

Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste Update
April 5, 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 Director John “JP” Phillips, Principal Planner Laureen Chaffin, Operations Manager Doug Goodwin, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Also present was Kootenai County citizen Erin Barnard.

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

Rural Sites – Power and Lighting

Solid Waste Director John “JP” Phillips updated the Board on the rural sites at Mica and Sun-Up Bay. He said that the power had been installed and the lights were in place and had received really positive feedback from local residents. He pointed out that the lights at night were as bright as daylight, which seemed to be eliminating some of the improper disposal at night.

Mr. Phillips said that they were working on the Worley rural site, with the landfill crew performing the trenching and laying conduit, while Avista would set a new light pole. He explained that by having the landfill crew perform the trenching, it would save the County some money and the new light pole should make that site daylight bright, just like the other two.

2021 Construction Projects

Mr. Phillips said that the engineering firms were working on the roof design and construction services agreement that would be brought before the Board for approval. He explained that construction was likely to take place during June through September for the Z-Walls at Ramsey Transfer Station.

Mr. Phillips said there was a 40x60 storage building at the Fighting Creek Landfill that they were preliminarily working on. He said he was scheduled to meet with the engineer later in the week to get further details in order to bring it to the Board for approval. Mr. Phillips then pointed out that construction was expected to be completed by October 2021. He also explained that they would be discussing with the engineers to have a company place grade stakes in some dirt in order to begin removing it. He said the dirt would be used to cover existing waste until the “final close” of that portion of the landfill. Mr. Phillips also

pointed out that they would be having a flyover performed by either a drone or a plane to take pictures of the landfill in order to estimate the compaction density of how long the landfill would last, among many other factors.

Heavy Equipment

Operations Manager Doug Goodwin provided an update on the heavy equipment among all Solid Waste facilities. He explained that the Ramsey Transfer Station had received two transfer trailers and the Prairie Transfer Station got a waste handler loader that was scheduled for delivery in July. He also said that the Fighting Creek landfill had a bulldozer rebuilt, which was more cost effective than purchasing a new one.

Wood Waste – January 2021 Storm – Potential Reimbursement

Principal Planner Lauren Chaffin said that the Board had declared an emergency on January 13, 2021 due to the windstorm and they had been working with Office of Emergency Management on FEMA reimbursements. She stated that Solid Waste had ground wood three separate times for an estimated total of \$126,531 in costs. Commissioner Bill Brooks asked where the ground wood goes, to which Ms. Chaffin explained it was made into hog fuel, which would then be burned and converted into electricity.

Waste Statistics

Ms. Chaffin said she had provided the Board with the 2020 Statistics and pointed out that the landfill had received over 200,000 tons of material in 2020, which was a 9.5% increase. She reported that the entire department had managed 819,828 individual customers in 2020, which was up over 12.6% since the year prior.

- E. 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.

- F. Adjourn:** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk
