

Valley County Refuse District #1
Board Meeting – Valley County Landfill
Valley County Community Room
April 20, 2021 – 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rod Karst, Myron Redfield, Curt Clampitt, Commissioner Paul Tweten (leaving the meeting at 6:20), Glenn Guenther, John Rogenes, Jon Kliewer and Will Lauckner per phone

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Carney, Ky Idler

OTHERS PRESENT: Darcia Schindler – Secretary, Brian Austin - Landfill Manager, and Rocky Thompson – T&R Trucking

Chairman John Rogenes called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rogenes asked for public comment.

The March 16, 2021 minutes and March/April claims were reviewed.

Rod Karst moved to approve the March 16, 2021, with and March/April claims. Myron Redfield seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Report

Unrestricted Cash as of 4/2021	- \$389,665.32
Accounts Payable as of 4/2021	- \$40,841.05
Accounts Receivables as of 4/2021	- \$48,105.22

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the new job description for the landfill manager. The Refuse Board went over the job description line item by line item and made corrections where they felt they were needed. The Commissioners are having a meeting on this tomorrow during their regular Discussion and Decision. The Refuse Board still feels this is not a different job and Brain should not have to reapply for the job. He already does most of the description now in the Refuse Board's opinion, except the financial part. The real problem is the assessments. This is a problem that is statewide not just to Valley County and is fixable. Refuse Board feels jobs always evolve and does not constitute a new job position.

Curt Clappitt moved to approve job description as amended by the Refuse Board as an add-on to the existing Landfill Manager job description. Myron Redfield seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Glenn Guenther moved to update current job description to existing Landfill Manager job description and to continue until such time as manager position becomes vacant. Jon Kliewer seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on T&R Contract, which is up June 2021. The contract is for five years. Secretary Schindler informed the Refuse Board she had discussed site monitors with Rocky Thompson from T&R Trucking. Rocky stated that most of the time it is residents that call in the sites. One site out of the thirteen are called in by the site monitors. The savings of not paying a site monitor would be \$5,391.00 a year. Most everyone had a cellphone these days and T&R Trucking's number is posted on signs at the container sites to call when full.

Glenn Guenther moved to do away with site monitors and the end of the fiscal year and to write a letter to the site monitors thanking them for their service. Myron Redfield seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on bylaws.

Jon Kliewer moved to table the bylaws. Myron Redfield seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on exclusions for refuse assessment fee. Engineer Barry Damschen has been working on a report to present to the Refuse Board. Mr. Damschen will come to the May 18th meeting and present the results. Brian hired Mr. Damschen to start the work up to \$2,000.00. For Mr. Damschen to get the report finished he thinks it will be around \$5,000.00. It could be more or less.

Glenn Guenther moved to hire Barry Damschen to continue working on assessments with a cap of \$5,000.00. Rod Karst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Elections were tabled at the March meeting.

Jon Kliewer moved to table elections until May meeting. Glenn Guenther seconded the motion. Mt

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 - -

- Business is picking up. Had to have Brian open up on Sunday.
- Oswego had a cleanup day.
- Frazer will be having a cleanup day in a few weeks.
- Does not have fire insurance on roll off containers. It is \$200 per container to carry fire insurance. Not sure what to do yet.
- Fort Peck and Nashua need new gates.

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

Valley County Refuse District #1

As of 4-21-21 the commissioners dissolved the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board. Valley County Commissioners are now the Refuse Board. Minutes could not be approved at regular meeting for this fact.