Secretary