

Chautauqua County Landfill Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2024

Members Present: D. Pavlock, C. Storer, J. Van Volkenburg, A. Gustafson, A. Ricotta
Others Present: P. Chagnon

Call to Order: 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Pavlock

Minutes of the previous meeting were not available.

Old Business:

BPU position on this Commission remains vacant. We assert the value of a member from the BPU.

New Business:

Reviewed the accident investigation and follow-up actions taken following the death of a public user at the NCTS.

Issue was raised about items unacceptable in the landfill from recent municipal cleanup actions (i.e., biohazardous materials including syringe needles). Health and safety risks to container handlers \ landfill workers and regulatory risks to container service providers. Education or restatement of rules on management of specially regulated wastes to affected municipal workers could be useful.

NYS extended producer responsibility as an issue of interest. NYS is considering increasing manufacturer ownership of product end-of-life recyclability.

A. Gustafson presented his report to the Commission on the current status and activities of the Landfill and Transfer Stations. See attached copy and additional information below:

-Note on financial posture: it is budget planning time

-Notes on Resolution to authorize agreements with municipalities for landfill use: more revenue for county; depletion allowance is built into every landfill fee, so future capacity is funded.

-Note on Maintenance Operations: Chautauqua Green Energy collection volumes of LF gas inconsistent and lower than planned levels, contributes to less than ideal equipment function for CGE.

The next meeting is October 2, 2024, 6 p.m. at the Chautauqua County Landfill Office Building

Adjourned 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by A. Ricotta

Date: August 7, 2024
To: Landfill Commission
From: Aaron Gustafson, Landfill Manager
Re: Division of Solid Waste Report-August Commission Meeting



Daniel Pavlock, John Penhollow, Christine Storer, Mark Schlemmer, James Van Volkenburg, Angela Ricotta

Financial Posture

- July has been a bit slower than the rest of the year, it is the first month this year that we are averaging less tonnage than last year (about 29 tons/day less).
- However, overall for the year we are at 59% of what we budgeted for revenue and only 49% of what we budgeted for expenses (63 tons/day more)(our actual money in vs money out are still a positive gain)

Regulatory Compliance

- B&L is working on our Solid Waste permit renewal, which subsequently has them also working on
 - our local Solid Waste Plan submittal to the state.
 - a radiation detection plan and instillation bid
 - our stormwater plan revision
- Labella came and performed there first quarter of Ground water monitoring under our new contract with them.(for Q3)
- Q#2 surface scan is completed/ EPA came and performed a short noticed SEM scan.(we performed much better than most landfills)
- We just sent in our discharge monitoring report to the EPA at the end of July

Resolutions

- One resolution -Authorize Agreements with Municipalities for Landfill Use

Capital Projects Status

- ETS retaining wall - on going
 - Finish building gate barriers
 - B&L started the Engineering assessment for roof over waste trailers (B&L)
- Phase IV – on going
- Equipment account-Purchased 4 new waste trailers
- Gas well Maintenance account-on going- installed gas line extension and repaired old line
- Waiting on Shop Upgrade assessment (B&L) came and did there measurements and inspection

Maintenance Operations

- Recycling markets are still poor.(I had a call from Casella looking into taking our recycling locally)
- Our big excavator is still not running correctly. However, Upstate has been coming out to do some work on the machine at NO-CHARGE.
- Engine compartment fire in our older Landfill Compactor went out to bid for the repair work and no one bid (Aljon is working on there "license to do work in NYS", then we will rebid)
- Have not heard anything from the Ulster County RFP since they sent a last chance pricing email.
- Equipment purchases for 2023
 - a new semi-tractor- (Almost completed waiting on Mirrors)

- rebid the pickup ordered last year (due to strike) Chevy coming (Was delivered to us July 26 2024)
- Equipment purchases for 2024
 - Landfill compactor scheduled for Oct, 31st delivery.
 - Purchased new trailers
- working on credit/debit card service implementation.
 - New computers installed
 - Wasteworks upgrade being scheduled.(Thursday August 29 @ 3:30pm)
- CGE
 - Still working on timing of some reporting.
 - we received a date of end of June to have Engine #3 completed (it is not repaired yet)
- Wetlands projects
 - Stream mitigation project
 - looking good. (will be planting a couple more shrubs in one spot and hand pruning Japanese Knotweed)
 - landfill wetland
 - Doing well from our standpoint.

Transfer Station Operations

New signage on recyclables

NCTS -Status quo- repaired from the July 11th accident (The gentleman passed away on the 30th), have done some lawn work

SCTS -status quo for this time of year

WCTS - status quo Gates painted, doing some lawn work

ETS -Status quo for this time of year.

Staffing

- All positions filled Except our shared Engineer with the Highway

Miscellaneous Items

- Fall conference is Sept 22-24
- Stoney Brook coming back to do more assessments in the fall
- Potential leachate treatment on the horizon
- BPU to replace Paul Snyder on commission (Alex Pickett)
- BPU leachate line agreement