

Valley County Refuse District #1  
Board Meeting – Community Room  
Valley County Courthouse  
July 16, 2019 – 5:00 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kari Lee Knierim, Dan Carney, Glenn Guenther, John Fahlgren and Jon Kliewer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ky Idler, Rod Karst, Myron Redfield, John Rogenes

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Darcia Schindler - Secretary, Brian Austin – Landfill Manager

Vice Chairman Kari Lee Knierim called the meeting to order.

Vice Chairman Knierim asked for public comment. No public comment.

The June 18, 2019 minutes were reviewed.

**Jon Kliewer moved to approve the June 18, 2019 minutes with corrections. Glenn Guenther seconded the motion. Motion carried**

The July 2019 claims were reviewed.

**Glenn Guenther moved to approve the July 2019 claims. Dan Carney seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Finance Report:**

Unrestricted Cash as of 7/2019 - \$224,060.88

Accounts Payable as of 7/2019 - \$81,101.62

Accounts Receivables as of 7/2019 - \$19,153.16

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held regarding the landfill meeting being held at the landfill. The only time it's a problem having meetings at the landfill is when it is muddy outside. Spring through fall wouldn't be a bad time to be at the landfill to have meetings and maybe even take a yearly tour of the landfill.

**John Fahlgren moved to hold the meeting at the Valley County Refuse District #1 landfill May through October starting next month. Glenn Guenther seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

END OF NEW BUSINESS

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held regarding shredding tires at the landfill. Landfill Manager Brian Austin informed the board the tire shredder from Rhett Albers (from South Dakota) arrived at the landfill about two weeks ago. An excavator was rented for the tire shredder from Havre Rental because Glasgow Rental did not have one. The excavator for a week's rental is \$1,600.00. The tire shredder has been broken down since it arrived. No tires have been shredded to date. The landfill has a \$1,600.00 bill for the excavator. Landfill Manager Brian Austin asked the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board what they would like him to do, he has never run into this problem with Rhett Albers before.

**Jon Kliewer moved to notify Rhett Albers he will have to supply his own excavator when the tire shredder is repaired. Glenn Guenther seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on committee update for bylaws.

**Jon Kliewer moved to table the committee update on bylaws until the committee has met. Dan Carney seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Jon Kliewer moved to talk about creating revenue. Dan Carney seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on trying to close the three containers in Glasgow during working hours. Landfill Manager Brian Austin feels there would need to be a gate attendant if containers were to be closed.

**Glenn Guenther moved to table the discussion on creating revenue and closing containers in Glasgow until the next meeting. Jon Kliewer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on the NorVal quote to run electricity to the location where the new compactor shop will be. The quote that was given for \$9096.00 expired on June 10, 2019.

**Glenn Guenther moved to get an updated quote from NorVal for the next meeting. Jon Kliewer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on employee raises for the fiscal year 2019/2020. The county employees are receiving a 2.4% raise.

**John Fahlgren moved to give Valley County Refuse District #1 employees a 2.4% raise on wages. Dan Carney seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

END OF OLD BUSINESS

#### **LANDFILL MANAGER REPORT - -**

- \*\* Williston was here to look at the compactor
- \*\* Wolf Point was here to look at the compactor and landfill.
- \*\* S&S will be here in September to remove freon from fridges.
- \*\* Warranty work on the compactor being done. Garbage gets compacted in there and shears off bolts.
- \*\* Track loader needs 4 to 5 hours of work on the AC.

**Glenn Guenther moved to have the AC on the track loader worked on when CAT was here for warranty work on compactor. John Fahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

- \*\* Hydraulic pump on scraper has been fixed.

## **T&R REPORT - -**

\*\*\* Put the game camera at the Nashua site and it has helped a lot. Has made people ask a lot of questions of what can and cannot go into dumpsters.

End of Report

Vice Chairman Knierim asked if there was any other business.

Secretary Schindler received a letter for the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board from Donald Feezell. He has a house on southside that burnt down. Donald is asking the board to waive the dump fees to bring the structure to the landfill. Board would like more clarification before deciding. Does he have insurance? He could make payments on dump fees. Payments would depend on quote. Would like to have an itemized quote. Who would be doing the work?

**Glenn Guenther moved to get more of a clarification from Donald Feezell and write him a letter to this effect. Jon Kliever seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Glenn Guenther moved to adjourn the meeting. Jon Kliever seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned 6:00 PM

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Kari Lee Knierim, Vice Chairman          Darcia Schindler, Secretary  
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