

## DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

### Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2019

Members Present: Ron Mjelde, Dan Sager, David Byers, Lewis Smith, Jack Eldredge, Charlie Brand  
Members Absent: Dean DeSilva and Rob Kersch  
Others Present: Rod Berry, Barry Damschen, Jennifer Spring and Donita Anderson  
Next meeting: Tuesday, October 1st @ 5:00 pm in the Courthouse Conference Room

### Meeting Agenda

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Ron Mjelde at 5:00 p.m.

**Adopt Minutes:** Jack Eldredge indicated that there needed to be a correction in the minutes from the August 6th, 2019 meeting that the initial purchase price of the snow plow was \$5,500.00 and not \$55,000.00, and then made a motion to accept the minutes from that regular Meeting. Charlie Brand seconded the motion and all voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Landfill Manager's Report & Equipment Report:** Rod Berry reported that the machinery is running good now. He said the skidder compactor is aged and he does not want to put much more money into it. He also reported two dump trucks were operational. Rod reported that the new paper picker, Carl Sharrard, was doing really good so far and that he works 28 hours a week. Rod also asked what can be done about people who don't cover their loads and tend to leave a garbage trail. Discussion was held about fines, tickets, notices about fines running around \$25.00. Lewis Smith suggested putting something in the paper and suggested signs as a warning. It was suggested that we talk with Sheriff Gavin Roselles and Judge Melissa Gallagher to get advice of the legalities on fines and citations.

**Barry Damschen Report:** Barry checked the Methane and said all is good. He indicated the landfill was looking much better. He did say that the appliances needed to be hauled off. He showed the board a base map and asked if they were ready financially to move to the next phase and talked about the new road entrance. He suggested \$20,000.00 and it was agreed he could move forward.

**Continuing Business:** Ron Mjelde discussed his conversations with equipment suppliers and the price for new versus used and the replacement factor of the machines that is needed at the landfill. He discussed the e-mail from Dean DeSilva who suggested a yearly budget amount that we can afford for each piece of equipment. It would be a long-term budget goal so we know what we can afford. Once we set the numbers for each piece of equipment, we would be better off in the long run. Barry Damschen recommended not to buy a new compactor. He will bring a list of counties who have purchased equipment recently and show what they've paid versus what's be quoted. Ron Mjelde suggested a committee to review and concentrate on the equipment needs. They are Jack Eldredge, Charlie Brand, Dean DeSilva, Rod Berry and Barry Damschen.

**New Business:** The Interlocal Agreement with Powell Rural Disposal District is up for renewal. Ron Mjelde indicated we will need to review and discuss the next years contract. It was suggested that Lewis Smith and Ron Mjelde review the contract with members of the PRDD board.

Charlie Brand indicated he knows someone who would be interested in a snow plow lift attachment from one of our trucks. Dan Sager asked Lewis Smith's advice on this and if we had to have an auction on it as surplus. Lewis will look this up.

**Financial Review:** Lewis Smith questioned how we know what money we had in what funds to know what direction we can go with the finances as our financial printouts were difficult to read. Jennifer Spring reviewed the financials with the board.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next meeting will be October 1st, 2019.

**Donita Anderson, Secretary**