

Valley County Refuse District #1  
Board Meeting – Community Room  
Valley County Landfill  
September 17, 2019 – 5:00 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kari Lee Knierim, John Fahlgren, Dan Carney,  
John Rogenes, Myron Redfield and Rod Karst

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ky Idler, Jon Kliewer and Glenn Guenther

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

Chairman John Rogenes called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rogenes asked for public comment. No public comment.

The August 20, 2019 minutes were reviewed.

**Rod Karst moved to approve the August 20, 2019 minutes.**

**Myron Redfield seconded the motion. Motion carried**

The September 2019 claims were reviewed.

**Kari Lee Knierim moved to approve the August 2019 claims.**

**John Fahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Finance Report:**

Unrestricted Cash as of 9/2019 - \$107,214.04

Accounts Payable as of 9/2019 - \$58,183.57

Accounts Receivables as of 9/2019 - \$17,615.12

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sheriff Tom Boyer visited with the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board on theft of services and how the landfill could implement theft of services. He questioned the board on what education has been done on proper dumping at the landfill. The board informed Sheriff Boyer there have been ads and programs on the radio. The board will do more education before implemented theft of services but would like to start around the first of the year. Sheriff Boyer stated theft of services is a \$585.00 bond and an arrestable offense. A judge could drop the bond to lower fee. Secretary Schindler asked Sheriff Boyer if theft of services is in place could the landfill use theft of services on an invoice that has not been paid by a customer. Sheriff Boyer said there would need to be clarification on this from Valley County Attorney Dylan Jensen. The board asked Commissioner Fahlgren if the commissioner's office would be on board with this. Commissioner Fahlgren informed the board the commissioners would be on board if the fees and rule seemed reasonable. Board Member Rod Karst thinks the board should look for a grant to purchase cameras. Mr. Karst will talk to Kathy Grainer on this matter.

Discussion was held on the landfill managers spending authority. The managers spending authority right now is for \$2,000. Secretary Schindler called Dan Clark on this matter. She asked Mr. Clark if you could have something about spending authority to keep day to day operations going. Mr. Clark felt this is opening a can of worms. Right now, you have a manager trust but down the line you don't know if the next manager might see day to day operations differently than the board feels on that matter. You could give an itemized list on what the manager could spend money on for day to day operations. After much discussion it was decided by the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board to leave the spending authority at \$2,000 and if a special meeting needed to be called that will be done.

END OF NEW BUSINESS

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Secretary Schindler informed the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board, she received a phone call from Rhett Albers this afternoon on the tire shredding. Rhett will be arriving no later than Monday afternoon to start shredding tires. Rhett's equipment is still at the landfill currently.

Discussion was held on changes to the bylaws. Commissioner Fahlgren asked that Frazer, Oswego and Richland be added to Section 1, part c. Commissioner Fahlgren will be an advisory position and the landfill will add a board member from St. Marie. Will need to have 5 members to make a quorum. Meeting will be held from May to October at the landfill and from November to April in the community room at the courthouse. Added a 3 minutes time limit on public comment unless board extends the limit for a meeting.

**Rod Karst moved to approve the changes in the bylaws appending an ok from Valley County Attorney Dylan Jensen. Kari Lee Knierim seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Commissioner John Fahlgren informed the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board they must put the tree grinder out for bid to sell it. Secretary Schindler will follow up on this matter.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

**LANDFILL MANAGER REPORT - -**

- \*\* Huge amount of mud, having been using wood chips in the pit.
- \*\* Pumping water like crazy.
- \*\* Have been mending portable fences.
- \*\* DEQ will be here end of the week.
- \*\* Freon removal will happen the end of the week.

**T&R REPORT - -**

\*\*\* No Report

End of Report

Chairman Rogenes asked if there was any other business.  
No other business

**Myron Redfield moved to adjourn the meeting. Kari Lee Knierim seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned 6:15 PM

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John Rogenes, Chairman

Darcia Schindler, Secretary  
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