

DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2019

Members Present: Ron Mjelde, Dan Sager, David Byers, Lewis Smith, Jack Eldredge, Charlie Brand, Rob Kersch, Dean DeSilva

Members Absent:

Others Present: Rod Berry, Tom Steber, Justin Williams and Donita Anderson

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 3rd at 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.

PRDD board President Tom Steber and Vice President Justin Williams attended the meeting to review the Interlocal Agreement for the next year. Lewis Smith reviewed the process of the landfill expansion with purchasing of land, Engineer fees with prep work for the expansion and needing upgraded/new equipment and suggesting a rate increase for PRDD. There was an in-depth discussion regarding the rate increase and Justin Williams expressed his dislike of an inflation rate for the new contract year. Ron Mjelde suggested a 2% rate increase, \$4.00 increase on the containers from \$136.00 to \$140.00. The Construction containers would then increase from \$70.00 to \$72.00. Lewis Smith then motioned for that increase and Charlie Brand seconded the motion, all agreed. **Motion passed.** Tom and Justin will take this to the PRDD board for approval. Metal was discussed. PRDD metal being hauled to the landfill. A construction container of the metal hauled in will be left at the landfill and metal from the Deer Lodge landfill will be added in with it. The PRDD driver can then haul the container to Pacific Steel in Butte in hopes that Pacific Steel would consider a rate reduction since the metal is being delivered to them versus Pacific Steel picking it up from the landfill.

Justin Williams said he was approached by Rob Barce who has a meat processing shop in Garrison and needs somewhere to dump the carcasses. Dan Sager mentioned that there is a site at Ramsey and Drummond. Justin will look into those sites.

Adopt Minutes: October minutes, under new business Rod indicated that there is a porta-potty at the landfill. September minutes to be approved as well. Charlie Brand moved to approve the minutes for both months, Dave Byers seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Landfill Manager's Report & Equipment Report: Rod Berry reported that the new truck had a slight problem, a hydraulic leak but felt it to be a minor issue. He also reported that he had a visit from the Montana Safety and Health Bureau, MT Department of Labor and Industry today (11/15/2019). They inspected the buildings, checked the fire extinguisher. They indicated there was an issue with the grinding pad. They will be sending a report of their inspection. Rod said the Excavator was not running well. Rod indicated that Carl Sharrard, his paper picker wanted full time at the land fill. Rod asked if that was a possibility. He said that Carl was an ambitious worker. Rob Kerr said that minimum wage was \$8.50 as of January 1st. Discussion was held regarding benefits. Rod asked for \$1.00 more an hour. After discussion Dean DeSilva moved that Carl be paid \$1.00 more an hour and Rob Kersch seconded it, all agreed. **Motion passed.**

Continuing Business: Equipment purchase. The appointed committee need to get together with a list from Rod to know which direction to go.

New Business: PayneWest Insurance had visited the landfill where they inspected the buildings and their contents, took photos and compiled a Site Safety Assessment pamphlet indicating the issues and discrepancies they noted. Dan Sager reviewed this with Rod Berry.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be December 3rd, 2019.

Donita Anderson, Secretary