

Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste
April 4th, 2023
9:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chair Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bruce Mattare met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Solid Waste (SW) Director John (JP) Phillips, Communications Coordinator Johnathan Gillham, and Deputy Clerk Sierra Hansen.

- A. Call to Order:** Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Solid Waste (Updates and Discussions)

Solid Waste (SW) Director, John (JP) Phillips began with a discussion of the current projects Solid Waste has in development for 2023. He said they were working with J-U-B Engineering and CDA Paving for the Athol Rural Collection Site project. He predicted that they could begin work mid-May and have it finished by the end of May.

Mr. Phillips said they were moving forward with the Ramsey Transfer Station Self-Dumping Area, which would help reduce traffic. He stated that they planned to employ an attendant to help customers. He speculated that the County might be able to do the construction in-house, since it would not need to be paved and would require only simple grading. He said that it was likely they would still go out for a bid for the project.

Mr. Phillips reported that SW had been soliciting different vendors for the Leachate Treatment project and that Dynatech Systems was clearly in the lead. He provided some details about the company and said that they were the most affordable choice, with each treatment test only costing \$300. He said that a one to two month pilot study was planned for this summer. In response to a question from Chair Duncan, he said that leachate production was normally at its highest level around this time of year.

Mr. Phillips introduced the Landfill Phase E3 Design and emphasized how important this project was for his department. He stated that the design would be completed in 2023 and the construction was planned for 2024, with a cost of between \$6 million and \$10 million. He added that he would prefer to have Jacobs Engineering do the work, since they designed all but one of the previous landfill cells.

Mr. Phillips reported that SW staff had been building a 15-foot lift for the operating section of Fighting Creek Landfill. He explained that this would bring the whole area up to the same plane, which would help with storm water control in the future. He added that the Landfill Management Team had been working closely with his Operations Manager on plans to further reduce leachate production.

Mr. Phillips said he had been in contact with Worley Highway District (WHD) regarding the old front road which ran parallel to the Landfill and Highway 95. He explained that the road had been approved by the Board in 2005, despite the warning from WHD that it would be running through a wetland. He reminded the Commissioners that they had recently approved beginning repairs on that road. He said WHD had denied the proposal and stated that the land tradeoff made in the original agreement did not match the site to be involved, being off by about 1.3 acres. He stated he would keep the Board informed on developments and bring the topic back in a future meeting.

Mr. Phillips commented that the gas collection system at the Fighting Creek Landfill had been operating well recently. He said that his crew had welded a 1300 foot 12 inch main vacuum line, but had not completed the final tie in due to unpredictable weather of this time of year. He added that the main pipe system they wanted to tie into was under a large storm drain, so they would have to wait until the drain was cleared before proceeding. He predicted that would be May or June.

Mr. Phillips reported that, as of last week, 1.5 million gallons of waste water had been hauled to the Hayden treatment facility. He described precautions taken in disposing of the water directly into manholes specifically designated by the City of Hayden.

Mr. Phillips remarked that business at the Transfer Station was picking up, as it usually did around this time of year. He warned that, since the fall leaf pickup had not taken place last year, they were anticipating some very busy weekends as people do their yard clean-ups.

Mr. Phillips said that his department had seen some staff turnover lately and currently had 8 full-time positions to fill. He added that he was optimistic about finding candidates soon.

Mr. Phillips said that Sunshine Recycling had been doing an excellent job hauling garbage from the rural sites to the transfer station. He noted that the rural sites were experiencing much less abuse over the past year and expressed his thanks to KCSO for their efforts to educate the public and patrol these facilities. He celebrated the installation of the new live feed surveillance cameras recently installed by Ednetics at one of the rural sites.

Mr. Phillips reviewed SW statistics: customer count at the Ramsey Transfer Station had decreased by 0.07%, but tonnage had increased by about 2.5%. He said the Prairie Transfer Station had seen a 2.2% increase in customers and increased tonnage of about 1.89%.

- 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): Chair Duncan adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER LOCKE, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Sierra Hansen, Deputy Clerk