

**Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste Update
May 2, 2016
10:30 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Dan Green and Commissioner David Stewart met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Solid Waste Director Cathy Mayer, and Deputy Clerk Alicia Lynch. Commissioner Marc Eberlein 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. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- E. New Business:**

Landfill Parcel Trade with Kootenai Electric Cooperative

Solid Waste Director Cathy Mayer explained that Kootenai Electric Cooperative (KEC) proposed a trade for a parcel adjacent to County property KEC owned in exchange for a parcel the County owned that was not adjacent to any other County property. Chairman Green asked if the County would be better served by selling the parcel. Ms. Mayer replied that exchanging the parcels was in the best interest for the County because the parcel KEC offered was ideally situated. She added that if the County was not going to exchange parcels with KEC she would advise the Board to keep the County's parcel.

Solid Waste Annual Report and Activity Status

Ms. Mayer said that the 2015 Solid Waste Report was at the printer and would be provided to the Board shortly. She highlighted a customer increase of 90,000 visits to the rural sites over the last five years. She reported that similar to last year's first quarter, there was an increase in landfill volume; however, she added that the County's average volume leveled out by the end of 2015, and she estimated it would be the same for 2016.

Chairman Green asked if Solid Waste had a report that showed the weight of the landfill compared to the population growth of the County. Ms. Mayer replied that it was not included in the annual report but it was something Solid Waste had reported before and she could explore reporting it again.

Pre-Budget Briefing

Ms. Mayer said that Solid Waste had a Budget Discussion scheduled with the Board on May 25, 2016. She outlined Capital requests to remodel the Ramsey Transfer Station

mechanic shop and the front of the hazardous waste facility. She explained that every seven years the landfill compactors would be replaced, and Fiscal Year (FY) 2017's budget would have a request to replace one of the two compactors. Ms. Mayer proposed a \$1.8 million expense to close a portion of the landfill in order to reduce the amount of leachate. She said the largest operational cost in the Solid Waste budget proposal would be \$145,000 for processing recycling material. She explained that the \$145,000 expense would be significantly off-set by revenues, so the net impact to the County was closer to \$39,000. Ms. Mayer noted that requests for a maintenance mechanic, accounting technician and a secretary would be coming forward in the FY2017 additional personnel budget request from Solid Waste.

Rebate Discussion

Ms. Mayer said that Solid Waste was recommending the Board offer a \$10 per ton recycling rebate to all of the participating cities. Chairman Green asked if the cities were receptive to the \$10 rebate. Ms. Mayer replied that she had not provided a dollar amount to the cities because she was waiting for Board approval. She added that the rebate amount was annually reviewed and the current rebate was \$13 per ton. Chairman Green asked if Solid Waste assisted the City of Post Falls with their collection contracts similar to what had been done with the City of Coeur d'Alene. Ms. Mayer replied that Solid Waste was not involved in the City of Post Falls contract.

Commissioner David Stewart asked if there was opportunity for participating cities to misrepresent their numbers to the County. Ms. Mayer explained that the current process was for haulers to report where their load was coming from, and its weight at the processing sites; and that both the sites and the Cities recorded this data. She said it was in the Cities interest to maintain the records in order to receive the County's rebate. She added that because receipts were given to the haulers, the haulers could not drop off the same load twice in order to cheat the system.

Chairman Green directed Ms. Mayer to submit the \$10 per ton recycling rebate letter to the participating cities.

- F. 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 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Alicia Lynch, Deputy Clerk
