

**SEVEN MILE CREEK LANDFILL STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2023**

Members Present: Jessica Janssen, Kathy Campbell, Richard Arnold, Matt Steinbach, Lane Berg

Members Absent: Joe Knight and Jon Johnson

Others Present: Mark Vinall, John Blackmon, Phil Schmacher

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m. at the Seymour Town Hall by Jessica Janssen, Town of Seymour Chair and Committee Chair.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Matt Steinbach and seconded by Lane Berg to approve the minutes of May 4, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Richard Arnold has reviewed the 2022 GFL annual financial report which consolidates the subsidiaries accruals for long-term closure liabilities of which GFL Everglades Holding, LLC is listed. SMCL, LLC is a subsidiary of Everglades Holding, LLC.

At the consolidation level, as reported in the 2022 Annual Report, landfill closure and post closure obligation are accrued as waste tons are received into the landfill. How does SMCL account for landfill closure and post closure obligations as a subsidiary of a subsidiary? Are these accruals reported in the financial statements of SMCL which would be consolidated in the annual report and can they be reportable to the committee quarterly?

Mark stated that GFL provides long-term care for closure and for 40 years thereafter. The terms of that care is determined by the WDNR and detailed in the Plan of Operation. In 2022, the DNR approved GFL's purchase of \$10 Million of Environmental Liability Insurance through Evergreen Bonding.

Per Mark, this procedure is detailed in the WDNR report and the October, 2022 negotiated agreement. At the October, 2023 Standing Committee meeting, Mark will present the WDNR requirements for which SMLC accounts accrue for closure and post closure obligations on the basis of waste tons landfilled.

Matt suggested that the committee invite a DNR representative to attend a future meeting to hear what their role is in monitoring the October, 2022 agreement with emphasis on closure and post closure so as to prevent environmental impacts on the water, air and land of the Town and County. Jessica will invite Tony Peterson, DNR Engineer, Matt Bachman, DNR Hydrogeologist, or John Morris, DNR manager, to the January meeting.

Kathy brought up complaints from residents on 82nd Avenue due to the high level of dust that has been impacting them for the past several weeks. They also noted the build up of that dust along the fence line. John said that 99.9% of the clay hauling is completed, eliminating the dust concern. They will be cleaning up the guard rails very soon. With the heat and dry conditions,

they have had to water the interior hauling roads more frequently. In late September, they will be hauling granular leachate.

Landfill Data Presentation and Summary: Mark Vinall provided a review of the second quarter reports:

- Quarter 2 saw an increase in the collections of tonnage. In 2022, GFL collected 96,224 total tons; whereas, the collection for 2023 was 97,033 total tons. The host fee is based on eligible tonnage and totaled \$180,156.64 for Quarter 2.
- Leachate removal was down for Sector 1, but up for Sector 2 due to seasonal variability. Leachate is delivered to Chippewa Falls, Menomonie and Medford. A leachate seep was detected on May 26, 2023. Clean up efforts to remove impacted materials and their disposal into the active area occurred on May 31, 2023.
- The Landfill Annual Open House is scheduled for September 14, 11:00-2:00 p.m. Residents were sent a flyer.
- GFL filed an Expedited Plan Modification to the DNR to forego subsurface soil samples. This modification was granted.
- The annual Groundwater Report lists 6 wells abandoned and 2 replaced in October, 2022. Groundwater flow remains unchanged. Groundwater monitoring results for 2022 did not exceed acceptable levels. 3 upgradient wells have identified some low level VOCs which most likely are associated with other businesses in the area. Conductance was found in the wells situated by the Seymour Landfill area. These results are analyzed and monitored over time.
- Resistivity tests monitor for leaks in the lining.
- Seven Mile Creek is tested two times per year.
- Kathy and Richard are having difficulty accessing the reports electronically. Mark will explore another means of sending the documents for review.

Discussion and Action Items:

Phil provided a summary report of Quarter 2 operations:

- Waste is being placed in Phases 13A, 13B and 13C. Approximately 1500 tons are collected per day.
- The construction phase in 14A has begun. Clay is being hauled and hours of operation were extended temporarily to 6:30 p.m., but will be ending soon.
- The rain cap near the new construction has been rolled back to tie in with the new phase. Other sections of the rain cap have held up well.
- Litter and street sweeping have been conducted.
- Two odor complaints were reported to the landfill operator.
- Compost collection has been static. New parts for the compost turner have been ordered and compost will be managed once the parts are installed.
- Leachate has increased to 32,000 gallons per day.

Jessica will send a revised Property Plan letter to John Blackmon to be approved by corporate.

Other Business:

- Home sales and new residential homes are being built within the one mile area and the list of those eligible for the sociological payment needs to reflect these changes in time for GFL to make the 2023 payment. The Register of Deeds office could flag the eligible property, and it will appear when there is a title search, alerting the buyer and closing agent. Jessica will contact Jon Johnson to check on whether this request has been made to the ROD's office.
- Lane shared that a PFAS Removal Facility will be constructed to strip the PFAS from the water through an ion exchange process or using a carbon cell.
- Nathan Otto is no longer a member of the Committee.

Next Meeting: October 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., at the Town of Seymour Town Hall

Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn at 3:55 p.m. by Richard Arnold and seconded by Matt Steinbach.
Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Campbell