



KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

October 1, 2020

8:30 AM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Brieve, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Antor, Vonk

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Bulkowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Darwin Baas, Director; Kimberly Williams, Finance Division Director; Alisha Barber, Office Manager; Becky Dyer, Division Financial Supervisor; Nic VanderVinne, Resource Recovery and Recycling Manager; Dan Rose, Solid Waste Operations Manager; Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager; Kristen Wieland, Marketing & Communications Manager; Lauren Westerman, Resource Recovery Specialist; Katelynn Nettler, Resource Recovery Specialist; Isaac Thaler, Resource Recovery Specialist; Craig Paull, Indigent Defense Administrator/Attorney Administrator/Controller; Calvin Brinks, Purchasing/Fleet Services Manager; John Van Tholen, Van Tholen & Associates; Russ Boersma, Arrowwaste; Pat Greve, Waste Management; Bill Stough, Sustainable Research Group; Diane Druckenmiller, Arrowwaste; Charles Hauser, Granger Waste Services; Bob Swain, City of Grand Rapids; Fred Sawyer, Waste Management; Bob Wilcox, Fleis & Vandenbrink; Brian Rice, Fleis & Vandenbrink; Robert Edgar, North Kent Sewer Authority

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Emily Brieve.

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 Skaggs to approve the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda was approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Brieve, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Vonk, Antor

ABSENT: Commissioner Bulkowski

NAYS: None

III. Administration

A. DPW Administrative Office/SafeChem Update

Director Baas discussed the two PowerPoint slides. The first slide showed the rear view and the front view of the Administrative Office/SafeChem building.

The City of Grand Rapids' zoning requirement on the Wealthy Street corridor requires parking in the rear of the building. To be consistent with the rest of the campus and from a public safety and public access standpoint, the City of Grand Rapids agreed it made more sense to have the entrance in the front.



The second slide is an aerial view of the site plan.



DPW expects to provide a final design and cost proposal in February. Also, DPW anticipates being in the building by November.

IV. Environmental Compliance Management

A. NKL PFAS Treatment Facility Phase I – AR

Director Baas reviewed the action request. The removal of PFAS chemicals from North Kent Landfill is required by the North Kent Sewer Authority (NKSA) due to discharge volume and high concentrations of PFAS in the leachate.

A comprehensive PFAS treatment system was designed in 2019 with Phase I of the system treating landfill leachate. Four bids for construction of Phase I of the treatment system were received (Bid 4048) by the Kent County Purchasing Division:

- **D & K Engineered Construction** **\$1,323,386**
- **Skye Contracting** **\$1,354,300**
- **Triangle Associates** **\$1,445,000**
- **Grand River Construction** **\$1,469,700**

The construction of Phase I of the PFAS treatment system will ensure NKL leachate discharged to sewer will not adversely impact NKSA operations and protect human health and the environment.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Vonk and seconded by Commissioner Yonker to approve D&K Engineered Construction to construct Phase I of the North Kent Landfill PFAS Treatment System in accordance with Solicitation 4048 in the amount of \$1,323,386.

The action request was approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Brieve, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Vonk, Antor

ABSENT: Commissioner Bulkowski

NAYS: None

V. Accounting & Finance

A. 2021 WTE Disposal Rates – AR

Director Baas reviewed the action request. The General Refuse disposal fee of \$55.00 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 2020 rate. No adjustments are necessary.

Staff recommends approval of the 2021 Waste-to-Energy General Refuse Waste Descriptions and Rate Schedule.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Janes and seconded by Commissioner Vonk to approve the 2021 Waste-to-Energy Facility General Refuse and Special Waste disposal rates.

The action request was approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Brieve, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Vonk, Antor

ABSENT: Commissioner Bulkowski

NAYS: None

B. 2021 SWO Disposal Rates – AR

Director Baas reviewed the action request. Attached is the proposed 2021 Waste Descriptions and Rates Schedule. Rates for North Kent Transfer Station and Material Recycling Facility have not changed from the 2020 Rates. Rates for the South Kent Landfill increased \$5.00 per ton. This rate is now consistent with the North Kent Transfer Station.

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 2021 Waste Descriptions and Rate Schedule.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Skaggs and seconded by Commissioner Janes to approve the 2021 Waste Description and Rates schedule for North Kent Transfer Station, South Kent Landfill and the Material Recycling Facility.

The action request was approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Brieve, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Vonk, Antor

ABSENT: Commissioner Bulkowski

NAYS: None

VI. Director's Report

Director Baas provided an update on the Sustainable Business Park. DPW received nine responses to the request for anchor tenant proposal. In spring of 2021, DPW will have a final recommendation to the Board of Public Works.

VII. Public Comment/Miscellaneous

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.