

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Paul Tweten, John Fahlgren

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Armstrong

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

Commissioner Paul Tweten called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Tweten asked for public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held assessment corrections. Commercial properties that T&R Trucking hauls outside of the city limits of Glasgow is progressing. Paul Tweten informed the Refuse Board the report from Black Mountain is working great. He has gone over half on the report already. He has found 141 assessments that have not been on tax roll. A lot are from St. Marie. Discussion was held on what to do about Department of Revenue's part, so this does not happen again. This still needs to be worked out. Maybe a monthly report with new and deleted items from the Department of Revenue would work. It looks like everything from 2016 on has not been added. Will probably need to get everybody involved and have a meeting and write out a procedure that will work. There has been a lot of confusion on assessments. Still need to get a list of government buildings.

Discussion was held on roll off container site hauling Contract and Tribal Agreement. Valley County Attorney looked over the roll off container site hauling contract. Secretary Schindler put ads in the Glasgow Courier and BS Buzz for May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>. The bid opening will be May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the commissioner's office. The Tribe Agreement was sent over to the Tribal Council to look over. The Tribal Council needs to have the legal team look over the agreement. The Tribe did pay \$23,000 for this year's assessments on tribal housing.

Discussion was held on the Corps of Engineers assessments. Refuse District Manager Brian Austin has spoken to Darin McMurry from the Corps of Engineers on this matter. Mr. Austin has not heard back from Mr. McMurry yet. It was explained that T&R Trucking has a contract for three years with the Corps of Engineers garbage service. The Corps pays T&R Trucking the assessment with the hauling charges. There is an MCA code to this effect. The commissioners would like to see the code and have the County Attorney look it over. Secretary Schindler will get the code for the commissioners. Maybe the assessment could go on the Corps of Engineers tax bill. Corps assessment fee has not been updated since 1987. Rocky Thompson informed the commissioners that the budget for the Corps had been cut drastically. Mr. McMurry did tell Mr. Austin that the Corps would probably have to cut some garbage service but understood why the increase was needed. To get the right assessment charge Secretary Schindler figured out the garbage service T&R Trucking contracts with Corps reads, figuring on the garbage cans as full.

Discussion was held on the next refuse meeting time. It was determined the next meeting should be the regular refuse meeting time of the third Tuesday of the month, which would be May 18<sup>th</sup> in the community room at the courthouse at 5:00 PM. Refuse Board will also be meeting with engineer Barry Damschen on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Tweten asked for public comment.

**Paul Tweten moved to adjourn the meeting. John Fahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned 10:31 AM

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Paul Tweten, Chairman      Darcia Schindler, Secretary  
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