

Valley County Refuse District #1 Board Meeting
Valley County Courthouse Community Room
June 20, 2023

Call to Order: Board Chairman Paul Tweten called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Board members present included Paul Tweten, John Fahlgren and Mary Armstrong.

Refuse District Manager Brian Austin was also in attendance.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: John Fahlgren moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with one correction: April YTD expenses should be \$1,069,491.81. Mary Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report:

Capital Improvement fund: \$400,000.

Unrestricted cash: \$472,592

Expenses YTD: \$1,177,241.07 (includes \$400,000 transfer to the capital improvement fund)

Revenues YTD: \$1,100,770.86

Chairman Tweten provided the following net income financials:

2016: \$62,801	2021: \$258,512
2017: \$54,380	2022: \$217,787
2018: (\$142,404)	2023: \$323,529 (thru May)
2019: (\$8,256)	
2020: \$87,370	

The board discussed the financial health of the Refuse District. The current financial data indicates that there is adequate funding to provide for capital needs for the district. A more detailed review will be done by Great West when they perform the rate study analysis.

T&R report: There was no T&R report.

Manager's report: The crew has been doing a lot of groundskeeping. Equipment has been working fine.

Approve FY2024 Budget: John Fahlgren moved to approve the FY2024 budget as presented to the Commissioners, with the addition of \$35,000 on the expense budget to account for rate study analysis to be completed by Great West Engineering after grants are received. Mary seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Assessment update: Chairman Tweten advised that he is trying to get a hold of Darin McMurtry to find out how he wants the USACE container bills allocated by pickup site for his funding allocations.

Chairman Tweten discussed the email that Brian sent regarding assessment consistency on shops, and what the prior Refuse Board meeting minutes had documented with regard to shop assessment. Mary Armstrong recused herself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest on her shop, which does not have a refuse assessment assigned to it. Brian will research the prior minutes and report back what the practice has been on shop assessments at the next board meeting.

Other business: Brian advised that HiLine Ford has not been able to find a pickup for the \$15,000 that had been approved for the Refuse District. Mary Armstrong moved to increase the pickup budget to \$25,000; John Fahlgren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comment: There was no public comment.

Chairman Tweten adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be on July 18th at 3 pm.



Paul Tweten, Refuse Board Chairman

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