

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Solid Waste**  
**April 5, 2022**  
**11:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chair Pro Tem Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Solid Waste Director John “JP” Phillips, Business and Finance Manager Angela Burgeson, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham, and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Chairman Chris Fillios was excused.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chair Pro Tem Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
- B. **Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. **Business:**

1. **2022 Construction Projects (Discussion)**

Solid Waste Director John “JP” Phillips provided updates on a few construction projects. He explained that the Z-Walls at the Ramsey Transfer Station were well ahead of schedule and were likely to be completed by the end of May. The Athol Rural site was being inspected for future expansion within property they already owned. He explained that they were looking to improve efficiencies and functionality for other items at the site so they did not need to use the transfer stations. He also mentioned that Howard Road would be realigned at some point, so they needed to see if it would impact the site by disrupting business.

Further, they were looking at ways to also improve efficiencies at the Ramsey Transfer Station due to increased tonnage and customer counts. Mr. Phillips proposed one idea to find whether they can get smaller vehicles on and off the site without going through the scale house. He said that the best solution would be one in which involved less vehicle traffic and streamlined their process. He said that they were also looking at an area to load transfer trailers, which could be an expansion of an existing building or a brand new building; however, it still needed to be evaluated.

2. **Fighting Creek Landfill (Discussion)**

a. **Operations**

Mr. Phillips remarked that garbage volumes were increasing and that they are in the middle of building a ten foot lift to assist in commercial garbage disposal. Because of the lift construction, he said they needed to install additional gas lines.

b. **Gas System Improvements**

Mr. Phillips explained that there had been issues with an odor at the landfill, so they were looking into improvements in the gas collection system and ways to

avoid the odor in the future. He said that this year they would be installing a new 12-inch buried vacuum line across a portion of the landfill, which should help to enhance gas collection capabilities and would eliminate odor problems. He added that they also wanted to install several new gas collection lines across another two phases of the landfill which required them to dig up some main gas valves and clean out any accumulated debris.

**c. 40x60 Storage Building – Plans on How to Proceed**

Mr. Phillips then spoke to the 40x60 storage shed, pointing out that the one bid that had been received was too high, so they were looking at ways to reduce the cost in order to submit for future bids. He said that they would try reducing the cost and planned on resubmitting for bids in FY23.

**d. South Cell Landfill Permitting**

Mr. Phillips said that he was working on incorporating a recently purchased parcel of land to the landfill and the engineering firm he was working with had recommended finalizing a right-of-way issue along Highway 95 and Rockford Bay Road. He said there was a wetlands pond they had constructed nearby, which was difficult to relocate. He said that he was meeting with the Worley Highway District to discuss the concern and possible solutions and when a plan was made, the WHD would take the request to the state level.

**3. Transfer Stations Operations (Discussion)**

Mr. Phillips noted that waste volumes were increasing and they would be emphasizing safety at the Transfer Stations. He said they would be releasing written instructions to all new customers using the commercial unloading areas to help them be aware of the machinery and avoid accidents. He said that there would also be designated areas for certain commercial vehicles to drop their large loads. He also said that April through June were the busiest months for waste disposal and to expect longer than normal wait times.

**4. Rural Sites – Cameras (Discussion)**

Mr. Phillips said that the abuse of the rural sites had minimized during the winter months and that they were attempting to stay on top of the issue with the help of the Sheriff's Office and the cameras. He then proposed putting additional containers at the rural sites on holiday weekends, specifically Labor Day and Memorial Day, to try and decrease the abuse. He said the Sun Up Bay, Kidd Island and Worley rural sites did not have cameras yet, but they were working on installing them by the end of the budget year.

**5. 2021 Solid Waste Analysis Report with Angela Burgeson (Discussion)**

Business and Finance Manager Angela Burgeson provided a few statistics related to the Solid Waste Analysis Report she had completed in March. She said that in 2021,

they had collected 252,470 tons (a 6.4% increase) of waste, had 211,433 tons delivered to the landfill, and a total of 808,744 (a 1.4% decrease) customer visits. Ms. Burgeson stated that recycling was making a resurgence, noting that Coeur d'Alene City was handling the glass recycling and American Recycling was taking metals. She pointed out that statistically, cardboard recycling had seen a 25% increase, 8.3% increase in wood recycling, and a decrease of recycling of tires and metals.

D. **Public Comment (Discussion):** 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. **Adjourn:** Chair Pro Tem Duncan adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BY:

  
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk



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