



Rome-Floyd County Solid Waste Commission



Tuesday January 24, 2023, 8:30 AM
Sam King Room

PRESENT: Commissioner Bony Askew, Rome City Commission
Commissioner Wright Bagby, Floyd County Commission
Mr. Sammy Rich, Rome City Manager
Ms. Meredith Ulmer, Rome Assistant City Manager
Mr. Jamie McCord, Floyd County Manager
Mr. Chris Jenkins, Rome Public Works Director
Mr. Michael Skeen, Floyd County Public Works Director
Mr. Justin Messer, Rome Assistant Public Works Director
Ms. Toni Rhinehart, Finance Director
Mr. Lee Stone, Walker Mountain Landfill Director
Ms. Emma Wells, Floyd County Solid Waste Director
Mr. Doug Walker, Public Information Officer
Ms. Hannah Bagley, KRFB Program Coordinator

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Askew called the meeting to order. He noted that this year, the County will chair the Committee, so Commissioner Bagby, being the only County Commissioner present, will become the Chairman by default.

CONFIRMATION OF 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

Commissioner Bagby confirmed the 2023 meeting schedule will continue to be on odd months at 8:30 AM.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Recycling Center

Operations Report

Ms. Wells presented the Operations report. She noted 2022 was a good year for material sales which is largely due to the market, but currently the market is down. Mixed paper is not selling at all right now. Aluminum is still our highest commodity. She noted that during 2022 they have organized the storage area by product, so it is more efficient for counting and shipping.

On the curbside report she noted that we received in 1000 tons from the City's curbside collection. The City has also been picking up Berry College's material, so they are tracking that separately. There were 105 tons of material was collected in December. She added that they continue to work on education through social media and recently with schools through a cardboard challenge.

Financial Report

Mr. McCord reported that material sales were at 146% of the budget in 2022. Expenses were \$86,000 over 2021. Supplies are up slightly, and utilities have decreased slightly.

Walker Mountain Landfill

Operations Report

Mr. Stone presented the landfill operations report. He noted that garbage tonnage was down 720 tons for the month of December, and down 2,134 tons for the year. He noted that overall, garbage is trending up C&D was down 470 tons for the month of December, but we ended up 3,357 tons over last year. Inert was down 195 tons for December but we ended the year up by 2,195 tons over last year. He noted were down from last year by 6 tons. We were up 3,407 from last year in total tons.

Mr. Jenkins noted Phase 8 is filling up quickly. The last remaining capacity report projected Phase 8 should fill up by 2027. Mr. McCord added that Phase 8 is a smaller phase and the next one will be much larger.

Commissioner Bagby asked about the Environmental Compliance officer position. Mr. Jenkins said we plan to fill that position this year. He noted that held off filling that position until we saw the effect our rate increase would have on our revenue. He added that Abby Goldsmith has been working on our financial plan and we will be picking that back up in June.

Financial Report

Ms. Rhinehart presented the November financial report. She noted that revenues were up \$623,807 year-to-date over last year at this time. *Commercial and Industrial* is up \$447,000. C&D is up \$254,000 and interest earned is up by \$58,000 from last year.

Under expenses, she noted that *Personal Services* were up \$60,000 and we had some decrease on Monitoring and Testing. Total expenses were up year-to-date \$144,000. We had a net income of \$2.6 million. The cash balance has increased from \$10.4 million to \$12.6 million this year.

Wright asked for tires to be addressed at the next meeting.

OTHER

Mr. McCord noted that since the last meeting we talked about the scrap tire problem, and he and Mr. Jenkins have been discussing it since. He asked Ms. Wells about the grant we got last year. Ms. Wells stated that we received \$9500 for a tire amnesty program and were able to recycle 31 tons of tires. She added that she has met with Ms. Bagley to discuss the program and has obtained information from Keep Oconee Beautiful as well.

Ms. Bagley said she has been talking with Maureen Cline, the VP of Public Affairs at Pirelli Tires, who indicated she wants to speak at Caucus next month. Georgia is coming out with a sustainability program for all cities and counties to tap but they have not released all the details on yet. Pirelli wants to partner with us on our tire problem and have offered their employees to assist us in tire cleanups as a community service.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret W. Hollingsworth, Secretary