

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Tweten, John Fahlgren

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Armstrong

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

Chairman Paul Tweten called the meeting to order.

Chairman Tweten asked for public comment.

The October 19, 2021, meeting minutes and October/November/December 2021 claims were reviewed.

John Fahlgren moved to approve the October 2021, minutes and October/November/December 2021, claims. Paul Tweten seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Report

Unrestricted Cash as of 12/2021	- \$659,926.57
Accounts Payable as of 12/2021	- \$45,569.34
Accounts Receivables as of 12/2021	- \$16,286.21

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on changing the refuse meeting to an earlier time for the monthly meeting. Manager Brian Austin and Rocky Thompson both said the warmer months would be hard to get to a meeting until after 4:00 PM. Discussion also talked about the public being able to come to the monthly meeting. For now, the meeting time will stay the same.
 END OF NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the refuse assessment. John Fahlgren presented the Refuse Board with an idea he had on assessments. There was much discussion on different ways of doing the assessment. Here is a report on John Fahlgren' s idea for assessments.

My thoughts on assessment and fee structure for the Refuse District for discussion at today's meeting:

- 1) *Given that current revenues are sufficient, perhaps all we need to do is tinker with the fee schedule for the commercial and government customers. As has been pointed out by Brian and Darcia, the current fee schedule is unfair to the smaller businesses and favors the largest.*
- 2) *I am not saying that no additional changes may be needed, but this is a step that I think needs to be taken. This year we can ask T&R to collect the same info for the outside of Glasgow commercial and government customers that they pick up. Then we can update those customers next year.*
- 3) *Calculations below were done to show what the price per ton would need to be to bring in the same revenue from the 147 customers T&R keeps yardage records on. I wanted to see what the price per ton would need to be if each customer paid one unit (\$145) plus X amount per ton for additional over the 1st ton. As we have two very different figures for cubic yards per ton (11.4 or 24) so figured it both ways. Thanks Darcia to putting the spreadsheet together.*
 - A. *Current revenue from the 147 customers is 729 units x \$145=\$105,705.*

- B. *Minus the base charge 147 x \$145*
 =\$21,315
- C. Nets
 \$84,390
- D. Total tons 59,191 at 11.4 T/CY = 5187 per table – 147 tons base
 rate = 5040 tons
- E. \$ 84390 divided by 5040 = \$16.74 per ton
- F. Total tons 59,191 divided by 24 CY/ Ton = 2466 tons
- G. Minus 147 base rate = 2319 tons
- H. \$84,390 divided by 2319 tons = \$36.39 per ton.

This is no more than a piece of the puzzle; in other words: what we would need to stay even. Obviously, both of the rates above are low. We could look at a rate that is higher, but I think we would have to also increase the charge across the scale to the same rate, which could backfire on us. Perhaps a tonnage rate of say \$45 (using the 24 CY/T) would be a good place to start, the tonnage rates at the scale have not been increased for a long time. John Fahlgren

END OF OLD BUSINESS

REFUSE DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT - -

- ** Cold, Snowy but everything is running well.
- ** Someone ran into the Nashua container fence, broke concrete.
- ** Who would you talk to, to get Opheim plowed out at the container site.

T&R REPORT - -

- Clutch fan on the compactor needs work. Works under warranty.
- Track Loader had hoses break.
- Have been doing repairs inside.
- Wheel Loader hours for warranty will run out before 5 years.

End of Report

OTHER BUSINESS

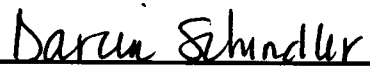
Chairman Tweten asked for public comment.

John Fahlgren moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Tweten seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 PM



Paul Tweten, Chairman



Darcia Schindler, Secretary

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Next meeting will be January 21, 2022, 5:00 PM