

Valley County Refuse District #1 Board Meeting

Valley County Courthouse Community Room

July 18, 2023

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

Refuse District Manager Brian Austin and T&R Trucking representative Rocky Thompson were also in attendance.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: Mary moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; Paul seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Elect Chairman for FY2024: This item was postponed to next month due to absence of John Fahlgren.

Finance Report:

Capital Improvement fund: \$400,000.

Unrestricted cash: \$413,343.

Expenses YTD: \$1,293,323 (includes \$400,000 transfer to the capital improvement fund)

Revenues YTD: \$1,163,079.

Net revenues for the year were approximately \$340,000 if the \$400,000 capital fund transfer and the tractor and pickup costs (capital items) are subtracted from the expenses. The adequacy of this capital investment stream will be analyzed in the upcoming rate study evaluation.

The Board reviewed the summary of waste streams for FY2023. The largest single stream came from demolition debris from MARCO buildings in St. Marie.

T&R report: Rocky reported that they have been very busy. Hinsdale, Fort Peck and Nashua container sites have been messy. He received complaints that a business in Fort Peck is dumping their garbage in the Fort Peck container site.

Starting July 1st, per T&R Trucking/Refuse District contract, T&R Trucking labor costs will increase 3% (60% of charges), and non-wage expenses will increase 1.5% (40% of charges) for a net increase of 2.4% for FY2024.

Manager's report: Standard work as usual. They have had some trouble with the blade; Thompson's is looking at it.

Brian reviewed past due invoices significantly over one year old. He recommended that the board write off four of the past due accounts including Raymond Morin for \$21.00, Foster's Maintenance for \$72.90, Crown Construction for \$241.50, and Complete Lawn Service for \$1403.10. Mary moved to write the accounts off; Paul seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Brian recommended that the County Attorney send past due letters to two accounts: Ray Yoss for \$280.50 and Fewer Pumping for \$516.00. Mary will request the County Attorney to write the overdue letters.

Assessment update: Paul advised that the out-of-county trash charges will increase by the CPI (6.5%) starting July 1st, per contract. He also advised that he contacted Darin McMurry, USACE, to find out how he wants the USACE container bills allocated by pickup site for his funding allocations. Discussion ensued on the current T&R contract with USACE and the statute that is referenced in the contract. Paul asked Brian to email the T&R Trucking/USACE contract to him. Paul has also contacted the facilities management arm of the Border Patrol Station regarding payment of their assessments.

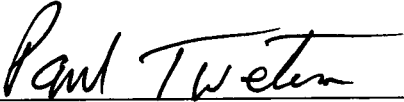
Other business: Brian and Rocky discussed the condition of the container sites. Since the Valley County Road Dept is busy with road rehabilitation from the flooding, board members asked Brian to work with Rocky on a statement of work for each site for bidding purposes.

Rocky commented that Roy Neufeld did a great job on the Larslan site. He also advised that Wilford Lambert, Fort Peck Tribes, put cameras out in Frazer and/or Oswego. He thought the littering at the sites had slowed down.

Public comment: There was no public comment.

Chairman Tweten adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Next meeting will be on August 15, 2023 at 3 pm in the Community Room.



Paul Tweten, Refuse Board Chairman