

Approved at the April 24, 2012 meeting.

Flathead County Solid Waste District
Board of Directors Meeting
March 27, 2012 – **NEW MEETING TIME 3:00 p.m.**
Landfill Office

1. Roll Call

Board Members present: Hank Olson, Chairman; Greg Acton, Vice Chairman; John Helton, Member at Large; Pam Holmquist, County Commissioner; Lorin Lowery, City of Columbia Falls; Wayne Miller, Board of Health and Alan Ruby, Member at Large.

District Staff present: Operations Manager Jim Chilton; Financial Technician Carol Norwood and Recording Secretary Deborah Morine.

Attendees: Scott Mason, Rob Roe, Mayre Flowers and Karen Reeves.

2. Introductory Remarks from Chairman

a. Comments from Chairman regarding Solid Waste Agenda

Hank Olson stated he attended the County mandated board training. He stated he learned he (or the Board) isn't supposed to communicate with the public during the meeting. He would like to add an item on the agenda which would allow time for reports from the WasteNot Project and any other persons or entities to report to the Board so they can communicate back and forth. The Board agreed to add an agenda item for such reporting.

3. Comments from public

Mayre Flowers distributed the WasteNot Project update for 2012. She reported on the following items: School Outreach, Pharmaceutical Drop-off Day, May 19th E-Waste Collection, Small Business Hazardous Waste Collection, Earth Day Events at FVCC as well as updating the WasteNot Website and Recycling brochure and Fix it Local project.

Mayre reported that since the Sheriff's Department has a pharmaceutical take-back container that there was less interest for North Valley Hospital to participate in the program this year. She spoke with Tom Allen from the Northwest Drug Task Force who urged the continuance of the take-back event as well as locating a collection site in the north valley (possibly at the City of Columbia Falls Police Station). The Board was in agreement that Mayre organize another Pharmaceutical Drop-off Day this year.

She discussed her desire to attend the Uncommon Sense Program for businesses with the Board. She stated it's a two-year program that "teaches participants to plan and implement sustainable practices in all aspects of their operations, benefiting their business and helping to preserve the natural and social

assets of the Greater Yellowstone region.” Mayre asked for an additional \$1,000 per year in the WasteNot budget for her to attend the two-year program.

Hank asked for a brief update on the School Outreach program once it is up and running this spring.

4. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2012 - **Action Required**

Wayne Miller moved to adopt the minutes of February 28, 2012. John Helton seconded. Motion passed.

5. Action Agenda

a. There Are No Action Items for the March Meeting

6. Director’s Report

a. Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Preliminary Budget for Solid Waste and Junk Vehicle Departments

Staff has prepared the preliminary budgets for Solid Waste and Junk Vehicle Departments. Please note these numbers may be modified before the board meeting and staff will have new handouts if needed for the Board’s review at the meeting.

The Solid Waste budget is anticipating \$6,109,000 in revenue. The majority of revenue (\$4.8 million) is generated from the assessment system paid by the residents and businesses. The gate revenue projection will be \$750,000 for FY 13 and recycling revenue is forecast at \$244,000.

Expenses for the coming fiscal year are anticipated to be \$6,142,796. The District has a one-half (0.5) FTE request in the upcoming budget year. The employee request is a seasonal part time container site monitor for the Columbia Falls container site. Staff is recommending reducing the lined cell lateral expansion trust from \$1,100,000 to \$700,000, which includes approximately \$500,000 from depreciation and \$200,000 direct cash deposit. In previous years we had been directing \$600,000 plus the depreciation expense of \$500,000 to the trust. For FY13 staff has budgeted for \$200,000 of this cash to remain in the operations budget and help fund the increase in the groundwater monitoring cost center due to the recent increase in contaminant levels on the eastern boundary of the facility. The land purchase trust will increase from \$200,000 to \$400,000 for possible future land acquisitions. The LFGTE improvement trust will again be funded at \$30,000 and the closure/post-closure trust will receive \$600,000 as has been done in the past.

The Junk Vehicle budget is anticipating \$154,423 in revenue. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) provides funding for this department through a grant. Monies are generated through the licensing of motor vehicles in Flathead County. The revenue is anticipated to be slightly higher than FY 2011/2012.

