



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 2015**

ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Oneto, District 5	Supervisor Plasse, District 1	Aaron Brusatori, Director
Jim McHargue, Waste Mgmt.	Paul Molinelli, Sr., ACES	Paul Molinelli, Jr., ACES
Paul Tibma, ACES	Susan Moreira, ACES	William Schoen, R3 Consultants
Frank Leschinsky, Volcano Communications Company		Steve Stone, Volcano Comm. Co.

CALL TO ORDER

John Plasse called the meeting to order.

AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented, however items 3 and 4 were discussed together before items 1 and 2.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the April 23, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEMS:

1. Discussion regarding exemption from the State's Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling. The RCRC has worked to get rural counties this exemption, understanding that it would be costly and not feasible to implement. A resolution signed by the Board Chairman must be sent to the State in order to take advantage of this opportunity.

Recommendation: The committee recommended that the resolution be put on the next consent agenda to be signed by the Chairman.

2. Discussion regarding the 2015 Detailed Refuse Rate Review. Results of the completed rate review were discussed with attention especially to Franchise Area II and the Pine Grove Transfer Station, as significant increases were calculated for each. It appears to be due to decrease in revenues and an increase of expenses due to labor costs. The review recommended a single rate adjustment for all three franchise areas and a single rate for the two transfer stations; making the adjustment of 3.95% for each of the franchise areas and 6.92% for the two transfer stations; conducting an annual Refuse Rate Index annual rate adjustment without depreciation adjustments; and, setting roll-off rates.

Recommendation: The committee recommended that the four items that the rate review suggested be taken to the full board on June 23, 2015. A public hearing will be set at that meeting for August 11, 2015.

3 and 4. Discussion and presentation by Volcano Communications regarding Micro Trenching and County Standards PW-10 and PW-11. Frank Leschinsky explained the Micro Trenching

process that is currently used in the City of Jackson. A narrow trench is cut with a saw at the edge of the asphalt or concrete to a depth of 14 inches. The cable containing the fiber optic line is inserted and the trench is backfilled with slurry. It is a quicker, less costly option yielding good results for both the road/sidewalk and their facilities. Volcano Communications is asking the County to see this as a viable option to the current trenching standard. Most of their facilities are in the shoulder of the road, not into the pavement as PW-11 details. For the most part, this standard of trenching in the roadway has not been enforced until recently. Having to use this standard now would severely impact Volcano Communications Company.

Recommendation: The committee recommended that the trenching standards will be discussed with the Public Works Director.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

None discussed.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A

ADJOURNMENT