



**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**October 6, 2022**

**8:30 AM**

**Kent County Department of Public Works**

**Large Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**977 Wealthy St. SW**

**Grand Rapids, MI 49504**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Brieve, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Bulkowski, Greene, Burrill

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Darwin Baas, Director; Kimberly Williams, Finance Division Director; Alisha Barber, Office Administrator; Paul Smith, WTE Operations Manager; Nic VanderVinne, Resource Recovery and Recycling Manager; Steve Faber, Marketing & Communications Manager; JD Ham, Safety Manager; Jonathan Neracher, Resource Recovery Specialist; Katelyn Kikstra, Waste Reduction Educator; Chelsea Goodrich, Account Clerk I; Calvin Brinks, Purchasing/Fleet Services Manager; John Van Tholen, Van Tholen & Associates; Russ Boersma, Arrowwaste; Tom Mahoney, Republic Services; Diane Druckenmiller, Arrowwaste; Joseph Gostomski, Plummers Disposal

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Brieve called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

**II. Consent Agenda**

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

**Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Janes and supported by Commissioner Burrill to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

### III. Administration

#### A. Waste Recovery Systems – Letter of Consistency

Director Baas reviewed the action request. Waste Recovery Systems (WRS) is a licensed Liquid Industrial by Product transporter and operates a treatment facility located in Wyoming, Michigan. WRS is planning to supplement its treatment capacity for nonhazardous liquid byproducts that will generate additional solid waste for disposal.

As part of the application process to the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), WRS is required to submit an Application for Determination of Consistency with the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Staff reviewed the WRS application dated August 22, 2022 and determined it is consistent with the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan.

#### Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Burrill and supported by Commissioner Green that Waste Recovery Systems, Inc. application for consistency, dated August 22, 2022 is consistent with the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