Jim reviewed the FY 2011/2012 Budget with the Board.

b. Groundwater Monitoring

The ground water samples have been pulled for the month of March for MW-3, MW-6 and 6D but the results have not been provided to staff. It appears that the ground water elevation in the wells that were tested is slightly higher than the previous month. Hydrometrics and staff have been in discussions on trying to eliminate the possible infiltration of ground water being pumped from the storm water pond in the lined cell area to the lined pond on the north side of the landfill. Other discussions with Hydrometrics and staff have occurred on the possibilities of moving the compliance well east and south along the access road to the landfill with the acquisition of the Gray property.

Scott Mason from Hydrometrics reviewed the 20-year history of the monitoring well results with the Board. He explained the March test results and stated we will continue to collect samples, with the next one being June. The Board asked if the recent spike requires us to take action now. Scott explained that after the June sampling, we will look at the past data and come up with correction ideas.

c. Olney Container Site

During the February board meeting, staff was directed to proceed forward on the construction of a new container site. Staff has been in contact with 48 North Engineering to give us a proposal on site design and construction monitoring. The District has used 48 North on various other Solid Waste projects and has been very satisfied with their performance. The District will contract with 48 North via a task order thru SWT Engineering who will provide a peer review of the design and construction documents and oversight for any related construction issues. Updates on this project will present to the Board as they occur.

d. Essex Container Site Update

Some final details with the land purchase are being worked out between Martin Marietta Materials (MMM) and the District. Neil Grant, with MMM, is working on an easement agreement so both entities can use the same access off Hwy 2 for both parcels of ground. The County Attorney's office will review the easement when the District receives it. We will then be ready to finalize the buy/sell agreement after Commissioner approval.

e. Landfill Property Expansion Project

Staff mailed the public meeting notice to the nearby property owners on March 9th. This meeting is to assess the interest of this land acquisition project. The meeting will be held on April 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Arts and Technology building, Room AT139 at Flathead Community College in Kalispell.

There were general discussions regarding potential liability with acquiring land and potentially renting/leasing back to the occupants. The Board agreed that legal counsel needs to be present at the public meeting for guidance.

f. Adanac Kennels

The demolition of the kennel is nearly completed. Portions of the building were recycled. The metal roofing was taken to the metals pile, and the concrete foundation will be trucked off site to LHC to be recycled instead of taking up valuable air space in the landfill. The cinder block walls of the building will be used for base material when a new road needs to be built at the operation. Other old rick-shod buildings on the property and miscellaneous debris was also cleaned up and landfilled.

g. Refuse Operations

Operations proceeded well for the month. Tonnage/Volumes are shown below:

| <u>March</u> | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Total MSW to landfill | 5,023.83 |
| Total Appliances Collected | 293 |
| Junk Vehicles Collected | 0 |
| Truck Trips to Container Sites | 389 |
| Refuse tons/trip | 5.53 |

The District landfilled 2.1% more waste in February, 2012 as compared to February, 2011 and our refuse trucks hauled 4.3% more waste comparing the same time frame.

Gate revenue for fiscal year 2012 was projected to be \$750,000. Through February the gate has generated \$518,746.15 or 69.17% of revenue through 67% of the fiscal year.

h. Budget and Financials

Jim reviewed the Budget and Financials with the Board.

7. Comments from Board Members

Hank requested a letter be sent to Tom Jentz from the City of Kalispell reiterating John Helton's comment regarding recycling in January.

Alan asked if the recycling options in the WasteNot brochure were acceptable (to John). John stated it is equally important for new businesses to sort trash and recycle. It's just a suggestion to Kalispell from the Board.

There were general discussions regarding the county's recycle program.

Alan asked if the Lincoln County Landfill has contacted Jim about bringing trash to Flathead. Jim stated no one has contacted him and the policy is to not take out of county trash.

Jim Chilton stated that the white goods pile has been crushed and the county will receive \$126,000 from the crush.

Alan asked if the Flathead Electric Co-op's refrigerator program is working well. Jim said it is working well.

Wayne stated that the worse roadside trash is along the Highway 93 North corridor. He questioned if the gatehouse staff being aggressive enough addressing the secure load issue.

Jim stated that trash was left at the old Kila site. He found an address and turned the matter over to the Sheriff's Department.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.