



KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

May 3, 2018

8:30 AM

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

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

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; Oscar Garcia, Utility Operations Works – Liquid Process; Calvin Brinks, Purchasing/Fleet Services Manager; John Van Tholen, Sales & Community Representative at Granger; Russ Boersma, General Manager at Arrowaste Inc.

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 Janes to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Administration

A. Years of Service Awards

- Wayne Ardnt, Systems Administrator – 15 years
Director Baas acknowledged Wayne Ardnt, Systems Administrator for his 15 years of service.
- Tim Marsh, Transfer Station Operator – 10 years
Director Baas acknowledged Tim Marsh, Transfer Station Operator for his 10 years of service.

B. Retirement Recognition – Oscar Garcia; 33 years of service

Director Baas thanked staff member Oscar Garcia, Utility Operations Works – Liquid Process for his years of service.

V. Waste to Energy Operations

A. Transfer Trailer – AR

Director Baas reviewed the Transfer Trailer Action Request. Staff recommends purchase of two steel closed top transfer trailers for \$118,418 per each from Spector Manufacturing of Saint Clair, PA. The new transfer trailers will replace two trailers in the fleet that have reached the end of useful life.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Janes and seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk to approve the purchase of two transfer trailers from Spector Manufacturing Inc. and authorize the Director to execute procurement documentation in the amount not to exceed \$236,836.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Solid Waste Operations

A. SKL Water Truck – AR

Director Baas reviewed the SKL Water Truck Action Request. Staff recommends purchase of the 2003 Sterling 4000 Gallon Water Truck. The current water truck holds limited amounts of water and is at the end of its useful life.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to purchase the 2003 Sterling Water Truck for the South Kent Landfill from AIS Construction Equipment for the total amount of \$65,000 and authorize the Director to execute the associated contracts.

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Accounting & Finance

A. 2017 Financial and Operations Review – Presentation

Director Bass presented the 2017 Financial and Operations review. Here are some highlights:

- The Waste to Energy Facility received 258,991 tons of waste.
- South Kent Landfill received 347,465 tons of municipal solid waste in 2017 up from 312,256 tons in 2016, an increase of 11%.
- 42,735 tons of Waste to Energy combustion ash was received in 2017 up from 41,847 tons in 2016 for an increase of 2%.
- Staff conducted 168 tours at the Recycling and Education Center and 30 tours at South Kent Landfill.

VIII. Director's Report

A. Resource Park RFI Responses

Director Baas discussed the 23 responses received for the Resource Park Request for Information. On 5/9/18, the committee will be meeting to sort through the responses.

B. Chinese SWORD/impact on REC Commodity Prices

Director Baas discussed the impact of the China SWORD program. China banned import of certain recycling stream commodities including mixed paper. The glut of mixed paper in the domestic market is causing MRFs to shut down, paper to be landfilled and depress pricing. In April 2017, Kent County was paid \$85/ton for mixed paper whereas the price today is \$5/ton.

C. WTE Front End Processing Facility

Director Baas reviewed the WTE Front End Processing proposed drawings. Most of the waste at the facility can be recycled and moved into a commodity stream instead of a fuel stream. This is an option to reduce the high heating value which will allow for a higher throughput at the facility.

D. LHR Committee – Performance Management Presentation

Director Baas discussed the presentation at LHR Committee meeting next week Tuesday regarding DPW's Performance Measurements.

IX. Miscellaneous

Commissioner Koorndyk discussed a letter from the Supervisor at Algoma Township requesting a tour of the North Kent Facility. Director Baas shared that both Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager and Director Baas has been in contact with Kevin Green. A tour will be scheduled towards the end of May.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.