

Valley County Refuse District #1
Board Meeting – Valley County Landfill
Valley County Courthouse
December 17, 2019 – 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kari Lee Knierim – per phone, Jon Kliewer, John Rogenes, Myron Redfield, Glenn Guenther, Dan Carney and Rod Karst

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ky Idler and John Fahlgren

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

Chairman John Rogenes called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rogenes asked for public comment.

Robert Olsen heard Manager Brian Austin on Live Under the Big Sky on KLTZ. Brian had stated that only household garbage should go into the containers. Mr. Olsen is asking if this is true. Mr. Olsen stated he takes his net wrap to the container sites and tis not household garbage. Valley County Refuse District #1 Board Members explained to Mr. Olsen trash that does not take that much room is not the problem. Problems are rising from dump trailers, fencing, roofing/construction material, building tear downs and other large loads. If the garbage is not filling the container or making it a problem getting the lid shut, it's probably ok.

Mr. Olsen left the meeting at 6:15 PM after thanking the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board Members for answering his questions.

The November 19, 2019 minutes were reviewed

Glenn Guenther moved to approve the November 19, 2019 minutes with corrections. Jon Kliewer seconded the motion. Motion carried

The December 2019 claims were reviewed.

Kari Lee Knierim moved to approve the December 2019 claims. Glenn Guenther seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Report:

Unrestricted Cash as of 12/2019 - \$370,600.58

Accounts Payable as of 12/2019 - \$58,880.02

Accounts Receivables as of 12/2019 - \$12,707.21

NEW BUSINESS:

Secretary Schindler informed the Valley County Refuse District #1 Board she has gone over the assessments for the 2018/2019 Fiscal year. Valley County Refuse District #1 could decrease the assessments close to \$16,000. Secretary Schindler still needs to speak with Brenda Peacher in the Revenue office before having an actual figure. Secretary Schindler would also like to look at 2019/2020 Fiscal year to get a more accurate figure.

END OF NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on signing the new bylaws with removing the commissioner position from voting member to advisory position.

Jon Kliewer moved to table signing the bylaws at this time. Dan Carney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on creating revenue at the landfill. Manager Brian Austin and Rocky Thompson from T&R Trucking, Inc. did an interview on Live Under the Big Sky on KLTZ December 12, 2019. They discussed problems at the landfill of people not coming across the scale and using the container sites for more than household garbage. Valley County Refuse District #1 Board discussed fees for using the containers improperly and cameras at all the container sites.

The following fee schedule was set:

Pickup	\$100.00 per load
Single Axle Trailer	\$100.00 per load
Tandem Axle Trailer	\$200.00 per load
Single Axle Farm Truck	\$200.00 per load
Tandem Axle Farm Truck	\$400.00 per load

Valley County Refuse District #1 Board informed Secretary Schindler to publish the information in the newspaper and have a story in the BS Central and Glasgow Courier.

Jon Kliewer moved to accept the fee schedule. Glenn Guenther seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on how the game camera is working. The camera works great when it works. Secretary Schindler talked to Gregg Hunter from Nemont Telephone about the camera working sporadically. Mr. Hunter explained how telephone companies will block game cameras from using their towers if the company must pay roaming fees on it. Mr. Hunter isn't sure this is what's happening, but it is a common problem. AT&T seems to work the best on Nemont Telephone towers but not always. The Spypoint game camera the Valley County Refuse District #1 bought is a Verizon camera. They do sell an AT&T camera. Mr. Hunter does not know if it will work or not. They have not tried this particular brand.

Glenn Guenther moved to purchase a Spypoint game camera with AT&T. Kari Lee Knierim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

LANDFILL MANAGER REPORT - -

- ** Barry Damschen was at the landfill and everything is ok.
- ** December 16th held a quarterly safety meeting with T&R Trucking and Phillips County drivers.
- ** Have been welding on the scraper and the loader.
- ** Pacific Steel and Recycling brought a container for scrap metal.
- ** Will be booking tickets for Atlanta for SWANA training.
- ** Starting to garage compactor.

T&R REPORT - -

*** Things have slowed down.

*** Game camera works sporadically.

End of Report

Chairman Rogenes asked if there was any other business.

Secretary Schindler will be gone the week of January 20th through January 24th. The regular board meeting should be January 21st. Secretary Schindler is wondering if the board has a problem with holding January meeting on the 14th. All board members present agreed January 14th would work.

Myron Redfield moved to adjourn the meeting. Jon Kliwer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM

John Rogenes, Chairman Darcia Schindler, Secretary
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