

## Recycling and Transfer Advisory Committee

### Minutes of Meeting

January 26, 2016

Members Present: Jim Levesque, Ray Bonney, Bob Schroeder, Richard (Turk) Bairam, Sean McDonald

Absent: Jim Gorton

Also Present: Merrill Johnson

The meeting was called at 6:34. Ray Bonney motioned to accept the minutes from the meeting held on November 24, 2015. Motion was second by Bob, all in favor.

The Committee reviewed the "material total sheets". There was a discussion on the high cost of the recycling disposal. China is not taking in any recyclables and with the low fuel prices, people are not using recycled products but are going with new "virgin" materials. The Committee had a discussion on when do we decide not to recycle. The cost of trash is \$67.63. It is still cheaper than the recycling \$45.00 per ton. The Committee decided there were still benefits to recycling. There is still a disposal savings and the environmental issues.

Diane is still experiencing a personnel shortage. A 12 year employee is moving on to take a better job. The Recycling and Transfer Division is still short 2 ½ employees at this time.

The Committee discussed the master plan. Where would we like to go in 10 years. The automated collection program has really brought the department forward. In the next 10 years we could possibly need an extension to a building, replacing the scale, and replacing the office to better serve the residents. We have proved that the transfer building and the recycling building would serve the residents in the future. Maintenance and some upgrades may be needed. To keep the collection program, we may, in the future need additional employees and vehicles.

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