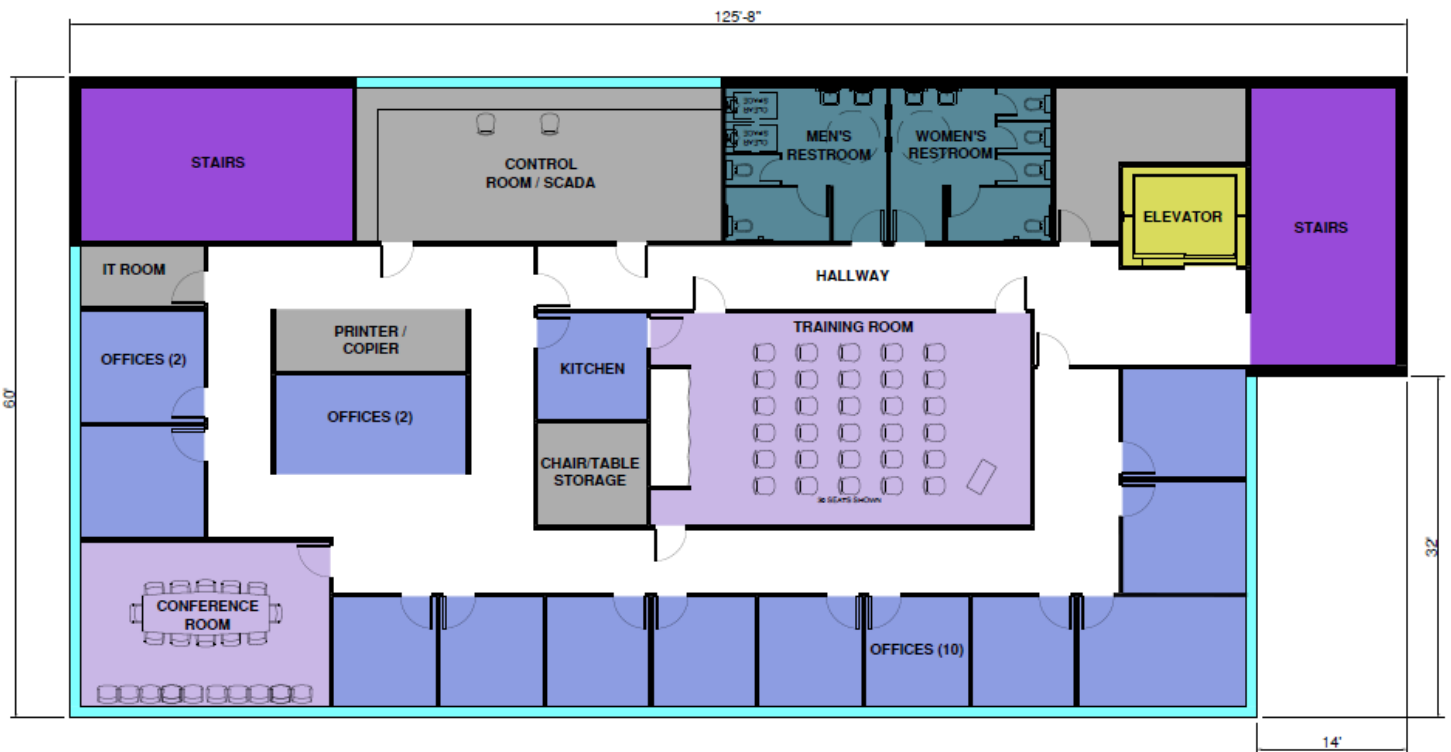
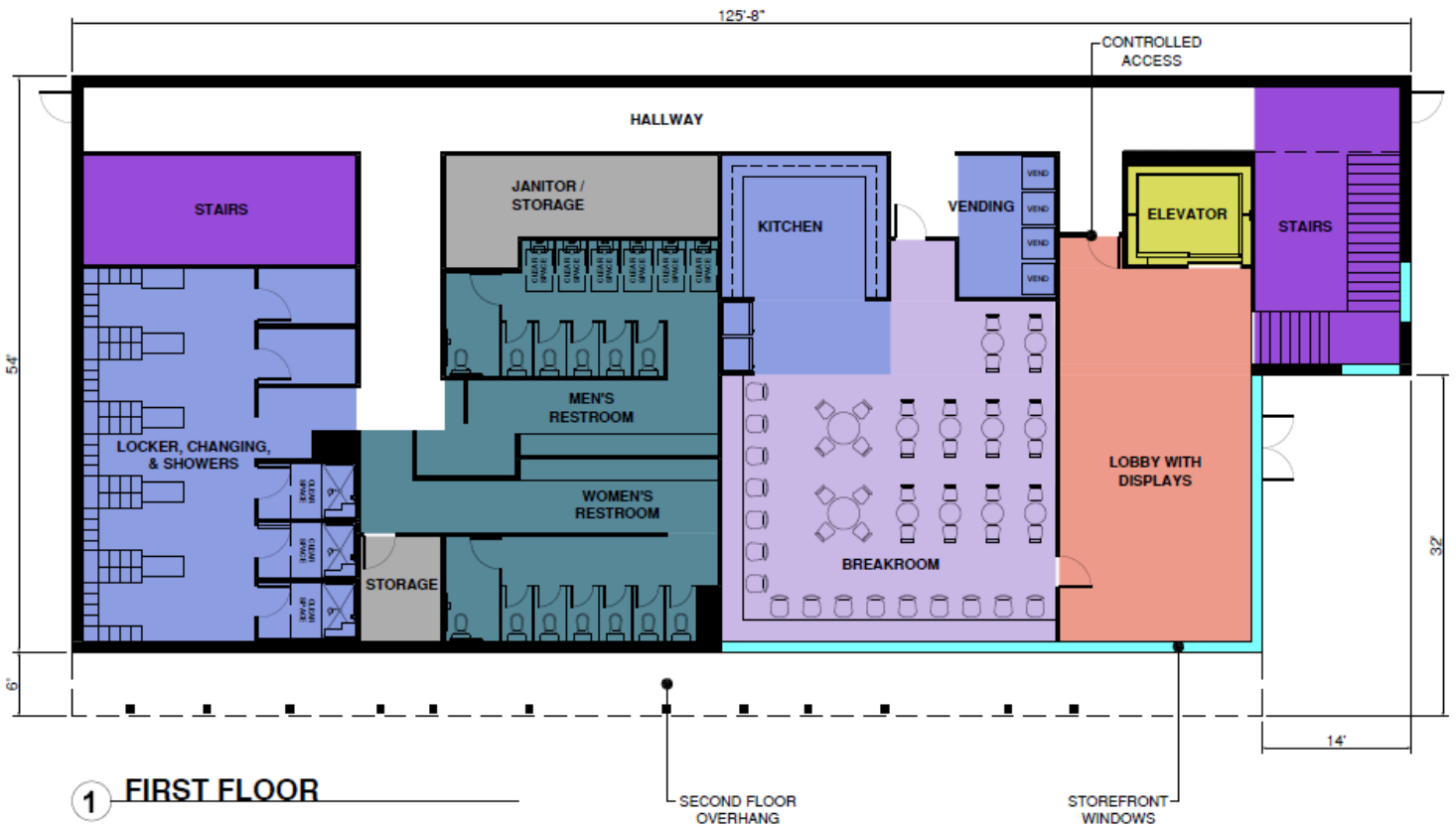
Commissioner Bulkowski joined the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

