

Valley County Refuse District #1
Board Meeting – Valley County Landfill
Valley County Senior Citizen Center
March 16, 2021 – 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Carney, Rod Karst, Myron Redfield, Curt Clampitt, Commissioner Paul Tweten, Ky Idler, Glenn Guenther, John Rogenes and Jon Kliewer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Will Lauckner

OTHERS PRESENT: Darcia Schindler – Secretary, Brian Austin - Landfill Manager, and Rocky Thompson – T&R Trucking, Commissioners – Mary Armstrong & John Fahlgren and County Attorney – Dylan Jensen

Chairman John Rogenes called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rogenes asked for public comment.

The February 16, 2021 minutes and February/March claims were reviewed.
Myron Redfield moved to approve the February 16, 2021, with corrections and February/March claims. Rod Karst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Report

Unrestricted Cash as of 3/2021	- \$487,435.04
Accounts Payable as of 3/2021	- \$17,827.45
Accounts Receivables as of 3/2021	- \$13,133.36

NEW BUSINESS:

March is Refuse Board elections

Jon Kliewer moved to table the board elections to the April meeting. Ky Idler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners received a grant for helping with CIP's for the county. Commissioners said there was money left over from the grant and decided to have Great West Engineering visit the landfill and container sites to see if there were any potential projects for CIP. Commissioners also discussed maybe using Great West Engineering for the problem with the assessments. County Attorney Dylan Jensen explained to the board the Refuse District is not able to give exclusions on assessments, but you can have different fees on several types of assessment. Mr. Jensen suggested the Refuse Board change

Commissioner Fahlgren informed the Refuse Board he talked to Manager Brian Austin about there being a job opening at the landfill since Mark Arneson retired. The commissioners asked Mr. Austin if he would like to step down and only run big machinery and hire someone to train as manager. Mr. Austin informed the commissioners that no he won't step down. He will finish out his years at the landfill in the manager position. Commissioners also feel the landfill manager's job description should be rewritten to include financial management, and assessments. Board member Glenn Guenther asked the commissioners if they wanted a finance manager or a manager for the duties of the landfill. Mr. Guenther felt the finances fall to the landfill secretary. Board Member Curt Clampitt asked the question, if more duties are put on the landfill manager should they receive a raise.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on bylaws.

Jon Kliewer moved to table the bylaws. Ky Idler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on exclusions for refuse assessment fee. The Refuse Board needs to figure out the break down on assessments. Secretary Schindler, Manager Brian Austin and Refuse Board will then go through assessments and make corrections.

Discussion was held on billing Tribal Housing for the refuse assessment fee. Refuse Board members Glenn Guenther, John Rogenes and Jon Kliewer, Manager Brian Austin and Secretary Schindler will be going to meet with the Tribal Council on this matter on Wednesday March 17th.

FEBRUARY	TONNAGE 2020	COST 2020	TONNAGE 2021	COST 2021	TONNAGE SAVINGS	COST SAVINGS
Fort Peck	14.12	\$1,030.76	14.03	\$1,024.19	0.09	\$6.57
Frazer	5.16	\$645.00	5.85	\$731.25	-0.69	-\$86.25
Glasgow	28.31	\$679.44	37.42	\$898.08	-9.11	-\$218.64
Hinsdale	17.04	\$1,755.12	15.19	\$1,564.57	1.85	\$190.55
Larslan	1.25	\$120.00	6.39	\$613.44	-5.14	-\$493.44
Lustre	3.54	\$407.10	5.97	\$686.55	-2.43	-\$279.45
Nashua	12.55	\$941.25	16.79	\$1,259.25	-4.24	-\$318.00
Opheim	8.76	\$1,261.44	8.54	\$1,229.76	0.22	\$31.68
Oswego	10.62	\$1,083.24	14.11	\$1,439.22	-3.49	-\$355.98
Pines	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Richland	1.59	\$198.75	3.87	\$483.75	-2.28	-\$285.00
St. Marie	7.91	\$1,012.48	9.0	\$1,152.00	-1.09	-\$139.52
Tampico	6.83	\$416.63	9.42	\$574.62	-2.59	-\$157.99
		\$9,551.21		\$11,656.68		-\$2,105.47

February 2021 Receivables: \$1,675.83

February 2020 Receivables: \$2,400.31

Savings: **-\$724.48**

TOTAL SAVINGS -\$2,944.10

Misc. 2021: \$216.50

Misc. 2020: \$330.65

Savings: **-\$114.15**

END OF OLD BUSINESS

LANDFILL MANAGER REPORT - -

- ** Have been pumping water.
- ** Working on pit to get water to drain to leachate pond.
- ** Scraper has been tore apart waiting for CAT to do repairs when CAT comes for warranty work.
- ** Loader tire split on side wall.

T&R REPORT - -

- Oswego container was on fire on Saturday, the container was a complete loss. This is the fourth fire at Oswego in a year. Rocky is wondering what can be done about this. The cost of a new roll-off container is \$10,050 without shipping.

End of Report

Chairman Rogenes asked for public comment.

Commissioner Tweten informed the Refuse Board; a board cannot give any exclusion without being signed off by the commissioners.

Chairman asked if there was any other business.

Refuse Board Members would like to know what the commissioners are going to do about feeling residents for using container sites wrong.

Commissioners did not feel it was fair to residents to only have cameras at some sites. The Refuse Board has not been able to find cameras that will work in the rural areas, internet and power are the problem.

Commissioners also feel people need to be able to come across the scale after 5:00 PM. For the fiscal year on 2020/2021 to February the difference with T&R Trucking, money at the scale and difference in receivable from fiscal year 2019/2020 to February is \$41,990.81.

Myron Redfield moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Carney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 PM

John Rogenes, Chairman Darcia Schindler, Secretary
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