

Valley County Refuse District #1 Board Meeting

Valley County Courthouse Community Room

April 18, 2023

**Call to Order:** Board Chairman Paul Tweten called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Board members present included Paul Tweten, John Fahlgren and Mary Armstrong.

Other attendees included Refuse District Manager Brian Austin.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Fahlgren moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; Mary Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Claims:** John moved to discontinue approving claims in the board meeting because the Commissioners approve all the claims before they are paid. Mary seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**Finance Report:** Brian provided the March financials and the March tonnage report by site.

Capital Improvement fund: \$400,000

Unrestricted cash: \$361,854.35

Expenses YTD: \$1,021,970.78 (includes \$400,000 transfer to the capital improvement fund)

Revenues (YTD): \$968,802.60

The Chairman advised Brian to bring the expense report, revenue report and cash report to the board meetings going forward.

**T&R report:** Rocky Thompson was not present. Brian advised that activity is picking up at the container sites. The Oswego site has had three separate issues with large amounts of trash dumped outside the containers, requiring significant extra T&R labor to clean up.

**Manager's report:** Brian reported that the landfill is very muddy. The blade has some work done on it to repair an air hose leak. He is looking at getting a light mounted at the Lustre container site. They had a quarterly safety meeting with T&R Trucking staff yesterday. He has selected his new employee however he has not notified the individual yet.

**Pickup purchase:** Mary moved to authorize purchase of a landfill pickup not to exceed \$15,000; John seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Tractor purchase:** Brian explained the need to purchase a heavier duty tractor to support mowing. John moved to authorize the purchase of a new tractor under \$80,000; Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Brian will contact the local implement dealers to get bids.

**Scraper payoff:** Brian advised that we only owe about \$22,000 on the scraper and recommended paying it off. Mary moved to pay off the scraper; John seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion on compactor building:** The board requested Brian to come back to the next board meeting to discuss construction of a new compactor building. He said that he will contact local contractors.

**Assessment update:** Brian reviewed the detailed tonnage report by USACE container site that Darcia completed, based on Rocky's scheduled pickup information. The board complemented her work. The board asked Brian to contact Darin McMurry to explain the breakdown to him and ask him how he wanted his assessment to be broken down for billing.

**Other business:** The board discussed the 80 acres of refuse district land that is being farmed by a local farmer. Brian will check on the prior agreement between the board and the farmer. Further discussion will be on the next board meeting agenda.

**Public comment:** There was no public comment.

Mary moved to adjourn the meeting; John seconded; motion passed anonymously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next meeting will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul Tweten", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul Tweten, Refuse Board Chairman