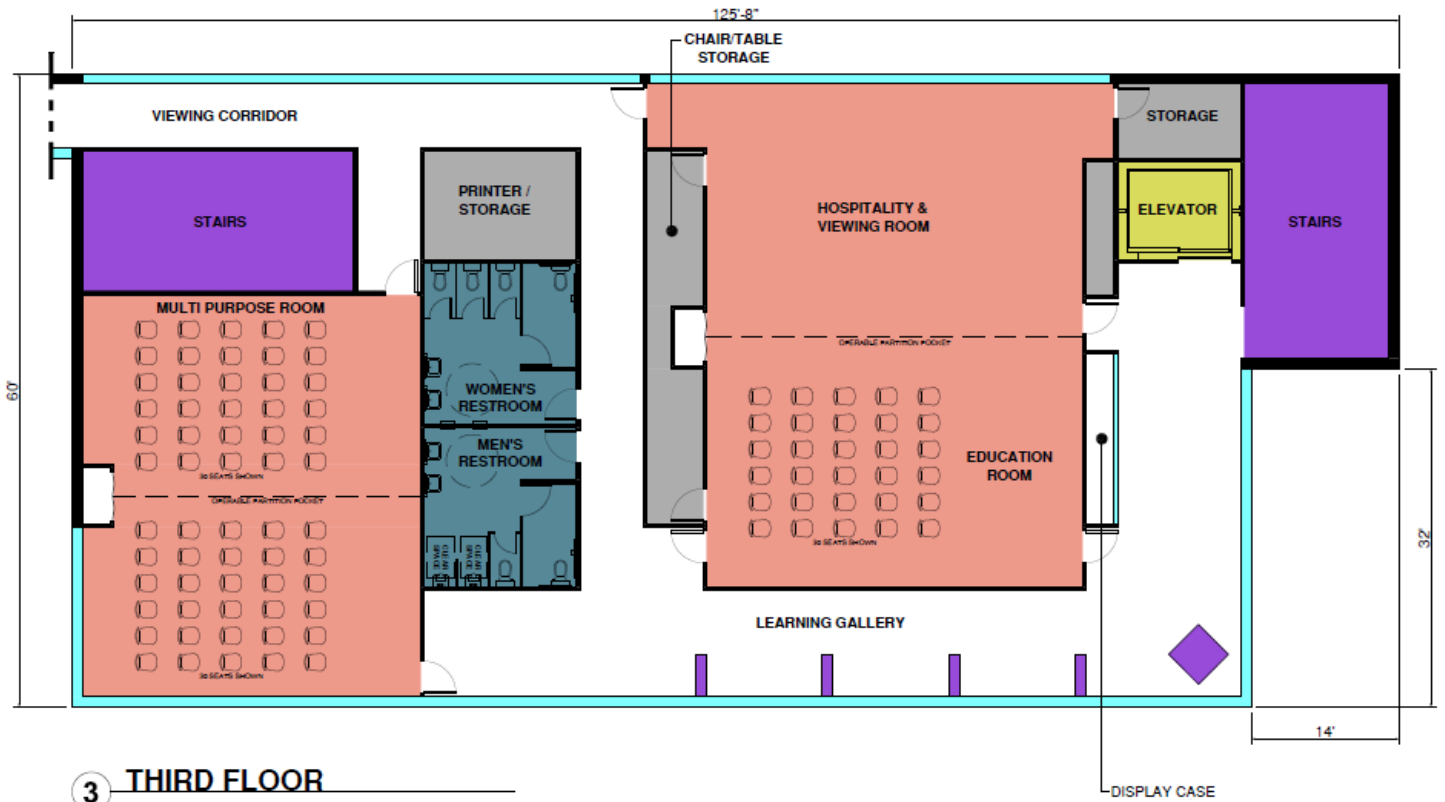
Commissioner Yonker joined the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

#### B. Kent County Bioenergy Facility (CM+A) Update

Director Baas provided an update on Kent County Bioenergy Facility (CM+A) and here are some highlights:

