

RECYCLING AND TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
9/25/12

Members Present: Ray Bonney, Richard Bairam (Turk); Committee Chair, Bob Schroeder, Sean McDonald, Bob Worrell

Absent: Jim Levesque (excused), Merrill Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:35. Bob moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on August 28, 2012. Motion was second by Ray. The minutes were accepted as presented.

The Committee sent Jim Levesque their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

There was a discussion on the current recycling markets. The markets are very weak right now so the single stream is costing us \$20.00 per ton since September 11th. Diane is confident that the markets will recover, hopefully by the holidays. We are bringing the recyclables presently to J. Schwartz in Manchester.

The bids for the new loader were opened on September 11th. There was a wide range of bids that were submitted. In order for some of the companies to get the high lift that we need for loading the trailers, a few companies had to bid larger units. Diane is going to check out 2 vendors on 9/26. So far they have had Hyundai, Komatsu, Cat and John Deere bring units to the facility. Ray is working with someone who owns CATs and will check with him on any maintenance issues. Hopefully we can move forward to the Council with a recommendation in the next few weeks.

Diane told the Committee that she has submitted her CIP plan to Christine. A new pickup and a new bobcat are being requested this year. We will also put forward the capital improvement for the automated collection program and ask for \$10,000 for that account. The new diesel fuel pump and upgrade to the tanks will hopefully also continue with another \$25,000 being placed in the account.

There was a general discussion on the entire automated curbside collection program. We are still hearing from a few residents on the need for additional barrels, but that has slowed down immensely. There has been a problem with small recyclables blowing out of the recycling truck and Diane has made a net for the back of the truck to "experiment" and see if we can figure out what kind of permanent solution we may need. Employees have been taking a street or two a day and repositioning the barrels and tagging stops with unacceptable materials. This is a learning curve for us all. The recycling rate is still at about 31%. Diane is hoping that the Council will move forward towards mandatory recycling and she feels that will increase the totals.

Ray motioned to adjourn at 8:00, second by Bob. All in favor.