

Valley County Refuse District #1  
Board Meeting  
Valley County Landfill  
May 17, 2022 – 4:00 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 April 12, 2022, meeting minutes and April/May 2022 claims were reviewed.

**John Fahlgren moved to approve April 12, 2022, minutes, and April/May claims. Paul Tweten seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### **Finance Report**

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| Unrestricted Cash as of 5/2022    | - \$658,819.79 |
| Accounts Payable as of 5/2022     | - \$59,835.18  |
| Accounts Receivables as of 5/2022 | - \$30,575.00  |

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on Fort Peck needed another container at the site. Rocky Thompson from T&R Trucking explained why this was not needed. T&R picks up Fort Peck on busy week maybe three times. T&R is able to go everyday if needed. It would also increase the pickup time at the site by double.

Manager, Brian Austin presented the Refuse Board with two quotes for a new boiler in the big shop. The old one is from 2005 and is not very efficient. Dales Plumbing - \$9,600.16 and Lee Riddick Plumbing for \$9,000.00 to replace boiler in the shop.

**John Fahlgren moved to let Manager Brian Austin accept either quote. Paul Tweten seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Manager Brian Austin presented the Refuse Board with the quote from Nemont Telephone for fiber optics to be installed to the landfill. The quote is for \$7,953.00.

**John Fahlgren moved to have the fiber optics installed for \$7,953.00. Paul Tweten seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Manager Brian Austin presented the Refuse Board with a quote from Adam's Asphalt to overlay part of the landfill road for \$76,000. Mr. Austin stated the landfill has two loans at the present time and maybe a loan should be taken out to repair the road. Mr. Tweten said that maybe some PILT money could be used to help with the cost, but it needed to be discussed and Commissioner meeting with Mr. Fahlgren and Ms. Armstrong. Adam's Asphalt was just here and did some patch work for \$12,000.

**END OF NEW BUSINESS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on the contracts with Phillips County and Town of Jordan. Valley County Attorney looked over the contracts and rewrote part a under payments:

Old wording:

- a) Prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year of this Agreement, \_\_\_\_\_ shall establish annually the cost of operating the landfill. Such cost of operating shall be the amount reasonably needed to meet the expenses for operating the landfill and a reasonable reserve. Said cost of operation will thereafter be divided by the estimated tonnage of the refuse disposed in the landfill for the previous operating year to determine a cost per tonnage. This fiscal year for which said cost per tonnage figure shall apply shall be from July 1 through June 30 for each year of this Agreement. The cost per tonnage figure as determined in the foregoing manner for the period of July 1, \_\_\_\_\_ through June 30, \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \$42.00 per ton.

New wording:

- a) The cost per tonnage for the period of July 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to June 30, \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \$44.50 per ton. For each year thereafter, the tonnage rate shall increase based on the CPI percentage as determined by the Montana Association of Counties for the corresponding fiscal year.

**John Fahlgren moved to send the contracts out after the wording was changed. Paul Tweten seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on the Fort Peck Tribal Agreement. Valley County Attorney also looked over the Tribal Agreement. The assessment bill was sent out to the tribe. Administrative Assistant Darcia Schindler will send the agreement to Tina Magnan to take to the Tribal Council.

**John Fahlgren moved to send the Tribal Agreement to the Tribal Council. Paul Tweten seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on assessments. There was nothing to report.

**END OF OLD BUSINESS**

**REFUSE DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT - -**

- \*\* Have been taking a lot of debris from MARCO, tearing down buildings.
- \*\* Doing repairs to the spear. The end broke off and need to be welded and reinforced.
- \*\* City did a clean up for the town of Glasgow, \$129.40 landfill fee was waived.

**T&R REPORT - -**

- Container sites have picked up.
- Has been some clean up days around Valley County.
- Presented to the board his contract increases of Non-Labor 40%, Labor 60%.

End of Report

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Manager Brian Austin informed the Refuse Board he received a phone call from Engineer Barry Damschen. Mr. Damschen is working with Daniels County landfill to figure out what to do with landfill there. The Daniels County landfill is full, and they will have to move it or bring the garbage to another location. Daniels County would have to line the landfill which is a huge cost, so they are also looking at transportation. Mr. Damschen asked Mr. Austin if he would like to be on the list. Absolutely stated Mr. Austin.

Administrative Assistant Darcia Schindler informed the Refuse Board the scale computer has crashed twice, and the office computer is running very slow. Technician Mike Bain has order two new computers for the landfill at roughly \$5,600.

Chairman Tweten asked for public comment.


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

Meeting adjourned 4:50 PM



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Paul Tweten, Chairman



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Darcia Schindler, Secretary

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*Next meeting will be June 21, 2022 4:00 PM*