

Valley County Refuse District #1
Board Meeting – Community Room
Valley County Courthouse
September 21, 2021 – 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Tweten, John Fahlgren, Mary Armstrong

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Darcia Schindler – Administrative Assistant, Brian Austin – Refuse District Manager, Rocky Thompson – T&R Trucking, Loyal Kauffman

Chairman Paul Tweten called the meeting to order.

Chairman Tweten asked for public comment.

The August 17, 2021, meeting minutes and August/September 2021 claims were reviewed.

John Fahlgren moved to approve the August 17, 2021, minutes and August/September 2021, claims. Paul Tweten seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Report

Unrestricted Cash as of 9/2021	- \$429,263.06
Accounts Payable as of 9/2021	- \$27,861.60
Accounts Receivables as of 9/2021	- \$19,518.82

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the benefits of having a capital improvement fund over reserves fund. You can hold more money in a capital improvement fund. Monies over \$5,000 can be used out of the capital improvement fund.

Mary Armstrong moved to put in place a capital improvement fund for the Valley County Refuse District #1. John Fahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Refuse Manager Brian Austin informed the Refuse Board the ad to hire a landfill operator has been placed on KLTZ, BS Central and the Glasgow Courier. Closing date for applications is October 1, 2021. Mr. Austin asked the board how the hiring works. The Refuse Board informed Mr. Austin there should be a panel of 3 people and questions to ask the applicants. People on the panel should not be landfill employees but department heads etc. Mr. Austin would also like to have a skills test on large equipment also.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the refuse assessment. Paul Tweten presented the Refuse Board with an idea he had on assessments. Many ideas were passed around.

Refuse District Manager Brian Austin updated the refuse board on the front-end loader. All repairs were covered under warranty. Refuse Manager Brian Austin thought even the trucking would be covered.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

REFUSE DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT - -

- ** Moving dirt, getting ready for winter
- ** Need to do a little mowing
- ** Tire Grinder will be coming soon.

T&R REPORT - -

- Has been steady.
- Have had some trucks break down. Fixed and ready to go.
- Gate prices have doubled in steel prices since last year.
- Hinsdale gate is dragging on the ground, gravel is a little thick.
- Held a 3rd Quarter Safety meeting with landfill & Malta

End of Report

OTHER BUSINESS

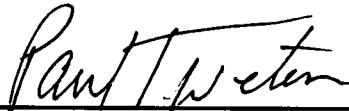
Administrative Assistant Schindler spoke with the Jeff Keeley from Tractor and Equipment about the warranty on the compactor. The five-year warranty is almost up. The hours are still low on the compactor. Mr. Keeley thought it would be in the best interest of the landfill to do an extended warranty on the compactor. He will be getting back to the landfill in a few days on this matter. Mr. Keeley was not sure what the cost would be or how long the extended warranty would be for.

Mary Armstrong moved to give Refuse Manager Brian Austin the authority to extend the warranty up to \$20,000. John Fahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Tweten asked for public comment.

Paul Tweten moved to adjourn the meeting

Meeting adjourned 6:05 PM



Paul Tweten, Chairman



Darcia Schindler, Secretary

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Next meeting will be October 19, 2021, 5:00 PM