



KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
September 1, 2022
8:30 AM

Kent County Department of Public Works
Large Conference Room, 2nd Floor
977 Wealthy St. SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Yonker

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; JD Ham, Safety Manager; Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager; Dan Rose, Solid Waste Operations Manager; Katelyn Kikstra, Resource Recovery Specialist; Jonathan Neracher, Resource Recovery Specialist; Diane Druckenmiller, Arrowwaste; John Van Tholen, Van Tholen & Associates; Joseph Gostomski, Plummers Disposal; John Gorney, City of Grand Rapids; James Hurt, City of Grand Rapids; Ben Bosch, Bin There Dump That; Sam Biggio, Waste Recovery Systems

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Brieve called the meeting to order at 8:39 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 Greene to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

III. Administration

A. Vicinity Energy Service Agreement – AR

Director Baas reviewed the action request. In February 2022, the Board of Public Works approved a Transition Agreement with Vicinity Energy to observe existing operations, schedules boiler outages and review facility maintenance documentation to establish workflow for plant operations including operations management, environmental health & safety, human resources, maintenance management, parts inventory and supplies, standard operating procedures, IT, engineering and other support services to develop a Service Agreement and successful transition on February 2, 2023.

DPW and Vicinity Energy developed an Operations and Maintenance Service Agreement (SA) providing an initial 10-year term with provisions for two additional 5-year terms. The SA defines such items as the operational standards, personnel, compliance, payment for services, insurance, and liability provisions for both parties.

If approved, the SA will commence on February 2, 2023 and Vicinity Energy will continue to operate under the provisions of the Transition Agreement through February 1, 2023, the end of term of the Transition Agreement.

Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the terms of the agreement.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Skaggs and seconded by Commissioner Janes to approve and authorize the Director to sign the Vicinity Energy Operations and Maintenance Service Agreement to operate the Kent County Waste-to-Energy Facility.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bulkowski joined the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

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

Director Baas provided an update on the Kent County Bioenergy Facility (CM+A). Here are some highlights:

- Byron Township approved the Water & Sewer Cooperation Agreement with Byron Center, Gains & Dorr Townships, and the Byron-Gains Utility Authority on August 22, 2022.
- The Sustainable Business Park (SBP) Infrastructure Design Team and Kent County Bioenergy Facility Team met with Allegan County Health Department staff responsible for the Allegan County Solid Waste Management Plan for guidance.
- The SBP Infrastructure Design Team and Kent County Bioenergy Facility Team presented and provided a project update to the Allegan County Solid Waste Planning Committee.
- The SBP Infrastructure Design Team attended a permit preapplication meeting with EGLE.
- The Kent County Bioenergy Facility (CM+A) Team provided a 3-D rendering of the mixed-waste processing facility.

