



## COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

December 6, 2012  
MINUTES

Earl G. Woodworth Building  
Board Chambers  
1500 Scribner Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

### II. Public Comment

None

### III. Review and Approval of Minutes

#### MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and supported by Commissioner Vander Molen to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2012 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

### IV. Solid Waste Operations

#### A. South Kent Landfill

##### 1. Landfill Dozer Bid

Director Wood requested approval of the purchase of a new Landfill Track Type Dozer. The Department has an approved 2013 Capital Improvement Project budget for the purchase of a new dozer for South Kent Landfill. The existing dozer has been rebuilt multiple times and is at the end of its useful life.

Bids for a new Landfill Track Type Dozer and Guaranteed Maintenance contract were solicited on November 19, 2012 by the Purchasing Division. The bid included a Trade-In of our existing 1991 CAT D8N dozer. Multiple firms were sent the bid notification and two sealed bids were received. One bid was a no bid. The other bid was submitted by Michigan CAT for a CAT D6T Dozer at a total purchase price of \$387,604.00. The Trade-In value is for \$50,000. The other firm indicated it is not willing to bid the buyback value stipulated.

Michigan CAT has a contract with the State of Michigan through the MiDeal extended purchasing program which allows local units of government to use state contracts to buy goods. Purchasing policy authorizes cooperative purchasing bid

methods and the Michigan CAT bid amount is confirmed within +/- 1% of the State MiDeal contract pricing of similar specifications.

The Michigan CAT bid was evaluated by Department of Public Works and Purchasing Division staff and recommended for award.

Commissioner Koorndyk asked what the Department paid for the 1991 dozer. Staff stated that the cost was approximately \$250,000. Director Wood added that in the past instead of replacing the dozer a guaranteed rebuild was performed. It is now time to replace it.

Commissioner Groenleer asked why only one bid was received. Mr. Denhof, Kent County Purchasing Division replied that of the two bids one was a no bid. Staff was not aware that there was no bid enclosed, had this been the case purchasing staff would have brought it before the Board to open. In conversations with other bidders, Mr. Denhof found that many have contracts with the State of Michigan and couldn't compete. Another reason was that the contractors could not facilitate the buyback price stipulated in the bid.

## **MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk to award the purchase of a CAT D6T Track Type Dozer to Michigan CAT of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$387,604.00 and authorize the Director to execute the contract for Guaranteed Maintenance.

Motion carried unanimously.

### 2. Nobel Lease

Director Wood requested review and approval of a lease extension with Dennis Nobel for Property in Allegan County. Staff is recommending that the Department extend a lease with Dennis and Kim Nobel of 4692 Fourteenth Street, Dorr, Michigan to use 33 acres of property for farming purposes. They are responsible for all taxes plus a \$100.00 rental fee per year. The lease extension is for a five year period with either party able to opt out with a 90-day written notice. The Nobels have been leasing the property since December 2003. Staff recommends approval of the extension.

Director Wood added that the Nobels do a very good job maintaining the property. Commissioner Vander Molen asked if the 90-day opt out period is sufficient when farming. Director Wood stated that if it were necessary to break the lease, the Department would make be sure the timing is reasonable.

## **MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Vander Molen and seconded by Commissioner Byl to approve the five year lease extension with Dennis and Kim Nobel for farming purposes.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Material Recycling Facility

1. Goodwill Contract Extension

Director Wood requested authorization to extend a Letter of Agreement with Goodwill Industries for providing an on the job training program for sorters at the MRF.

For the past year Goodwill Industries has provided a program called Transitional Work Experience (TWE) at the recycle facility. This program has assisted the recycle facility in staffing critical portions of the sorting lines. Goodwill provides 9 people and a supervisor to assist in sorting recyclables. Seventy percent of workers who graduate the program are placed in other positions throughout the County. The agreement extension is for one year.

Director Wood added that the TWE workers are placed in critical locations in the recycling facility. Staff has confirmed that there has been a great deal of improvement in quality and productivity at the facility.

Commissioners agreed that this partnership with Goodwill Industries has been a positive experience for the Department and the Goodwill participants.

**MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Vander Molen and seconded by Commissioner Byl to authorize approval of the extension Letter of Agreement with Goodwill Industries to provide an on-the-job training program for individuals at the MRF.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. North Kent Transfer Station

1. SWAP Extension

Review and approval was requested to extend the Solid Waste Exchange Contract (SWAP). Since December 2002, the Board of Public Works and Republic Waste Services (Allied Waste Systems) has had a contract agreement where the County delivers waste from North Kent Transfer Station to the Central Landfill (owned and operated by Republic) and Republic delivers a like amount to the County's South Kent Landfill. The amount in the contract has been no less than 44,000 tons per year and not more than a maximum of 65,000 tons per year. This agreement has benefited the Department by saving on transportation of waste to the South Kent Landfill. Staff is recommending approval of the Third Addendum to the Solid Waste Exchange Contract. The contract extension will be for five years.

Mr. Kmiecik added that this SWAP agreement has been in place for the last ten years. Each addendum has increased the amount exchanged to support the amount of waste brought into the transfer station. The five year extension coincides with the hauling contract that Republic won in August. Through these agreements the Department saves thousands of dollars in transportation costs.

**MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen to approve the Third Addendum to the Solid Waste Exchange Contract for an extension of five years.

Motion carried unanimously.

**V. Conference/Education Travels**

A. WasteExpo 2013

Review and approval was requested for Director Wood and interested Board members to attend WasteExpo 2013 in New Orleans, LA, from May 20 – 23, 2013. WasteExpo has been North America's largest solid waste and recycling tradeshow serving both the private and public sectors. The 2013 Expo will feature 550 exhibiting companies, giving attendees an opportunity to preview the latest new products and services. Over 40 conference sessions and workshops led by industry experts on recycling, sustainability, business, collection and safety will be offered along with various networking opportunities. This expo is not to be confused with the SWANA conference. The SWANA conference caters more to municipalities whereas more private companies attend WasteExpo.

**MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Vander Molen and seconded by Commissioner Byl to approve the travel request for Director Douglas G. Wood and interested Board members to attend WasteExpo 2013 in New Orleans, LA, May 20-23, 2013 at an estimated cost of \$2,319.88.

Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Approval of Monetary Outlays**

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and supported by Commissioner Koorndyk to approve the Monetary Outlays for December 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Director's Report**

A. January BPW Meeting

The Board Organizational meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2013. It will be in the Road Commission Board room at 8:00 a.m.

B. Technology Upgrade Discussion

Director Wood brought a recommendation to the Board for the purchase a tablet for members in efforts to reduce the amount of paperwork members carried with them to meetings. Commissioners agreed that this is a good idea. Director Wood will discuss this idea with the County Administrator.

C. Solid Waste Plan Amendment/Update

Director Wood and Mr. Kmiecik have been meeting with various townships explaining the Solid Waste Plan Amendment. To date five municipalities have approved the amendment.

D. WTE Scales Replacement/2013

The scales at the WTE are original to the Plant. They are originally manufactured for warm weather climates and the WTE has had a number of issues with them throughout the years. The outbound scale is no longer working and staff has determined that it needs to be replaced. The estimated cost for this replacement will be \$220,000. Staff

will come to the Board at a later date for the approval of this replacement.

E. **Holiday String Light Recycling**

RSRC staff has put a flyer together for holiday string recycling. The Department is hoping to keep the lights out of the recycling facility. The lights will be collected at each drop off site and will be delivered to Padnos for recycling.

**VIII. Miscellaneous**

None

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.