

Vernon County Solid Waste/Recycling Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Running at 9:32 a.m. Those present included: Justin Running, Shawn Redington, Kelli Mitchell, Lorn Goede, Mary Rae, Roger Call, Dennis Brault, Amy Arnold, Rice Spann, Bill Meeks, and Stacie Sanborn.

Proper Public Meeting Notice was confirmed.

A motion was made by Redington, with a second by Goede to approve the minutes of the June 12th, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Audience to Visitors

Rice Spann and Amy Arnold voiced odor, contamination, and geological concerns regarding the potential expansion of the landfill.

July Committee Report

MSW volumes are up 44% over last July and 37% over last year. Recycling Fee Items are down 15% over last July and up 29% year-to-date. Recyclables Sold are down 15% over last July and down 28% for the year-to-date. Leachate volumes are up 45% over last July and 42% year-to-date.

Total Department cash basis revenues through June are at 59% of budget. Total Department cash basis expenditures through June are at 51%.

Review/Approve Vouchers

Vouchers totaling \$139,800.34 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Rae, with a second by Goede to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Discussion on Landfill Expansion

Sanborn presented that the Department may have the ability to absorb a majority of the Feasibility Study costs into the department's budget in the next five years. The Department has seen a 22% increase in volumes to the landfill within the first six months of 2019 and with that continued increase the department would be able to budget and pay for the first four years of Feasibility Study work. Visitors Amy Arnold and Rice Spann voiced concerns regarding the expansion of the landfill siting odor issues, ground water contamination, and geological stability of the ground as major issues of concern.

Discussion/ Possible Action on 2020 SW/R Department Budget

Sanborn presented the Committee with the proposed budget for 2020. The Recycling Department budget was decreased from \$285,000 to \$270,000, due to commodity pricing and staffing adjustments. The Solid Waste budget was increased from \$905,000 to \$930,000 based on increased revenues and pending landfill expansion.

Department Update

Sanborn attended the Vernon County Town's Association meeting in July and passed around a brief voting sheet regarding the landfill expansion. Sanborn updated the Committee on the new mattress recycling program started in January of this year.

The next SW/R Committee meeting will be September 11th, 2019 at 9:30a.m.

A motion was made by Goede, with a second by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:37 a.m. Motion carried.

Minutes by Sanborn.

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Shawn Redington, Secretary