

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Solid Waste Update
February 1, 2016
10:30 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Dan Green and Commissioner Marc Eberlein met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Solid Waste (SW) Director Cathy Mayer and Deputy Clerk Cecilia Sweet. Commissioner David Stewart was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- D. New Business**

Waste Trends - 2015

SW Director Cathy Mayer gave an overview of the 2015 SW Annual Report draft; she told the Board the finalized report would be available soon. She gave some highlighted facts from the 2015 report such as: the 5.9% increase of the total combined customers was 35,344 for the Ramsey and Prairie Transfer Sites, and the busiest day of the year was November 18, the day after the windstorm, with 1,632 customers served at both sites.

SW Management Workshop – January 27, Overview

Ms. Mayer reported that the SW Management Workshop topics were:

- What was Accomplished
- What Wasn't Accomplished
- What do We Need to Do Different
- What Are Our Goals and Objectives for 2016
- Budget Discussions

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Storm Debris Update

Ms. Mayer reported that Solid Waste had filed for FEMA reimbursement for the November 17, 2015, Windstorm. She explained that even though the transfer sites would be processing debris from the 2015 Windstorm for many months to come, there was only a short amount of time FEMA would reimburse the additional expenses. She hoped to declare up to \$77,000 for compensation to the County.

Worley Solid Waste Fees – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Ms. Mayer gave a brief history regarding the Solid Waste fees for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. She explained that initially, there was a discussion for the 110 homeowners in Worley to pay the fees, but the new Tribal Leadership had requested a bill, and agreed to write a check to the County. Ms. Mayer had drafted a letter to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, which the Board reviewed and sent to Tribal Legislative Director Helo Hancock.

Chairman Green directed Ms. Mayer to verify in a memo with Chief Deputy Treasurer Laurie Thomas the correct amount to bill the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and submit the memo to the Board.

Gas-to-Energy Update

Ms. Mayer reported that she had met with General Manager/CEO Doug Elliott and Engineering Manager Shawn Dolan from Kootenai Electric Cooperative (KEC) to discuss their Gas to Energy program. She declared the landfill's gas output had dropped significantly and KEC staff had concerns. She said the 20 year old aging waste was declining in gas production and the new waste was not generating the anticipated gas. She noted as waste was added to the newer landfill the amount of gas produced would increase. She shared that the County and KEC pulled gas from separate lines and there was discussion on sharing one joint line.

Commissioner Eberlein asked if there were any ramifications for the County not producing enough gas for KEC.

Ms. Mayer replied the County did not guarantee a specific amount of gas for KEC, but SW wanted to produce as much clean, safe gas as possible. Ms. Mayer also shared that the previous landfills had used the re-circulated leachates (the liquid that drained from a landfill) which made landfills wetter and lowered gas production. She informed the Board the landfills today were graded better and were drier and produced a better quality gas.

Chairman Green noted that the County and KEC mutually benefited from good gas production. He added that the County received KEC gas collecting infrastructure and funds, which at times had been substantial, from the gas produced.

- 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.

Commissioner Eberlein asked for a Hazardous Waste Materials update.

Ms. Mayer added there were no changes needed in the Ramsey Transfer Station permit. She reported that every Friday starting in May, citizens could drop off up to 10 gallons of hazardous waste. She said she would need a full year of data before determining the impact of this program.

Chairman Green adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Cecilia M. Sweet, Deputy Clerk
