

Valley County Refuse District #1
Board Meeting – Valley County Landfill
Valley County Courthouse
January 14, 2020 – 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Kliewer, John Rogenes, Ky Idler, Glenn Guenther, Dan Carney, John Fahlgren and Rod Karst

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kari Lee Knierim and Myron Redfield

OTHERS PRESENT: Darcia Schindler – Secretary, Brian Austin - Landfill Manager, Alec Boland, Jacob Meiers and Marjorie Hoffman

Chairman John Rogenes called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rogenes asked for public comment. No public comment.

The December 17, 2019 minutes were reviewed

Dan Carney moved to approve the December 17, 2019 minutes with corrections. Glenn Guenther seconded the motion. Motion carried

The January 2020 claims were reviewed.

Ky Idler moved to approve the January 2020 claims. Dan Carney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Report:

Unrestricted Cash as of 1/2020	- \$331,577.03
Accounts Payable as of 1/2020	- \$39,277.89
Accounts Receivables as of 1/2020	- \$14,296.97

NEW BUSINESS:

An exclusion was reviewed from David and Lora Reinhardt. The property does not have any water/sewer hookups or utilities services. David and Lora Reinhardt tax information, shows they are being assessed for 2 units and are asking to be assessed for only 1 unit.

Ky Idler moved to charge David and Lora Reinhardt for 1 unit on this property's assessment. Dan Carney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

END OF NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS:

Landfill Manager Brian Austin informed the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board he has booked airline tickets for \$720.00, SWANApalooza Registration for \$1,050.00 and hotel reservations for \$950.52. SWANApalooza will be March 23 -26, 2020.

Glenn Guenther moved to pay for Landfill Manager, Brian Austin to attend SWANApalooza in Atlanta, GA. Ky Idler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Carney - Abstain

Discussion was held on cost of weights coming across the scale for construction material. At 400# the cost is \$6.00, at 700# the cost is \$10.50 Landfill Manager Brian Austin had spoken to the Valley County Commissioners earlier in the day. They suggested to charge customers a flat rate of \$5.00 at a certain pound.

Glenn Guenther moved to charge any customer going across the scale with construction material and weighing less than 400#'s will be charged a flat rate of \$5.00. Rod Karst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on signing the new bylaws with removing the commissioner position from voting member to advisory position.

Glenn Guenther moved to table signing the bylaws at this time. Jon Kliewer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on signs for container sites. Secretary Schindler had a sample made up to show the Valley County District #1 Board. Board members wanted no salvaging added to the signs. The signs will be roughly 18" x 2'.

Glenn Guenther moved to make up the signs to include no salvaging. Ky Idler seconded the motion.

Commissioner Fahlgren asked if the sign had been shown to Valley County District Attorney Dylan Jensen. Secretary Schindler stated it had not been shown to Attorney Dylan Jensen.

Glenn Guenther amended his motion.

Ky Idler moved to make up the signs with no salvaging after Valley County District Attorney Dylan Jensen has looked it over. Glenn Guenther seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fahlgren stated the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board should bring the fees to the Valley County Commissioners to ok.

Discussion was held on advertisements for changes at the landfill. Landfill Manager Brian Austin and Secretary Schindler presented the board with a letter they typed to give to customers at the Valley County Landfill and thought maybe the letter would work as advertisement also.

Glenn Guenther moved to run the letter as an ad in the Free Trader. Running a ½ page ad 2 consecutive times and then every other publishing until the end of May 2020. Rod Karst seconded the motion.

Discussion was held on the letter needing more clarification in some areas. Suggestion and changes were made to the letter.

Glenn Guenther amended his motion.

Glenn Guenther moved to run a ½ page ad in the Free Trader, 2 consecutive times and then every other publishing until the end of May 2020 with changes discussed in the meeting for better clarification and to add to the Valley County website. Rod Karst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

LANDFILL MANAGER REPORT - -

- ** Have been doing some welding on the scraper.
- ** Moved to a new area in the pit. Trying to redirect water away from pit.
- ** Have done some repairs to the track loader, had a ripped o-ring.
- ** Pacific Steel and Recycling brought a container for scrap metal.
- ** Pressure washer is going to need some repairs. Some parts have rusted.
- ** Welder needs some repairs.
- ** Portable fences blew over in windstorm.

T&R REPORT - -

- *** No Report

End of Report

Chairman Rogenes asked if there was any other business.

Secretary Schindler presented the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board with an exclusion from Lonnie and Leona Knutson. The property is the old hardware store in Hinsdale, MT. There is no water/sewer hookups or utilities to the structure.

Ky Idler moved to give the exclusion to Lonnie and Leona Knutson. Jon Kliever seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lonnie and Leona Knutson also asked for a refund for 3 years back on their assessment. \$240.00 for 2017, \$290.00 for 2018 and \$290.00 for 2019 for a total of \$820.00.

Glenn Guenther moved to give the refund for the last 3 years for a total of \$820.00. Ky Idler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jon Kliewer moved to adjourn the meeting. Glenn Guenther seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 5:45 PM

John Rogenes, Chairman Darcia Schindler, Secretary
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