

**Minutes of Meeting  
Solid Waste Update  
May 3, 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) Principal Planner Laureen Chaffin, SW Operations Manager Doug Goodwin, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present was Kootenai County Resident Erin Barnard.

- 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 (Discussion):**

**2021 Construction Projects**

Solid Waste (SW) Operations Manager Doug Goodwin said their big construction projects this year would be to extend the Z-walls at the Ramsey Transfer Station and build a storage facility at the Fighting Creek Landfill. He stated that design contracts had been signed for both projects. He predicted that both projects would be completed by the end of September.

**Landfill Gas to Energy Facility**

SW Principal Planner Laureen Chaffin reported that they had completed a professional services agreement with Paragon Consulting, which would come before the Board for approval in the Business Meeting tomorrow.

**2021 Waste Statistics**

Ms. Chaffin said that the figures she would provide reflected January to April 2021:

- Landfill waste was up 9%, or 5215 tons, the equivalent of 3383 trailer loads.
- Total tonnage received at the landfill was 61,008 tons. Prairie Transfer Station's customer count was up 6.18%, or 3766 customer transactions over the period. There was a total of 64,748 transactions and tonnage was up 12.55%.
- Ramsey Transfer Station's customer count was up 15.71%, or 15,739 transactions, from last year.

Ms. Chaffin reported that their total customer count per year had risen from 33,027 in 2017 to 39,671 in 2020. She added that 2021 would be 30.5% more than 2017, or about 43,128. She provided additional details regarding specifics on the number of trucks, breakdown of waste and number of commercial transactions.

Ms. Chaffin remarked that their unofficial revenue count through March 31, 2021 was up 8.67%, despite their fee reductions in 2020. She updated their figures on recycling and the efforts they had made to reduce expense and increase revenue in that area, which had resulted in their accounts showing a modest profit. She added that the Gas to Energy Plant also had positive revenue numbers.

Ms. Chaffin stated that they were still having some issues with people illegally using their facilities. She remarked that staff have witnessed people removing out of state license plates and replacing them with Idaho plates in order to sneak in. She said there was not a great deal they could do in regard to enforcement; they were obliged to accept people's word in most cases.

Ms. Chaffin closed with the prediction that they might have to consider developing a site for a new transfer station in the future, due to the increase in business. She said that SW had set aside a sum of money in their FY22 budget for a study to discover ways they could improve their use of the sites they already have.

**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

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk

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