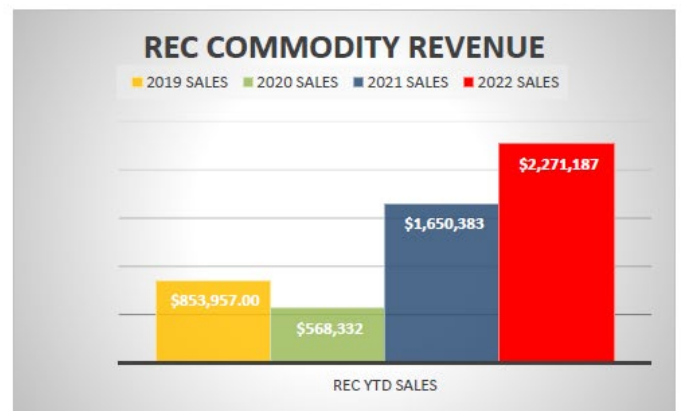
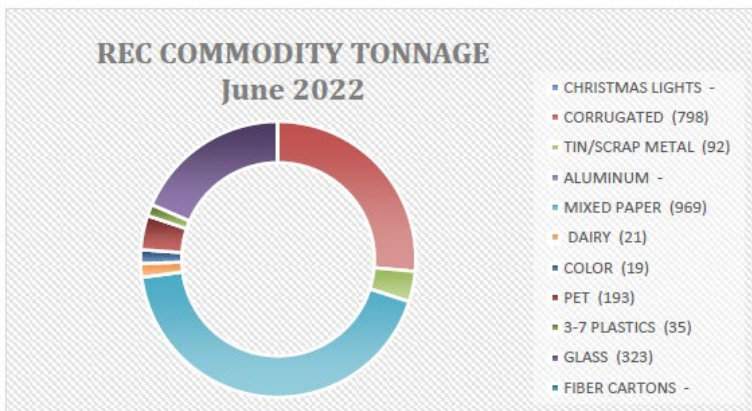
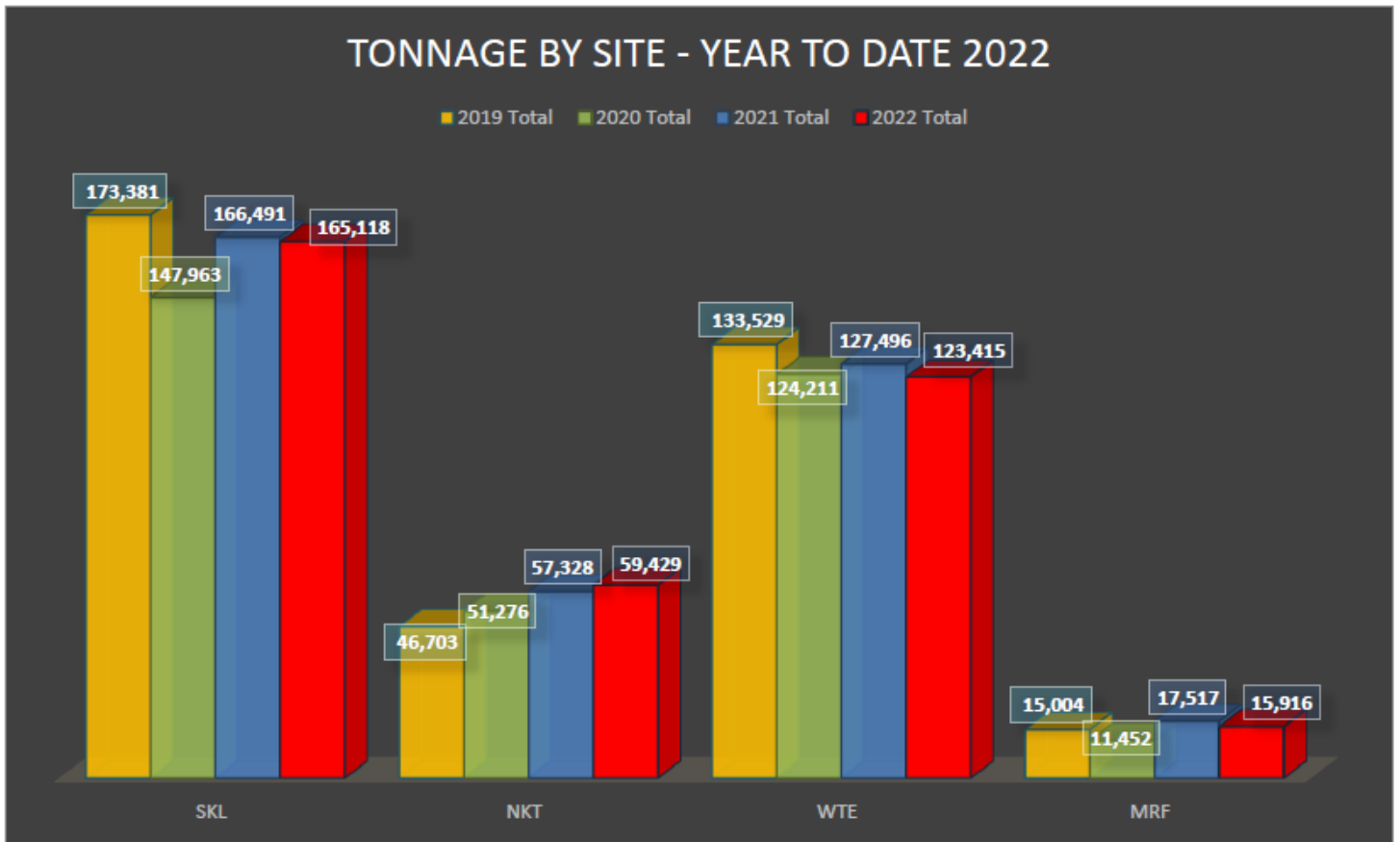
Commissioner Burrill joined the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

