

Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste
February 1, 2022
10:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Solid Waste (SW) Director John (JP) Phillips and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Commissioner Leslie Duncan was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Construction Projects 2022 (Discussion)

Solid Waste (SW) Director John (JP) Phillips updated the Board on the 2022 Construction Projects.

- Ramsey Z Wall Project – TML Construction was awarded the bid and Jacobs Engineering will be working with them on the Z Walls at the Ramsey Transfer Station. The permitting processes with the City of Coeur d’Alene and the IPDES (Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) for storm water were progressing. TML Construction submitted a preliminary schedule showing the start date in early March and completion around the end of May 2022.
- The Fighting Creek Landfill Storage Building Project received only one bid.
- The Fighting Creek Landfill Flyover was completed which allowed calculations to be made on the airspace and soil being used. SW received this data and would use it to estimate when new cells needed to be constructed.
- South Cell Landfill – Jacobs, SW and Community Development met regarding the conditional use permit submittal process. Letters had been given to DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) and Panhandle Health informing them that SW intended to submit a CUP application shortly. Community Development estimated that the process may take from six to ten months.

Bids (Discussion)

- **Currently Under Review**

Mr. Phillips reported that the single bid received for the Fighting Creek Landfill 40 X 60 storage building was for more than they had budgeted. He said SW would probably recommend the bid be rejected. He remarked that the price of the

building had tripled since they first began looking into it a year ago. He concluded that they would probably wait a year or two before putting it out to bid again, in the hopes that the market will have stabilized by then.

- **Hauling Services**

- **Transport Services**

Mr. Phillips said a Transport Services Bid would be coming soon, involving the movement of waste from the Transfer Stations to the Landfill. He stated this was usually a five year contract with options to extend. He reported they planned to advertise it in late February and award it in March.

- **Rural System Collection**

Mr. Phillips said that the Rural System Collection Bid would also be coming for the collection and transport of waste from the thirteen Rural Collection Sites. He commented that this used to be a five year contract but they planned to ask for a seven year term, with options to extend, this time. He said advertising for the bid would begin tomorrow and bids would be due by February 22, 2022.

Rural Sites (Discussion)

Mr. Phillips reported on the progress being made on preventing illegal dumping at the Rural Sites. He said he wanted the public to be aware of the efforts SW was making to improve conditions and enforcement. He stated that KCSO had been doing a wonderful job educating the public and preventing abuse of the sites. He acknowledged that some issues were still unresolved and that KCSO had suggested putting cameras at some of the sites to help.

Mr. Phillips said that SW was looking into installing live-feed cameras at Mica-Kidd Island, Sunup Bay and Worley. He described the systems they were considering and how they would be used. He added that SW had budgeted funds for this and that he would return to the Board with further information, once he had reviewed information on the potential choices.

Waste Statistics (Discussion)

Mr. Phillips reported on the changes from 2020 to 2021. He said that landfill waste total had gone up by 5.7%, with the increase in the amount of waste seeming to slow somewhat. He reported that the total of waste brought to the landfill in 2021 was 211,466 tons, up from 200,122 tons in 2020. The Prairie Transfer Station experienced a slight downturn in customer visits, of about 1.15%, while the Ramsey Transfer Station customer visits were up by 1.66%.

Commissioner Bill Brooks praised the SW Department and stated that they did a wonderful job staying on top of any complaints.

Mr. Phillips said that SW had budgeted funds for an examination of ways to improve functionality at the Ramsey Transfer Station this year. He noted that the station would need some expansion soon. He stated that they hoped to find ways to reduce wait times for customers.

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 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk