



KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

October 4, 2018

8:30 AM

**Earl G. Woodworth Building
Meeting Room Chambers
1500 Scribner Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Vonk, Brieve, Yonker, Janes, Koorndyk, Skaggs, Bulkowski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Darwin Baas, Director; Kimberly Williams, Finance Division Director; Alisha Barber, Office Manager; Paul Smith, WTE Operations Manager; Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager; Nic VanderVinne, Resource Recovery and Recycling Manager; Kristen Weiland, Communications & Marketing Manager; Dan Rose, Solid Waste Operations Manager; Craig Paull, Assistant Corporate Counsel; Lori Latham, Communications/Public Relations Director; Constance Westgate, Engineering Technician; Ron Mills, Civil Engineer I; John Van Tholen, Granger; Tim Mroz, The Right Place; Pat Grieve, Waste Management; Tom Mahoney, Republic Services; Jim Brazil, Republic Services; Bill Stough, Sustainable Research Group

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of Minutes
- B. Approval of Monetary Outlays

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

III. Administration

- A. Sustainable Business Park Masterplan – AR
Director Baas reviewed the action request. Staff requested to approve the Sustainable Business Park (SBP) Master Plan and authorize the Director to form a business development team to advance proposals for development of the SBP.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to approve the Sustainable Business Park Master Plan, authorize the Director to form a business development team to advance proposals for development of the SBP and bring projects to the Board of Public Works for consideration.

Motion carried with all voting in favor and Commissioner Janes abstaining for reasons of conflict of interest.

IV. Solid Waste Operations

- A. South Kent Landfill Excavation Contract – AR
Director Baas reviewed the action request. Staff requested a final 1-year extension of the South Kent Landfill earthwork contract with Oetman Excavating. Oetman Excavating agreed to continue with the 2017 rates established in their bid received October 28, 2016 by the Kent County Purchasing Division under Bid Solicitation 1860 that provided an initial 1-year contract with two 1-year renewal options.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Brieve and seconded by Commissioner Janes to extend the South Kent Landfill earthwork contract with Oetman Excavating, LLC in the amount, not to exceed \$700,000. 2017 unit prices will remain the same.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Resource Recovery and Recycling Operations

- A. SafeChem Disposal Contract – AR
Director Baas reviewed the action request. Staff requested the approval of the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal contract for 2019 and 2020. The bids for disposal of waste collected through SafeChem (household hazardous waste) Program and is recommending Drug and Laboratory Disposal, Inc. based in Plainwell, Michigan, the low bidder at a cost of \$153,595 per year.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to award the contract to the low bidder, Drug and Laboratory Disposal, Inc., from Plainwell, Michigan at a cost of \$153,595 per year and to authorize the Director to execute the prepared documents with Drug and Laboratory.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Accounting & Finance**A. 2019 WTE Disposal Rates – AR**

Director Baas reviewed the action request. Staff recommends approval of the 2019 Waste to Energy General Refuse Waste Description and Rate Schedule. The General Refuse disposal fee of \$50.00 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 2018 Rate. No adjustments are necessary.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Janes and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to approve a 2019 Waste to Energy General Refuse Disposal Rate of \$50.00 per ton and a minimum Special Waste Disposal Rate of \$90.00 per ton effective January 1, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2019 SWO Disposal Rates – AR

Director Baas reviewed the action request. Staff recommends approval of the 2019 Waste Descriptions and Rate Schedule. Rates for South Kent Landfill have not changed from the 2018 Rates. Rates for the North Kent Transfer Station increased \$5.00 per ton. Rates for the Material Recycling Facility increased \$30.00 per ton.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Janes and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to approve the 2019 Waste Description and Rates schedule for the North Kent Transfer Station, the South Kent Landfill and the Material Recycling Facility.

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Director's Report**A. SB 943 – Tipping Fees**

Director Baas discussed the Senate Bill 943 Tipping Fees. Senator Nofs introduced the Senate Bill 943 and proposed a rate of \$4.44/ton charge to municipal solid waste landfills. Based on the amount of solid waste generated in Kent County, it would be an additional 3 million dollars per year with the new tipping fee. The bill does not outline what percentage of the 3 million dollars will be returned to Kent County.

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.