IV. **Director’s Report**

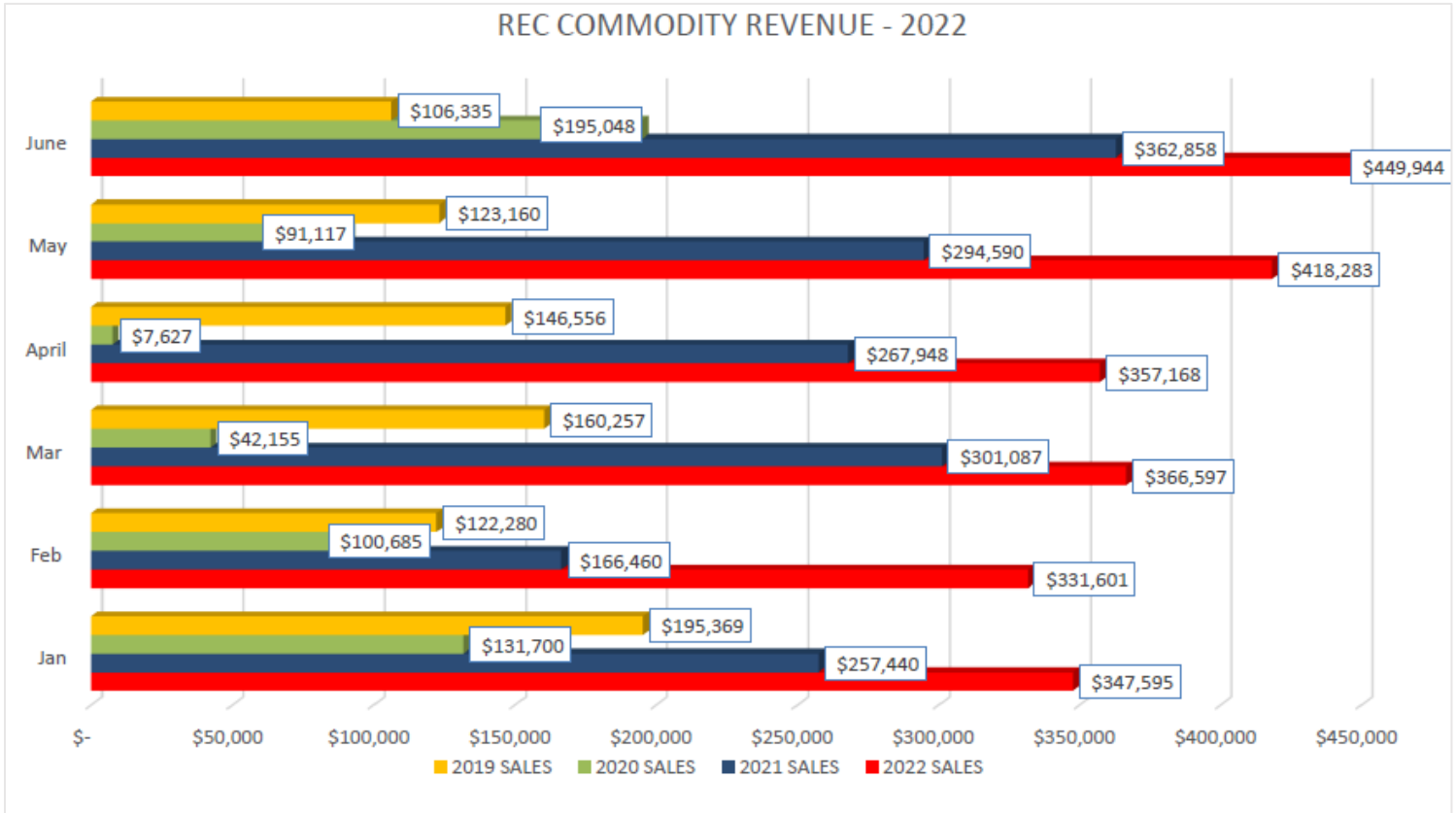
A. Communications & Marketing Manager – Introduction

Director Baas introduced Steve Faber, Communications & Marketing Manager. He started on Monday, August 22, 2022 and was unable to be present at the meeting.

B. DPW At-A-Glance



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V. Public Comment/Miscellaneous

Joe Gostomski from Plummers Disposal introduced himself. He looks forward to future meeting and discussions.

VI. Adjournment

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