

**Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste Update
October 4, 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) Director John (JP) Phillips, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Commissioner Brooks was present via teleconference.

- 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 (Discussion):**

Rural Systems Update – Including KCSO Enforcement & Education

Solid Waste (SW) Director John (JP) Phillips reminded the Commissioners that there had been an ongoing problem with abuse of the rural collection sites. He said SW had put up some stickers on the bins urging people to comply with site rules, which had been fairly well received. He reported that residents had begun policing their own sites, turning in those engaged in illicit commercial dumping.

Mr. Phillips commented that, when SW realized the extent of the problem, they set aside funds for the patrolling of the rural sites by the Sheriff's Office. He said that SW and KCSO had worked together to establish guidelines for public education and enforcement at the sites.

Mr. Phillips stated that SW was planning to update the rural sites' long term plan in the near future. He said this would include enforcement, education, installing cameras and fencing, limiting hours, consolidating sites and perhaps staffing some sites.

Mr. Phillips remarked that they had already seen some signs of improvement. He added that the three worst sites were Kidd Island/Mica Flats, Sunup and Worley, with the Wolf Lodge location also seeing substantial abuse.

Construction Projects Updates

Mr. Phillips reminded the Commissioners that the Ramsey Z Wall Project had been put out to bid but, since they had received no responses, he had asked Board to allow SW to work directly with a contractor. He reported that he had contacted a reputable contractor and gotten a quote which he took to Jacobs Engineering/CH2M Hill and was told that they felt the amount was reasonable. He stated he would have an updated estimate prepared, reviewed by Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes and would then bring it to the Board officially.

Mr. Phillips stated that the Fighting Creek Landfill Storage Buildings project was running behind, but documents were nearly complete. He said the change in timing to early or mid-2022 was due to the length of time it would take for the pre-engineered metal buildings to be delivered.

Mr. Phillips said that Jacobs Engineering/CH2M Hill had provided SW with the Fighting Creek Landfill Rough Grade Plan and that he was working on arranging the required permits. He explained SW personnel would remove as much dirt as possible before the contractor began work, to save money for the County.

Mr. Phillips reported that he was also working on the permitting process for the South Cell Landfill. He remarked that arranging permits for a completely new area of landfill was complicated. He said they had completed the threatened and endangered species assessments and cultural assessments. He predicted that the application for permitting and modification would be submitted within the next few months. He said that, once that step was underway, he would discuss any other requirements with DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality).

Landfill Operations & Leachate Management

Mr. Phillips reported that the SW staff had completed finish grading in most of the landfill to control runoff from the fall and winter rains. He explained that this was done to ensure that the rain did not soak into the garbage and become leachate. He said the slopes directed the water to lined ditches, then sent to the storm water retention ponds. He described several methods they used to keep fresh water from entering the garbage.

Mr. Phillips said SW had evaporated about 4.8 millions of leachate from its ponds this year. He noted this saved labor and trucking the leachate to the Hayden wastewater treatment plant, which saved the County money. He explained the basic process by which leachate was evaporated on site.

Solid Waste Statistics

Mr. Phillips provided the Board with statistics on SW's performance over the past year:

- Landfill tonnage up 5.2%, or 159,699 tons.
- Prairie Transfer Station traffic down about 1.15%, or 1957 customer visits.
- Ramsey Transfer Station customer count up 5.95%, or 16,749 people.

- 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 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