- Water & Sewer cooperation agreement has been approved by Byron, Gaines & Dorr Townships, and the Byron-Gaines Utility Authority (BGUA).
- Fishbeck submitted water/sewer routing to Wyoming and the BGUA; presently working on placement in the rights-of-way.
- The Planned Unit Development (PUD) for zoning was submitted to the Dorr Township Planning Commission and will be reviewed at their 10/18 meeting.
- The development team, lead by Fishbeck, drafted development standards to provide guidance to prospective developers so that each proposed development within the SBP is consistent.
- Fishbeck continue to work with the Kent and Allegan County Road Commissions on road design.
- Below are renderings of the office and education space:





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**IV. Waste to Energy Facility Operations**

**A. Granger Construction CM Agreement Amendment – AR**

Director Baas reviewed the action request. The Board of Public Works approved a construction management services contract with Granger Construction for Waste-to-Energy Facility Life Extension for Construction Management Services capital improvement projects on February 3, 2022 (“CM Contract”). The CM Contract bridges the operations and maintenance transition from Covanta Energy to Vicinity Energy and requires each project have a GMP.

To meet project schedules, certain long lead materials and custom engineered systems requires Granger to place orders and provide services in advance of establishing a GMP. The CM Contract requires an amendment enabling Granger to order long lead materials and provide services in advance of establishing a GMP.

The projects contain unique custom-engineered systems equipment that need to be procured prior to establishing GMP and cannot be reasonably bid. Granger must still establish GMP required by the CM Contract, seek competitive proposals for unique systems and components, and formally bid mechanical, electrical and other trade services.

This action is pursuant to Fiscal Policy – Centralized Purchasing Policy 7.2.7 Bid Exception determined by the Purchasing Manager to be in the best interest of DPW for custom-engineered systems.

**Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Janes and supported by Commissioner Yonker to authorize the DPW Director to execute Waste-to-Energy authorized capital improvement project contract amendments with Granger Construction to procure long lead materials, custom-engineered components and services in advance of a submitting a Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”), and to waive Fiscal Policy – Centralized Purchasing Procedures bid requirements for unique custom-engineered systems equipment and services.

Motion carried unanimously.

**V. Accounting & Finance**

A. 2023 NKTS/REC/SKL Disposal Rates – AR

Director Baas reviewed the action request. Attached is the proposed 2023 Kent County Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling Rates schedule and Waste Descriptions. Rates for North Kent Transfer Station, South Kent Landfill and Recycling and Education Center remain unchanged from 2022 rates.

The Environmental and Safety Fee, Michigan Surcharge and County Surcharge are included in load rates for the minimum charge customers.

Staff Recommends approval of the 2023 Rates Schedule and Waste Descriptions.

**Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Skaggs and supported by Commissioner Burrill to approve the 2023 Rates Schedule and Waste Description or the North kent Transfer Station, South Kent Landfill and the Recycling and Education Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2023 WTE Disposal Rates – AR

Director Baas reviewed the action request. The General Refuse disposal fee of \$74.00 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 2022 rate. No Adjustments are necessary.

Staff recommends approval of the 2023 Waste-to-Energy General Refuse Waste Descriptions and Rate Schedule.

**Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Janes and supported by Commissioner Yonker to approve the 2023 Waste-to-Energy Facility General Refuse and Special Waste disposal rates.

