



**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**November 1, 2018**

**8:30 AM**

**(Following Finance Committee Budget Review Work Session)**

**County Administration Building  
300 Monroe, Room 311 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

**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; Dan Rose, Solid Waste Operations Manager; Craig Paull, Assistant Corporate Counsel; Calvin Brinks, Purchasing/Fleet Services Manager; John Van Tholen, Granger; Tom Mahoney, Republic Services

**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 Janes and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **III. Administration**

#### **A. Director Annual Review – Closed Session**

##### **Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to move to meet in closed session in accordance with MCL Section 15.268(a) to consider a periodic evaluation of a public employee.

Motion carried unanimously.

##### **Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner Janes to end the closed session in accordance with MCL Section 15.268(a) to consider a periodic evaluation of a public employee.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **IV. Solid Waste Operations**

#### **A. SKL Supervisor – AR**

The South Kent Landfill (SKL) and the North Kent Transfer Station (NKTS) utilize three (3) supervisors to provide supervisory coverage, with one supervisor rotating between the two facilities, and there is a monthly shortage of supervisory coverage of 10-12 hours. The rotating supervisor is required to work every weekend. Additionally, three (3) retiree rehires are needed to provide for equipment and transfer station operator shift coverage for full time employee paid time off (PTO). The added supervisor will allow the DPW to assign two supervisors to each site, provide full supervisory coverage, reduce the need for retiree rehire coverage for PTO, provide a rotating schedule so each supervisor can take a weekend off during the month and allow the manager to complete special projects and assist with developing new waste diversion programs for each facility.

##### **Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to approve and recommend to the Board of Commissioners the addition of (1) FTE Solid Waste Operations & Maintenance Supervisor in 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **V. Resource Recovery and Recycling Operations**

#### **A. SKL SafeChem Facility – AR**

Planned replacement of aging SafeChem (household hazardous waste) storage building is scheduled in 2018-2020. The program, with locations in Grand Rapids, Rockford,

Kentwood and Wyoming, are available to residents and staffed by the DPW weekly and accept at new charge, hazardous materials including gasoline, motor oil, pool chemicals, cleaners, bleach, pesticides, car care products and like items, thereby reducing improper disposal of chemicals otherwise placed in the trash, dumped down the drain or indiscriminately dumped. Bids were solicited through the Kent County Purchasing Division for the North Kent Transfer Station building in February 2018. One bid was received from Safety Storage, Inc. a cost of \$97,005. Safety Storage has agreed to hold the original bid price for the second building. Steel tariffs have raised prices by 20%.

### **Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Janes and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to purchase a safety storage facility from Safety Storage, Inc. for the South Kent Landfill at a cost of \$97,005.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **VI. Director's Report**

- A. **Avoided Cost Rate 18090 – MPSC Ruling**  
Director Baas provided an update on the MPSC Ruling. On October 5, 2018, the MPSC issued a final ruling of three cents per megawatt hour reduction. We'll be issuing an appeal to FERC this week and Consumers Energy has scheduled a settlement meeting with the IPPC members.
- B. **MDEQ Guidelines – Landfill Leachate/GW PFAS Monitoring**  
Director Baas discussed the DEQ guidelines issued on October 15, 2018 for landfills to test leachate and ground water to determine if there are any impact of PFAS.
- C. **Kentwood Recycling Drop Off Site**  
Director Baas discussed the closing of the Kentwood Recycling Drop Off Site in 2019. It will be closed by the end of the first quarter.
- D. **Recycling in Michigan Article**  
Director Baas discussed the recycling article from the Bridge Magazine.
- E. **SBP Business Development Team**  
Director Baas discussed the SBP Business Development Team. DPW continues to develop this team and will provide more information soon.
- F. **2018 Tire Collection Results**  
Director Baas discussed the 2018 Tire Collection Program Results. DPW received a grant from the MDEQ to host three tire collection events in 2018. Staff collected 3,111 tires.
- G. **Road Commission – Scribner Property**  
Director Baas discussed the Road Commission property. Steve Warren has received permission to market the property.

**VII. Public Comment**

None.

**VIII. Miscellaneous**

None.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.