

**Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste Update
March 28, 2016
11:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Dan Green, Commissioner Marc Eberlein, and Commissioner David Stewart met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Solid Waste Director Cathy Mayer and Deputy Clerk Alicia Lynch.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- D. Old Business:**

New Business:

Kroc Center Refund – Solid Waste Fees

Solid Waste Director Cathy Mayer informed the Board that the Kroc Center installed a trash compactor in 2009, and in the subsequent years were billed incorrectly for the compactor plus the original containers. She explained that the City of Coeur d’Alene executes the billing for Solid Waste, and discovered the billing error in February of 2015.

Commissioner Marc Eberlein asked why there had been no action taken since February of 2015.

Ms. Mayer explained that the City had found the error not the Kroc Center. She added that the City was refunding their portion separately to the Kroc Center and would not reimburse the County’s segment. She presented options for reimbursement by year and requested direction.

Chairman Green stated that the previous administration had issued refunds retroactively for up to three years, and that the statute of limitation was five years. He said he would equally support a Board decision of either three or five years. He added that he believed the Kroc Center shared in the responsibility since they continued to pay the bill.

Commissioner Eberlein asked if there were any billing issues similar to this case on accounts that were billed by Solid Waste. Ms. Mayer explained that there had been issues found on cases that were billed by Solid Waste, but no errors went back this far, or were for such a high dollar amount. She said that currently Solid Waste had been reimbursing retroactively for up to six months.

Commissioner David Stewart stated that he supported the full refund of \$61,133.80. He explained that given the charitable nature of the Kroc Center he felt it was reasonable to reimburse the total amount instead of three or five years.

Commissioner Eberlein inquired who had installed the compactor at the Kroc Center. Ms. Mayer replied that she did not know if the Kroc Center installed the compactor, or if it was installed by Waste Management.

Commissioner Eberlein said that he was willing to reimburse five years in the amount of \$48,776, but he did not support the full refund because he believed the Kroc Center shared in the culpability since they overlooked the lack of savings from their compactor.

Chairman Green directed Ms. Mayer to return with a resolution stating the County would reimburse the Kroc Center in the amount of \$48,776.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), November Storm, Debris Management- Reimbursement Final

Ms. Mayer stated that \$155,000 had been spent on grinding wood since the recent storms, and she anticipated several more months of additional grinding. She said that she felt it had been worthwhile to request reimbursement from FEMA, and that Solid Waste would be receiving \$10,000 for personnel costs and \$78,640 towards their grinding costs. She explained that the funds would cover both overtime and some of the personnel straight time. She added that in the future she would document the straight time better as she had not realized it was also covered.

Chairman Green asked if the check would come to the County or directly to Solid Waste. Ms. Mayer replied that she believed it would come to the County, and that Senior Staff Accountant Keith Taylor had been notified that it was for the Enterprise Fund.

Rural Collection Sites- Land Options

Ms. Mayer briefed the Board on Solid Waste's search for a rural collection site. She thanked Commissioner Stewart for suggesting the Old Fish Inn site but the owner wanted \$930,000 for the property and would not divide the 96 acre parcel.

Ms. Mayer said that she had a discussion with a property owner near the Wolf Lodge, with a location close to the current collection site. She said that there was a house on the property, but the owners were willing to sell a portion of their 21 acres. She informed the Board she had requested Community Development's assistance in the division of the property, and added that if Solid Waste moved forward they would pursue 10 of the 21 acres.

Ms. Mayer informed the Commissioners that the Wolf Lodge Residential Waste Collection site would be available until a new site was found. She explained that the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) would allow Solid Waste to keep their collection containers on their property while they replaced the nearby bridge over the summer.

Ms. Mayer reported that she had discussed purchasing 16 acres across from the Rose Lake General Store for a rural collection site. She explained that this property also had a house on it, but that the owners were willing to sell. She added that ITD claimed a turning lane would be needed, but Solid Waste disagreed as it was not a high traffic area.

Ms. Mayer detailed a proposed property exchange with Kootenai Electric Cooperative at the landfill. She said that the County's eight acre parcel across Highway 95 was not needed, and that Kootenai Electric had five acres on the County's side of the Highway. She stated that Civil Deputy Prosecutor Jamila Holmes had recommended Solid Waste use the Assessor's office for the appraisal because the eight acres had never been appraised separately from the landfill. Ms. Mayer expressed concerns that in order to trade property both parcels would have to be considered equal in value.

Chairman Green said that five acres contiguous to County property was worth more than eight acres apart from County land.

Ms. Mayer said that she would report back to the Board with more information.

Landfill Planning & Development – Project Update

Ms. Mayer updated the Board on the progress of the Landfill expansions. She explained that while a ground survey had been done to evaluate the Landfill's use of cover material, an engineer from Empire Aerospace conducted an aerial survey using a drone. She said that the drone survey was free since Empire Aerospace was able to use the images for marketing purposes. Ms. Mayer added that if aerial surveys were accurate and less expensive, Solid Waste might use them instead of ground surveys in the future.

Ms. Mayer reported that in the upcoming weeks she planned to bring forward an expansion agreement.

Hazardous Waste Collection- Summer Schedule

Ms. Mayer explained that Solid Waste would add Fridays to the Hazardous Waste Collection Summer Schedule again from June 3, 2016, through September, if staffing was available. She noted that the 10 gallon limit would remain in place.

Commissioner Eberlein asked if the extra day brought in more waste. Ms. Mayer stated that she would provide comparison figures but that she anticipated it would be hard to gauge if the extra day or the new 10 gallon limit had impacted the waste disposal, because a higher level of waste arrived due to the storms. She added that citizens had commented favorably on the convenience of the new 10 gallon limit.

Rebate Recycling

Ms. Mayer reported that she had reviewed the three Solid Waste and Single Stream Recycling Requests for Proposals received by the City of Coeur d'Alene. She commented

that she had been surprised that all three proposals had bid prices lower than the existing contract including waste and recycling collection.

Chairman Green asked if there was any reason for the County to offer a recycling rebate to the City of Coeur d'Alene if the recycling collection price decreased. Ms. Mayer stated that Solid Waste would present several options and their justifications for Board review.

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.

Chairman Green adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Alicia Lynch, Deputy Clerk
