

Valley County Refuse District #1
Board Meeting – Community Room
Valley County Law Library
February 7, 2022 – 3:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Tweten, Mary Armstrong, John Fahlgren

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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.

Rocky Thompson from T&R Trucking asked the question to the Refuse Board about the commissioner's being the Refuse Board. He wanted to know if this the commissioners were going to become the board or if this was just temporary. A decision hasn't been made yet. Mary Armstrong stated from her standpoint she felt like they would give it a year after all the work Paul Tweten and Darcia Schindler put into the assessments. That way the board could see how the flow of revenue came with the updated pickups and things, keeping the same schedule. Then at some point seeing if there would be a need for a different schedule. This would be a lot for a board to walk in on. Paul Tweten stated if a board was reinstated, he would like to see three board members or running it like the road department. Rocky Thompson commented that if a board was reinstated, he would like to see board members from different districts, so there was different input from the different areas of Valley County. Paul Tweten would like the member elected if a board was reinstated. Rocky Thompson thought was asking a lot for someone to be elected for free.

The December 21, 2021, and January 18, 2022, meeting minutes and January and February 2022 claims were reviewed.

John Fahlgren moved to approve December 2021 minutes. Paul Tweten seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary Armstrong moved to approve January 18, 2022, minutes. Paul Tweten seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Fahlgren moved to approve January and February claims. Mary Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Report

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| Unrestricted Cash as of 2/2022 | - \$567,859.48 |
| Accounts Payable as of 2/2022 | - \$19,093.22 |
| Accounts Receivables as of 2/2022 | - \$12,938.63 |

NEW BUSINESS:

Refuse District Manager Brian Austin presented the board with a quote from Tractor & Equipment on a 950M Front End Loader for \$285,000.00. There is still \$59,863.15 owed on the front-end loader at the landfill now. Tractor and Equipment will give the landfill \$185,000.00 buy back for the front-end loader. Which would be a total of \$159,863.15. There was much discussion on the new SB 171 bill on purchasing equipment. It works like a Co-op and prices are set through Source Well.

Mary Armstrong authorizes a procurement through Source Well to purchase the 950M Loader for \$159,863.15. John Fahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

END OF NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on having T&R Trucking picking up commercials only for two weeks and keeping track to use for assessments.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

REFUSE DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT - -

- ** Warm to cold, going from moving snow to moving dirt.
- ** Getting ready for spring.
- ** Picking up paper, trying to stay ahead of the wind.
- ** Had some cylinder work done on the blade.
- ** Had a quarterly safety meeting with driver from T&R, Phillips County.
- ** Will be going to SWANA training next week.

T&R REPORT - -

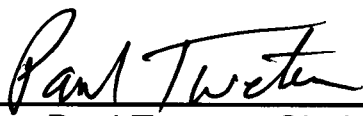
- Very slow, except St. Marie.
- End of Report

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Tweten asked for public comment.

Mary Armstrong moved to adjourn the meeting. John Fahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 PM



Paul Tweten, Chairman



Darcia Schindler, Secretary

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Next meeting will be March 15, 2022, 5:00 PM