

Valley County Refuse District #1  
Board Meeting – Valley County Landfill  
Valley County Courthouse  
December 15, 2020 – 5:00 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rod Karst, John Rogenes, Myron Redfield, Curt Clampitt, Jon Kliewer, Glenn Guenther, Will Lauckner and Ky Idler

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dan Carney

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

Chairman John Rogenes called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rogenes asked for public comment.

The October 2020 minutes and November/December claims were reviewed.

**Myron Redfield moved to approve the October 20, 2020 and November/December claims. Ky Idler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

## **Finance Report**

Unrestricted Cash as of 12/2020 - \$530,308.85  
Accounts Payable as of 12/2020 - \$23,514.93  
Accounts Receivables as of 12/2020 - \$81,104.35 - \$68,731.66 (Havre Sand & Gravel)

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Erica and John Bengochea have asked for a refuse fee exclusion on 614 4<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Glasgow, MT. Secretary Schindler informed the board of the policy exclusion she has been working on. When the policy exclusion was emailed to County Attorney Dylan Jensen to look over, he sent an email back informing there should be no exclusion given on refuse fees under new statues written in 2009.

**Myron Redfield moved to table the exclusion until the Refuse Board has time to investigate this matter. Ky Idler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Tim Birk has asked to have his refuse fee assessment dropped from 3 units to 2 units. A unit is a \$145.00 refuse fee. Mr. Birk owns the USDA building located at 3390 Hwy 2 East, Suite 2. The office building has locations for two rentals and one rental has left. Mr. Birk currently is not renting out the location.

**Jon Kliewer moved motion to drop Tim Birks refuse assessment fee from 3 units to 2 units. Ky Idler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on the credit card limit. As of now the Visa limit is \$2,500. There are some yearly bills that come in and are over the limit. Secretary Schindler has been using the Valley County Commissioner's card when this happens. The credit card is being used more and more all the time. The Refuse Board asked what the procedure would be to do this. Commissioner Tweten informed the Board, the commissioners would need to write a letter to Independence Bank to get the limit increased.

**Rod Karst moved to increase the credit card limit to \$5,000. Myron Redfield seconded the motion. Motion carried**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on bylaws.

**Myron Redfield moved to table the bylaws. Jon Kliewer seconded the motion. Motion carried**

Discussion was held on billing Tribal Housing for the refuse assessment fee. Secretary Schindler has been trying to get a hold of the right contact to get an accurate number of non-taxed housing. She has talked to several people and have given her other numbers to try. Secretary Schindler has not found the appropriate person to get the actual number of non-taxed housing number. She will keep trying. The Refuse Board asked for this matter to be put on the next agenda.

Discussion was held on a policy for exclusions. As explained in New Business, County Attorney Dylan Jensen stated no exclusion should be given and the Refuse Board is looking into this matter.

OCTOBER	TONNAGE 2019	COST 2019	TONNAGE 2020	COST 2020	TONNAGE SAVINGS	COST SAVINGS
Fort Peck	42.54	\$3,105.42	27.77	\$2,027.21	14.77	\$1,078.21
Frazer	10.17	\$1,271.25	6.43	\$803.75	3.74	\$467.50
Glasgow	93.24	\$2,237.76	50.35	\$1,208.40	42.89	\$1,029.36
Hinsdale	26.84	\$2,764.52	28.62	\$2,947.86	-1.78	-\$183.34
Larslan	4.47	\$429.12	3.73	\$358.08	.74	\$71.04
Lustre	11.68	\$1,343.20	7.91	\$909.65	3.77	\$433.55
Nashua	26.41	\$1,980.75	26.74	\$2,005.50	-0.33	-\$24.75
Opheim	12.99	\$1,870.56	14.42	\$2,076.48	-1.43	-\$205.92
Oswego	26.31	\$2,683.62	17.45	\$1,779.90	8.86	\$903.72
Pines	3.67	\$469.76	2.05	\$262.40	1.62	\$207.36
Richland	3.95	\$493.75	7.86	\$982.50	-3.91	-\$488.75
St. Marie	9.21	\$1,178.88	10.74	\$1,374.79	-1.53	-\$195.91
Tampico	13.95	\$850.95	11.11	\$677.71	2.84	\$173.24
		\$20,679.54		\$17,414.23		\$3,265.31

October 2020 Receivables: \$18,567.95

October 2019 Receivables: \$17,843.36

Savings: \$724.59

**TOTAL SAVINGS \$4,736.80**

Misc. 2020: \$2,557.80

Misc. 2019: \$1,810.90

Savings: \$746.90

NOVEMBER	TONNAGE 2019	COST 2019	TONNAGE 2020	COST 2020	TONNAGE SAVINGS	COST SAVINGS
Fort Peck	32.93	\$2,403.89	30.77	\$2,246.21	2.16	\$157.68
Frazer	6.74	\$842.50	7.99	\$998.75	-1.25	-\$156.25
Glasgow	67.4	\$1,617.60	48.37	\$1,160.88	19.03	\$456.72
Hinsdale	23.52	\$2,422.56	21.68	\$2,233.04	1.84	\$189.52
Larslan	4.26	\$408.96	6.59	\$632.64	-2.33	-\$223.68
Lustre	7.01	\$806.15	5.55	\$638.25	1.46	\$167.90
Nashua	21.85	\$1,638.75	20.95	\$1,571.25	0.90	\$67.50
Opheim	11.21	\$1,614.24	12.92	\$1,860.48	-1.71	-\$246.24
Oswego	15.37	\$1,567.74	21.58	\$2,201.16	-6.21	-\$633.42
Pines	3.05	\$390.40	2.72	\$348.16	0.33	\$42.24
Richland	4.92	\$615.00	2.78	\$347.50	2.14	\$267.50
St. Marie	10.79	\$1,381.12	11.38	\$1,514.24	-0.59	-\$133.12
Tampico	15.1	\$921.10	8.4	\$512.40	6.70	\$408.70
		\$16,630.01		\$16,264.96		\$365.05

October 2020 Receivables: \$19,461.73

October 2019 Receivables: \$10,892.36

Savings: \$8,569.37

**TOTAL SAVINGS \$6,737.12**

Misc. 2020: \$370.20

Misc. 2019: \$2,567.50

Savings: **-\$2,197.30**

END OF OLD BUSINESS

LANDFILL MANAGER REPORT - -

- \*\* CAT was here and did an update on the Loader.
- \*\* Compactor differential had been locking up, working with CAT.
- \*\* Mark Arneson has retired, will hire a replacement in the spring.
- \*\* Blade broke at the round table, have been welding the break.
- \*\* Moving to a lower section in the pit.
- \*\* Had a quarterly safety meeting at T&R Trucking.
- \*\* Havre Sand & Gravel has been hauling contaminated soil from Exxon in Poplar.
- \*\* Will be having knee surgery on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will be out a couple weeks.

**Myron Redfield moved to put \$70,000 into Capital Improvement fund from Havre Sand and Gravel. Ky Idler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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

Having problems with the cables and winches being stolen from container in Oswego and Frazer.

End of Report

Chairman Rogenes asked for public comment.

Chairman Rogenes asked if there was any other business.

**Myron Redfield moved to adjourn the meeting. Ky Idler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned 5:30 PM

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John Rogenes, Chairman                      Darcia Schindler, Secretary  
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