

Valley County Refuse District #1
Special Board Meeting – Valley County Landfill
Valley County Commissioner's Office
May 3, 2021 – 10:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Mary Armstrong, John Fahlgren,
Paul Tweten

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

Commissioner John Fahlgren called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Fahlgren asked for public comment.
Glenn Guenther asked about his signature on the FCB loan for the loader.
Mr. Guenther was the chairman at the time, and he would like to know
where that leaves him. The commissioners did not ok the loan.
Commissioners will talk to the County Attorney about the loan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on who would be taking the minutes for the Refuse
District weekly special meeting and monthly meetings.

**Mary Armstrong moved to have the Refuse District Secretary
Darcia Schindler take the monthly and special meeting minutes.
Paul Tweten seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Refuse Board elections were held. Commissioners are trying to keep things separated for the Refuse District and Commissioners meetings.

Mary Armstrong moved to elect Paul Tweten as chairman. John Fahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additions and deletions, Paul Tweten would like to add the Tribe agreement to old business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the roll off garbage hauling contract. Secretary Schindler stated the contract needs to go out to bid soon as it is a large part of the refuse budget. She also stated that at the April meeting before the Refuse Board was dissolved the Refuse Board had voted to do away with site monitors and depend on the public to call in full containers. Rocky Thompson from T&R Trucking explained that most the time it is a resident that calls in the containers. Rocky also asked if there could be a clause added that would state changes to the contract would be negotiated between the Refuse District and Contract holder. Discussion was also held on needing to hold a PSC Class D license to haul unless it by a county itself. The County Attorney has not looked the contract over yet.

John Fahlgren moved to have the Refuse Board review the contract and send it to the County Attorney to look the contract over and put on the next monthly meeting agenda.

Secretary Schindler explained it needed to be done sooner than that, as it is a large part of the refuse budget. Paul Tweten state that the contract being on the agenda a motion could be made to have it out sooner.

John Fahlgren amended his motion to have the Refuse Board review the contract and send to County Attorney to ok. As soon as the County Attorney oks contract put it out for advertisement. Mary Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Engineer Barry Damschen doing a report on current assessments. Barry will be here May 18th and would like to give the report himself to the Refuse Board.

John Fahlgren moved to firm up and get an understanding what needs to be done. Mary Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Tribe agreement. Tribal Council did not like the maintenance clause. On the contracts for other sites there is not a maintenance clause. Tina Magnan would like the refuse to bill the Tribal Houses for the assessments. She would like the Refuse Board to call her and visit with her on this matter. Questions arose on how to assess vacant houses. John Fahlgren stated on the current assessment formula if it is a livable house, it gets assessed. It was decided to assess on current formula. Discussion was held on what to do if they will not pay. It was decided to wait and see.

Discussion was held on the assessment problem. Black Mountain sent a report to Paul Tweten. Mr. Tweten thinks the report will work well and speed things up. Outside of city limit commercials Secretary Schindler has figured those assessments by T&R Trucking's service to those businesses. Barry Damschen results could be close to the assessment now or could change a lot. Commissioners would like to make corrections this tax year. They would like to get as much done with current schedule as can be done. John Fahlgren stated commissioners would like to get residential/commercial assessments not being assessed done by Barry Damschen's meeting.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Tweten asked for public comment.

Paul Tweten, Chairman Darcia Schindler, Secretary
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