

**SEVEN MILE CREEK LANDFILL STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2023**

Members Present: Jessica Janssen, Kathy Campbell, Jon Johnson, Richard Arnold, Matt Steinbach

Members Absent: Joe Knight, Lane Berg

Others Present: Mark Vinall, John Blackmon, Phil Schumacker

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m. at the Seymour Town Hall by Jessica Janssen, Town of Seymour Chair and Committee Chair

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Matt Steinbach and seconded by Jon Johnson to approve the minutes of August 24, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Landfill Data Presentation and Summary:

Mark Vinall provided copies of the "Increase Penalty Rider", dated December 15, 2022 in the amount of \$10,087,916.93 by Evergreen National Indemnity Company, as surety, on behalf of Seven Mile Creek Landfill, LLC as current principal and the WDNR as Obligee for the continuity for long-term care performance. This financial instrument is required by the WDNR to ensure that landfills are closed properly, sufficient funds are available to cover closure costs, "worst case scenarios" and maintain long-term care after closure for at least 40 years based on the Plan of Operations. The bond amount would decrease based on the number of years remaining in the 40 year term.

- Mark noted that there was less waste collected in Q3 than Q2; however, Q4 collection is looking strong.
- Leachate is being sent to Menomonie, Chippewa Falls and Medford.
- Crew checks the fences along the Welch and Olinger property lines weekly for litter.
- A 10 foot fence will be installed on the east perimeter to catch windblown debris. Neighbors along that perimeter were informed by John.
- New gas header will be installed to connect to the rain cap. John said it shouldn't cause odor.

There was a discussion of odor and dust complaints, record-keeping and the landfill's response. The DNR Plan of Operation outlines the responsibilities of the landfill operator in the event there are odor or dust control issues. Due to the construction of the new cell, there was an increase in the dust and odors in the summer and fall. One neighbor stated that she has noticed odors on a regular basis. John had sent out a notification letter to the neighbors on September 29, 2023 to inform them of dust control measures and additional on-site traffic that may occur until November 15. It was suggested that he continue to send notifications to prepare the neighbors for upcoming odors or other concerns, gather information about scentometers, and utilize neutral odor suppressants when detected. Matt suggested asking neighbors for their email address to supply the notifications in a timely, efficient way.

Discussion and Action Items: Phil Schumacher provided a summary of Quarter 3 Operations at the Landfill:

- Waste is being collected in Phase 12A, 12B and 13A. Construction and addition of the clay liner for 14A has been installed. Drainage rock, pump vault and leachate lines installation is scheduled to be completed by January.
- New 100,000 gallon leachate tank and containment wall has been constructed and the leak test has to be completed before the tank can collect leachate.
- The rain cap has been patched.
- The compost section collected leaves from fall cleanup.
- The amount of leachate hauled off-site decreased to 28,700 gallons per day.
- The average waste collected is approximately 1600 tons daily.

Other Business/Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Jessica reported that the Register of Deeds office has tagged the properties located in the one-mile radius of the landfill that are eligible for the sociological payment. New owners of these properties will be flagged. This would enable the committee to compare the list yearly to determine the changes in ownership. It will be very time consuming to identify and flag each parcel for ROD personnel, so eligibility for the payment would be picked up during a title search and prorated on the Realtor's closing statement. The county will decide how/when they will accomplish this task.
- A question came up about whether there is a cut-off date by which a new owner would be eligible for the sociological payment. The contract does not mention any particular date. John will ask GFL's attorney if there is a fixed date.
- Jessica will send the Property Plan letter to John for GFL's attorney to approve.
- Richard asked if 7 Mile Creek is tested by GFL for PFOs. Mark said the creek is tested twice a year, but not for PFOs.
- Jessica will contact a WDNR representative to discuss financial disclosure protections at the February meeting.

Set Next Meeting Date: February 1, 2024, 1:00 p.m. at Seymour Town Hall

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 2:53 p.m. by Matt Steinbach and seconded by Jessica Janssen. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Campbell