

**Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste Update
January 4, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Solid Waste (SW) Director John Phillips, SW Operations Manager Doug Goodwin, Community Development Director David Callahan, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present was Coeur d'Alene Press Reporter Madison Hardy.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

Easement Request for Solid Waste Landfill Property

Solid Waste (SW) Director John Phillips reported that he had received a request for an easement from a neighboring property owner, Ed Snyder. He said that he and SW Operations Manager Doug Goodwin had met with Mr. Snyder and, despite wanting to behave as a good neighbor and recommend approval, he felt he had to acknowledge some concerns.

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes entered the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Phillips explained that Mr. Snyder had first described his request as being for timber removal only, but later indicated he wanted a permanent, unrestricted easement. He commented that Mr. Snyder's property was not landlocked; there was already access available off of Highway 95. He added that Mr. Snyder had taken timber off the land through that access previously.

Mr. Phillips said Mr. Snyder would have to have a costly culvert installed to allow him to cross Fighting Creek at the proposed easement location. He stated that Mr. Snyder had also asked that the access be 50 feet wide, wider than a two lane road would require. With all the details of the request, he said he had grown concerned and wanted to inform the Board so they would be prepared to review the request themselves.

Mr. Phillips said he would recommend that the Board deny the request when it came to them due to the nature of the request and the location of the proposed easement within about 600 feet of the Landfill border on Fighting Creek Road. He added that there were other complications related to the site which would probably make granting the request inadvisable.

Ms. Holmes confirmed that Mr. Snyder would come to the Board to request approval of the easement. She noted that no vote was needed at this time.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Phillips for bringing the matter to their attention.

Rural Site Power Status

Mr. Phillips reported that SW had been working to get power extended to their three southern rural sites: Mica Kidd Island, Sunup Bay and Worley. He said KEC (Kootenai Electric Cooperative) would install underground lines for Mica Kidd Island and Sunup Bay in March 2021. He stated Avista was the supplier for the Worley site and were still deciding whether the lines would be run overhead or underground, but that it should be completed by March also.

Mr. Phillips said that the electrical contractor to install the light poles and security cameras had been chosen and had been given authorization to order everything he needed for the jobs. He added that he hoped all three sites would be done by the end of March.

Equipment Bids Update

SW Operations Manager Doug Goodwin reminded the Board that two sets of bids had been opened in the December 22 meeting. He said the D8 Dozer rebuild had received one bid and the Loader for the Prairie Transfer Station had received three bids. He stated that the bids were being evaluated by SW and Legal and they would have recommendations for the Board shortly.

Mr. Goodwin announced that they had been able to use a bid from 2018 to order two Transfer Trailers for the Ramsey Road Transfer Station, which saved the County some money.

Mr. Goodwin commented that he had been working with Mr. Phillips and SW Principal Planner Lauren Chaffin on the equipment replacement plans for future budget submissions.

2021 Construction Projects

Mr. Phillips reported on the construction projects they had lined up for 2021.

- Ramsey “Z” Walls: 3 additional Z walls for the recycling areas, which should improve the use of space and streamline their processes. He predicted they would request bids in February, make the award in March and have the project completed by the end of July 2021.
- Storage Building at the Landfill: Mr. Phillips remarked that some early earthwork would need to be done for the 40 foot X 60 foot building, along with dredging out a surface water retention pond and reroute some storm water drains. He said they planned to use their own staff to do the preliminary dirt work to reduce expenses. He predicted that would be started in April, May or June, depending on the weather. He added he would like the building to be finished by the middle

of October 2021. He predicted that they would probably have to send the project out to bid, despite their efforts, due to the total cost.

- Landfill Expansion: Mr. Phillips said this year he would need to get a survey company to place stakes to start excavating the area where East Cell 3 would go. He explained that SW staff would do as much of the preliminary work as possible, to reduce the final cost. He estimated that they would need to start using East Cell 3 by 2025.
- South Cell permitting work: Mr. Phillips stated he had already contacted Worley Highway District about this. He explained that this area had not yet received permit approval for landfill activities and he wanted to try to get that done this year. He said that he had not gone through this process before, so he wanted to be sure everything was done correctly, including what entities needed to be consulted, informing neighbors, sending out mailings and advertising in the paper. He predicted that they would hold a public meeting in June 2021.

General Department Status Update

Mr. Phillips reported that the department was in good condition, with strong finances and no major personnel issues anticipated. He remarked that waste intake had increased about 9% over the last year.

Mr. Phillips reminded the Board that SW had a yearly Managers’ Retreat each spring to review achievements and plan for the future.

- D. Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.
- E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
