

SEVEN MILE CREEK LANDFILL STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2023

Members Present: Jessica Janssen, Kathy Campbell, Joe Knight, Matt Steinbach, Richard Arnold

Members Absent: Nathan Otto, Lane Berg, Jon Johnson

Others Present: Mark Vinall, John Blackmon, Phil Schumacher

Call To Order: Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. at the Seymour Town Hall by Jessica Janseen, Town of Seymour Chair and Committee Chair

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Matt Steinbach and seconded by Joe Knight to approve the Minutes of February 2, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Committee Membership: Nate can only attend on evenings or weekends. Jessica will ask that Joe Knight be appointed in his place. Jess will forward Nick Smiar's Notice of Appointment to Corporation Counsel, Sharon McIlquaham.

Landfill Data Presentation & Summary: Mark Vinall provided a review of the quarterly reports.

- SMCL collected 62,941 Eligible tons for the first quarter of 2023. Historically, the first quarter is significantly lower due to the winter season.
- Host Fee was increased as of 1/1/23 to \$2.13 per eligible ton and the TOS received an increase to .27 per eligible ton.
- Private Well Monitoring: 5 eligible property owners opted into having their results shared with the committee. Two VOCs (acetone and bromomethane) were detected; however, they were too low to accurately measure, not found in historic data from that well and were also found in the lab trip blank. Overall, 20 wells were tested.
- Leachate: Rain and snowfall levels may have caused an increase in leachate levels.
- 7 Mile Creek is monitored biannually in the Spring and Fall in two locations, along Co. Q and Co. QQ.
- There was one odor complaint reported during the first quarter. The Annual Compliance report to the DNR identified two deviations to the air permit requirements. SMCL is required to maintain records of odor complaints and any additional measures taken to abate or control odor in response to a complaint. An odor complaint came in after hours, making an investigation and response difficult to conduct in a timely manner. A second deviation was due to failure of monthly oxygen monitoring data to be stored electronically in December 2022.
- Litter was picked up on Q 45 times and Q was swept 24 times. Truck inspections are conducted on a random basis. Wind fences have been used frequently to collect debris and employees have removed the debris that has been flying from the waste site.
- Regulatory Reporting: An RD&D plan renewal request was submitted to the DNR and approved, allowing SMCL to continue to add liquids other than recirculated leachate to the waste and evaluate the allowable and methods and locations of leachate recirculation and other liquids addition.

- Tax Statement for Sociological Payment: There was some confusion when neighbors received a 1099 for the 2022 payment April 21, 2023 from an unfamiliar Holding Company. GFL is not required to send a 1099 if the amount is less than \$500.00. All payments made in future will be greater than \$500, requiring a timely tax report to be sent by GFL.
- Plan of Operation Modification Request was submitted to the DNR, requesting a variance to the fine grained component of P200 sieve size. Request was denied. The exemption would require a rule change and SMCL withdrew the request.
- Annual Biopile Report was submitted to DNR: 1, 363.45 tons of qualifying soils were accepted in 2022 for bioremediation.
- Collection & Monitoring Systems: No changes in Gas or Leachate Collection Systems. No change in Monitoring system or facility improvements. A new scale was installed.
- Request from Kathy that the quarterly review include the vertical level of the landfill.
- Richard voiced concern that ownership of the landfill is listed as SMCL, LLC instead of GFL, making it difficult to access the financial data. He has requested that GFL send him financial reports to determine if they have taken adequate steps to ensure against future environmental liability. He has not yet received the GFL reports. Waste Management did send him requested financial reports regarding asset and liability accounting. Waste Management's financial reports for 2021 and 2022 show landfill asset costs and as tonnage is received, depleted waste costs and accrues associated landfill and environmental liability. The committee has received operating data, but not the associated financial reporting for that data. Richard is requesting that the committee receive the financial reports for assets and liabilities for GFL Everglades Holdings, LLC and its subsidiary, SMCL, LLC. prior to the next meeting.
- Organic Waste: 25-30% of methane gas is not captured. A sniffer drone monitors and conducts scans of the landfill area. Richard encouraged GFL to take actions that would assist with the diversion of organic waste from the landfill to composting to extend its lifespan. He suggested that they explore the possibility of developing a Gasification plant or C-teck plant to reduce organics in the landfill.

Discussion & Action Items:

Health Department Inspection: Waste filling took place in Phases 12B, 13A, 13B, and 13C. Average waste collection is approximately 1800 tons per day. Riverside Construction of Wausau will begin constructing Phase 14A in two weeks.

Spring thaw and heavy rain necessitated cover operations to repair washouts. A leachate tank will be added as part of the expansion process. Leachate lines will be cleaned and video monitored. The rain cap held up well. The compost sector has remained static.

Leachate has increased to approximately 25,000 gallons per day. It's being hauled to Chippewa Falls, Menomonie and Medford. No complaints were made to the Health Department.

Property Protection Letter: Jessica proposed that a letter be sent by GFL to property owners eligible to utilize the property protection plan from GFL. She shared a draft of a cover letter for our review and suggested that Exhibit K on page 74 of the Final Negotiated Agreement, dated October 22, 2022 be included in the communication. After Jess modifies the letter, GFL will have their attorneys review the cover letter and respond to the request.

Other Business:

- A concerned Tower Drive resident was pleased that truck traffic has decreased with assistance from GFL and the placement of a weight restriction of 6 tons or less on 100 feet of Black Avenue by the Town Board.
- A question was brought up at the County Board meeting regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement. County Board members were informed that any review of the host fee would require all three parties to the agreement to agree to a review. There is no record of a prior Intergovernmental Agreement or recollection by the current representatives of the Town, County or City as to how the division of the host fee was initially determined.
- Kathy would like to resign from the position of Secretary. No one present volunteered to replace her. Jessica will send a request to all members, requesting a replacement for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: August 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn at 3:02 p.m. by Matt Steinbach and seconded by Richard Arnold.