

Valley County Refuse District #1
Board Meeting – Community Room
Valley County Courthouse
March 19, 2019 – 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kari Lee Knierim, Myron Redfield, Jon Kliewer, Glenn Guenther, John Rogenes & John Fahlgren

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Carney, Rod Karst & Ky Idler

OTHERS PRESENT: Darcia Schindler, Secretary, Brian Austin, Landfill Manager

Chairman Glenn Guenther called the meeting to order.

Chairman Guenther asked for public comment. No public comment.

The February 19, 2019 minutes were reviewed.

Jon Kliewer moved to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes.

John Rogenes seconded the motion. Motion carried

The March 2019 claims were reviewed.

Jon Rogenes moved to approve the March 2019 claims. Myron

Redfield seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Report:

Unrestricted Cash as of 3/2019 - \$302,128.81

Accounts Payable as of 3/2019 - \$14,479.68

Accounts Receivables as of 3/2019 - \$13,059.52

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner John Fahlgren informed the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board the Commissioners have received a request for a light at the Lustre site. The Board asked Secretary Schindler to get a quote for a light at the Lustre site and present the quote at the next meeting

Discussion was held on a resolution for the structure on the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board. Secretary Schindler spoke to McKenzie McCarthy from MACO about having a resolution on the structure of the board. Jennie McCarthy suggested leaving it the way it is right now if there are no problems. Commissioner John Fahlgren feels a commissioner should not sit on the board. Valley County Refuse District #1 is the only board a commissioner sits on. Fahlgren feels it might be more beneficial to have a citizen from St. Marie. St. Marie has the second largest population in Valley County.

Kari Lee Knierim moved to not pursue a resolution of the structure of the board at this time. Jon Kliewer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Manager Brian Austin presented the board with a priority list for projects to be done at the landfill.

- Tires for the blade
- Submersible pump for leachate collection system
- Electricity to submersible pump and new compactor shop
- New compactor shop
- Road overlay on west end
- Creating revenue

Discussion was then held on priority list. Manager Brian Austin presented the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board with quotes from Arch's Tire and Opheim Co-op on tires for the blade. Manager Brian Austin informed the board 5 tires are completely bald and 1 tire has 75% tread.

Arch's Tire – 6 Tires

Titan - \$3,434.00 Power King - \$2,894.00

Opheim Co-op – 6 Tires

Titan - \$3,863.40

Jon Kliewer moved to purchase five Titan tires from Arch's Tire. John Rogenes seconded the motion.

4 – Ayes

1 – Oppose, Kari Lee Knierim

Discussion was held on building a new compactor shop. The location would be in the middle of the landfill pit. Then as cells were opened and closed the compactor would be the same distant to take in and out of the weather. If you must drive the compactor too far it is hard on the machine and the driver and this would help eliminate this problem. The question was asked does the board want to build the shop in phases or get a loan and build it at one time. What would work best with the budget? Landfill Manager Brian Austin was asked to bring quotes on 3 different options for the shop to the next meeting and bring a quote for electricity to the center of the landfill pit.

As per the By-Laws elections for board positions are to be held the first meeting in March.

Kari Lee Knierim moved to table board elections until next meeting. John Fahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

END OF NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary Schindler was informed by the USDA the landfill is not able to use the Re-Connect Program to get fiber optics to the landfill.

Jon Kliewer moved to upgrade the internet service at the landfill. Kari Lee Knierim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

LANDFILL MANAGER REPORT - -

- ** Brought Jim Wilson back March 18th.
- ** Fossum was moving snow from the pit to help with water runoff.
- ** Cleaned out snow and ice from scale.
- ** Need to purchase hose from Billings to move water out of manhole.
- ** Muddy, Muddy, Muddy

T&R REPORT - -

- *** No Report

End of Report

Chairman Guenther asked if there was any other business.

Secretary Schindler brought the contract for engineer Barry Damschen for 2019. The price went from \$4,800.00 to \$5,000.00.

Jon Kliewer moved to accept Barry Damschen offer for 2019 for \$5,000.00. John Rogenes seconded the motion.

4 – Ayes

1 – Oppose, Kari Lee Knierim

Myron Redfield moved to adjourn the meeting. John Rogenes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:05 PM

Glenn Guenther

Darcia Schindler

Glenn Guenther, Chairman

Darcia Schindler, Secretary

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