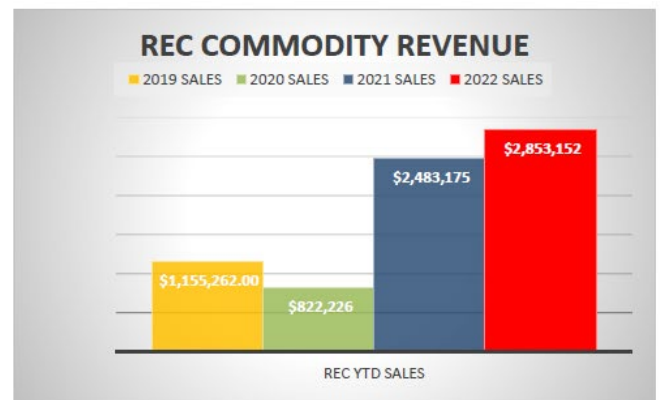
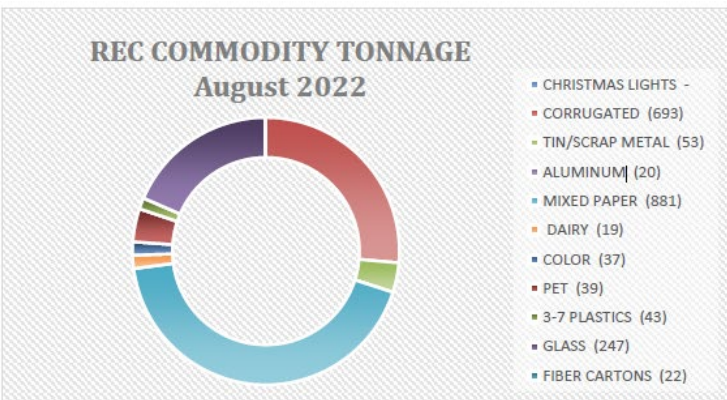
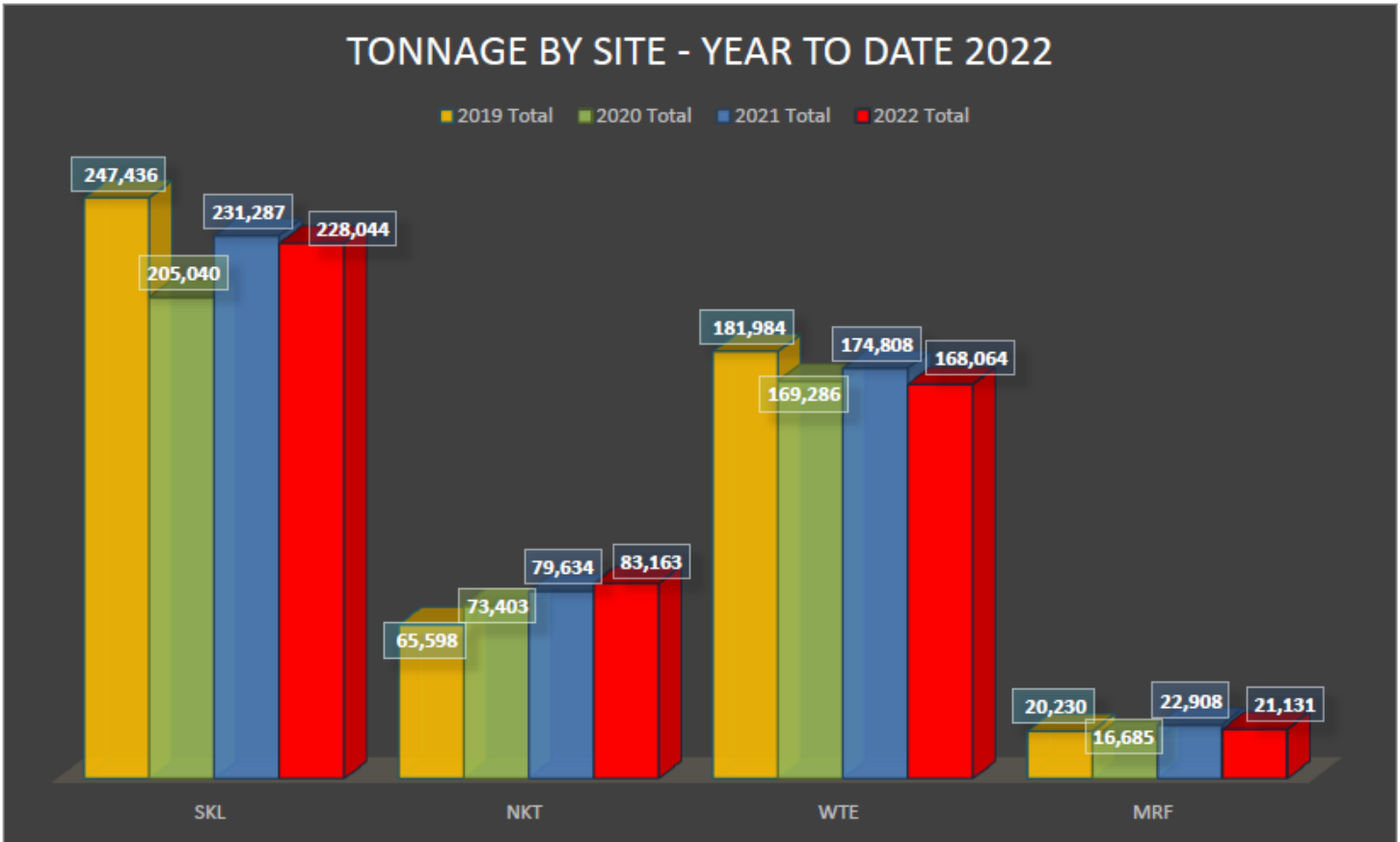
Motion carried unanimously.

