



KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

MINUTES

October 6, 2016

8:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Vonk, Koorndyk, Groenleer, Shroll, Bulkowski, VanderMolen, Byl

OTHERS PRESENT: Darwin Baas, Director; Elissa Soto, Office Manager; Nic VanderVinne, Resource Recovery & Recycling Manager; Becky Dyer, Financial Supervisor; Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager; Cal Brinks, Kent County Purchasing Division

I. Call to Order

Chair Vonk called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner VanderMolen and seconded by Commissioner Byl to approve the September 7, 2016 minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Conference/Education Travels – Action Requests

i. NAHMMA Conference

Review and approval for one staff member and any Board members to attend the NAHMMA Conference in Portland, Oregon.

ii. MRF & Recycling Plant Operations Forum

Review and approval for two staff members and any Board members to attend the MRF and Recycling Plant Operations Forum in Chicago, Illinois.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Shroll and seconded by Commissioner Byl to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Administration

A. Service Awards

- i. Dan Vos – 25 years
- ii. Lori Herrington – 15 years

The Board recognized and thanked Dan Vos and Lori Herrington for their years of service.

B. Kent County Waste Reduction Conceptual Plan

Board members received a draft copy of the Waste Reduction Conceptual Plan for review. Staff will provide a final copy of the plan and presentation for an in-depth review at the November 2016 meeting.

V. Solid Waste Operations

A. 2017 SKL, NKTS & REC Disposal Rates

Staff recommended approval of the 2017 Waste Description and Rates schedule for North Kent Transfer Station, South Kent Landfill and the Recycling and Education Center. Staff reported that rates for South Kent Landfill and North Kent Transfer Station have not changed from the 2016 Disposal Rates. The Environmental and Safety Fee, Michigan Surcharge and County Surcharge are included in load rates for the minimum charge customers.

The Recycling and Education Center rates of \$35.00 per ton for Kent County, \$40.00 per ton for Non Kent County, \$45.00 per transfer loads were added to the rate schedule.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner VanderMolen and seconded by Commissioner Byl to approve the 2017 Waste Description and Rates schedule for the North Kent Transfer Station, the South Kent Landfill and the Materials Recycling Facility.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Waste-to-Energy Facility Operations

A. 2017 WTE Disposal Rates

Staff recommend approval of the Waste to Energy Facility 2017 General Refuse and Special Waste Disposal Rates. The General Refuse disposal fee of \$45.00 per ton and the Special Waste Rate consisting of a minimum fee of \$90.00 for up to the first 2,000 pounds of material and prorated at \$90.00 per ton for additional material is unchanged from the 2016 Rate. No adjustments are necessary.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Shroll and seconded by Commissioner Bulkowski to approve a 2017 Waste to Energy General Refuse Disposal Rate of \$45.00 per ton and a minimum Special Waste Disposal Rate of \$90.00 per ton effective January 1, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Environmental Compliance Management

A. Kentwood Landfill Methane Gas Migration

Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager, gave an update on Kentwood Landfill Methane Gas Migration issue. She reported that to date only three (3) residents have asked for their homes to be tested. No methane was detected in any of these homes. Golder Associates is putting together a plan for methane monitoring expansion. The goal is to have construction completed by the end of the year. Staff plans to have another question answer meeting mid November.

VIII. Approval of Monetary Outlays

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and seconded by Commissioner Shroll to approve the monetary outlays for October 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Director's Report

- A. Mayor's Grand River Cleanup – The DPW worked with WMEAC to provide a roll off box and volunteers to clean up along the river. Over 560 pounds of trash and 160 pounds of recyclables was collected.
- B. Electronics Recycling – CRT/TV collection was an overwhelming success; the final tally will be provided in November but presently stands at 1M pounds collected in 10 weeks.
- C. WTE Outage Update – the circulation lines and other scheduled repairs during the 10-day scheduled outage are complete and the facility will be generating electricity later today.

X. Public Comment & Miscellaneous

Chair Vonk let Board members know to expect the director's annual review in the November agenda packet.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.