

**Minutes of Meeting
Solid Waste Update
August 1, 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 Randi Davis. Also present was citizen Bob Bingham. 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:**

Solid Waste Activity Status

Solid Waste Director Cathy Mayer presented a landfill waste report. She said landfill waste tonnage had increased 16% from 2015 to 2016, and that more customers had been visiting the landfill sites. She pointed out that Solid Waste employees were handling the increase very well and commended their hard work. Commissioner David Stewart added that the Board rarely received phone call complaints about Solid Waste service. Chairman Green stated that his experiences with scale house employees had always been pleasant.

Challenges and Issues—Solid Waste Sites

Ms. Mayer discussed an accidental explosion that took place on July 19, 2016, at the Gas to Energy Plant. She said the cause was likely antifreeze and there was damage to the roof of the plant, but no one was hurt. Ms. Mayer stated that the explosion was contained to one room inside the plant and employees responded properly according to emergency plans.

Ms. Mayer informed the Board of an accident that happened on July 28, 2016, at Fighting Creek Landfill. She said extreme heat and possible dehydration caused an employee to have a heat stroke while driving a fuel truck. She stated the employee was taken to the hospital for treatment and was currently doing well. Ms. Mayer said Solid Waste places high importance on encouraging employees to take breaks and stay hydrated in the heat.

Commissioner Stewart asked whether the employee had a commercial driver's license (CDL) or medical card. Ms. Mayer replied he did have a CDL, but not a medical card. She

pointed out the County was exempt from requiring employees to have medical cards. Chairman Green requested Ms. Mayer contact Human Resources Director Skye Reynolds to find out why the County was exempt.

Rose Lake and Wolf Lodge Area Rural Sites

Ms. Mayer stated she was working with Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes on a contract for a property purchase in Rose Lake to be used as rural site. Chairman Green asked whether an appraisal had been completed and Ms. Mayer confirmed that it had. Ms. Mayer said Solid Waste had interest in 22 acres of property in Wolf Lodge as well, but the property owner was unsure of whether he wanted to sell the entire parcel or only a portion of it. Commissioner Stewart asked the dollar amount of the entire parcel and Ms. Mayer replied it was over \$300,000.

Projects and Equipment

Ms. Mayer said Solid Waste had received the last of the heavy equipment trucks that were ordered in Fiscal Year 2016. She said a GPS system was installed on a compactor and was proving to be very helpful in completing work more efficiently.

Ms. Mayer said there were improvements being made to the Athol site, such as new fencing and lighting. Chairman Green asked whether the rural sites closed in the evenings and Ms. Mayer confirmed they remained open.

- 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.

Citizen Bob Bingham asked whether the percentage of increased waste that was given for 2016 was higher than that of the increase the County experienced in 2008, and Ms. Mayer confirmed it was.

Chairman Green adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Randi Davis, Deputy Clerk
