

**SEVEN MILE CREEK LANDFILL STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

Members Present: Jessica Janssen, Kathy Campbell, Joe Knight, Lane Berg, Richard Arnold

Members Absent: Jon Johnson, Matt Steinbach

Others Present: Mark Vinall

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. at the Seymour Town Hall by Chair, Jessica Janssen.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Kathy Campbell and seconded by Lane Berg to approve the minutes of December 7, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Landfill Data Presentation and Summary:

- Mark Vinall will be submitting reports in the form of PDF documents to ease access, and they will be organized by topic.
- In Quarter 4, 95,384 tons of waste were collected which is slightly higher than the collection total in Quarter 3 and higher than reported for Quarter 4 of 2022. The collections for 2024 will level off to coincide with fewer additional corporate acquisitions.
- The host fee was increased as of 1/1/24 by 3.4%, in accordance with the CPI. The additional fee payable to the Town of Seymour also increased by 3.4% per eligible ton.
- GFL pays \$13 per ton to the WDNR; of which \$7 goes toward recycling; approximately \$5 is used for WDNR administrative costs for solid waste staffing.
- The decrease in the leachate collection for 2023 may be due to lower rainfall in comparison to 2022.
- In December, methane was identified in 9 locations, requiring more cover or wells repaired. A tear in the rain cap was welded and repaired.
- GFL is attempting to find a provider to develop electricity from the methane.
- John and Mark tried to contact Sherry Jasper about her odor complaint, but she hasn't returned their calls. To investigate complaints, they need dates, times, and wind direction.
- John and Mark have been investigating ways to minimize the trash smell and are investigating odor suppressants. Kathy and other neighbors appreciated John sending the 1/29/24 notification about improving the gas system.
- The WDNR inspected the construction site 3-4 times. There was an unannounced DNR inspection 10/13/23 due to litter and dust complaints.
- The DNR cited a Deviation due to contractors turning off the entire gas system rather than the specific area needing repair and because an additional VOC analysis for two wells was due in October, but not completed until December. Monitoring data for Sector 1 & 2 was provided to the DNR.
- The cell is 100% constructed. DNR will give approval to start filling cell 14A. Mark predicts that filling will begin in late April or early May.
- A second leachate storage tank was added for a cost of \$100,000.
- Nine wells were tested for neighboring properties and were all found at an acceptable range.

Discussion and Action Items: Health Department Inspections

- Waste is being collected in Phases 12A and 12B.
- Average daily tonnage has slightly increased to 1500 tons.
- Construction of Phase 14A is nearly complete.
- Finishing of electrical components is nearly complete.
- Internal review final approval from DNR will be sent and a tentative date of April for full operation.
- Two additional operators have been hired, totalling 5 operators on staff.
- New leachate tank has been tested and passed. Leachate has increased to 39,000 gallons per day. It's being hauled to Chippewa Falls, Menomonie and Medford.
- Rain cap is holding up well.
- New, higher fence posts have been installed on the east perimeter and netting will be added later.
- Pipes for the blower system are being replaced to increase efficiency and volume of the gas collection system.
- Trash pickup and street sweeping are occurring daily, as weather permits.
- No complaints filed with the Health Department in Q4.

Property Protection Plan Letter to Eligible Residents: Jessica sent the letter to GFL for review.

2023 Sociological Payments and Deadline: John said all eligible residents received their annual payment in January. A new owner must occupy eligible property by November 30th to receive the annual sociological payment, according to the contract. The deadline to submit the completed W-9 form is not stated in the contract. Mark will ask the account payable clerks to recommend a reasonable deadline date to have the paperwork completed.

DNR Jurisdiction on Closures: Jessica contacted the DNR and was told they have no jurisdiction regarding closure of a landfill. The owner is required to follow the contract. Post-closure the DNR monitors the leachate disposal and this continues for perpetuity.

EC County Register of Deeds: The ROD office has been asked to identify, develop and record a document containing the terms of the sociological payment for each eligible property in the one-mile radius. The ROD office does not have the staff time to complete such a large task. Joe will contact Rod Eslinger, Director of Planning & Development to discuss how to accomplish this task.

Announcement: Three Open Houses for public review of the EC County Community Climate Action & Resilience Plan will be held February 19, 4-6 p.m. at the Brewing Projekt; February 20, 2024 4-6 p.m. at the EC County Highway Facility and February 22, 4-6 p.m. at the Augusta High School.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Seymour Town Hall.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 2:32 p.m. by Joe Knight and seconded by Jessica Janssen. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Campbell, Secretary