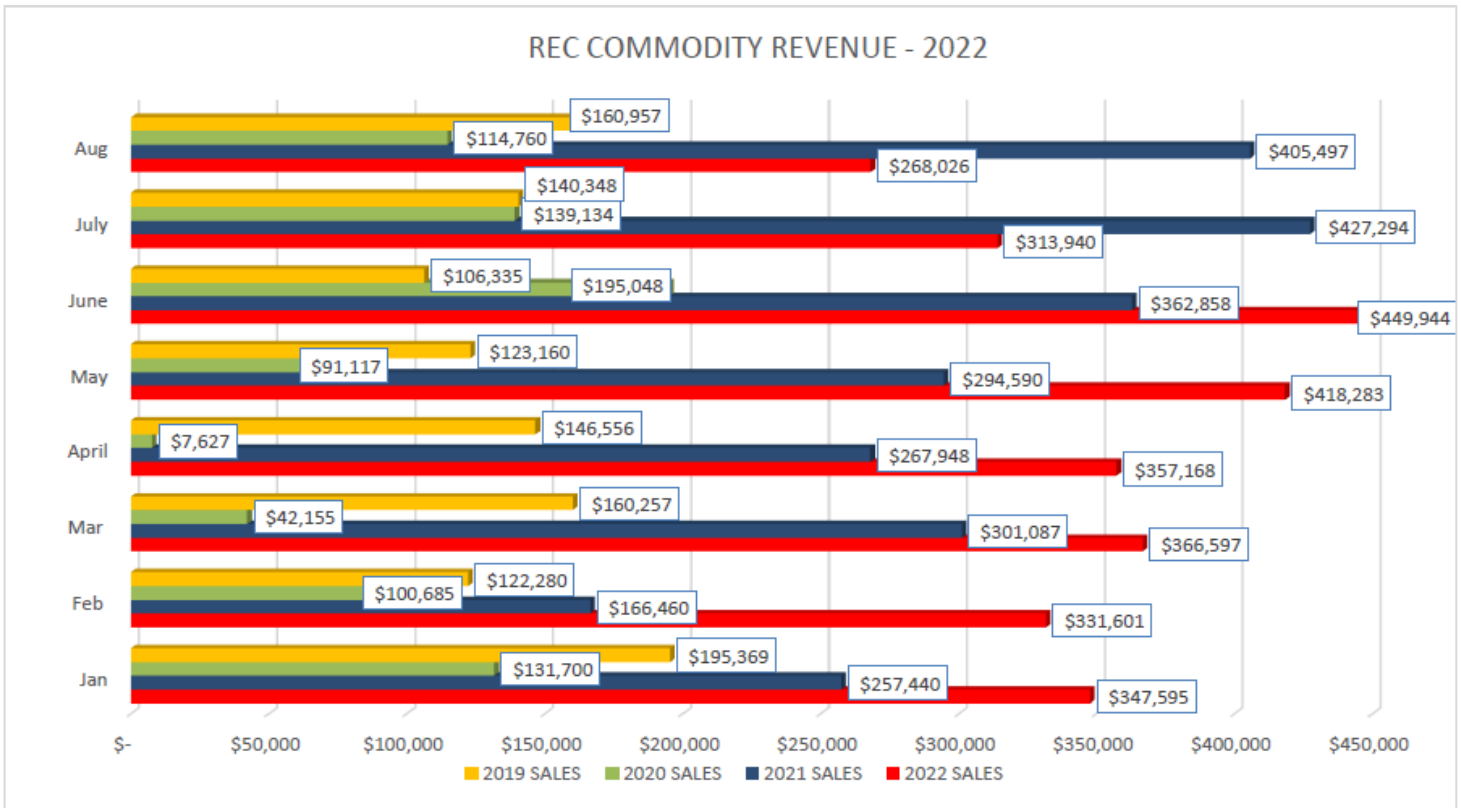
**VI. Director's Report**

**A. New Budget Cycle**

Director Baas briefly discussed the new budget cycle. The 2023 Budget year is from January 2022 to September 30, 2022 and the 2024 Budget year is from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

**B. DPW AT-A-Glance**





C. SKL Cell 56

Director Baas discussed the South Kent Landfill (SKL) Cell 56. It is the last available cell and it will be constructed in 2023. Based on current fill rates, Cell 56 will be filled by 2029.

**VII. Public Comment/ Miscellaneous**

Ben Bosch from Bin There Dump That commented that DIY remodelers are slowing down and has notice the decrease in waste. His business is 95% Residential and 5% Businesses.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.