

DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2020

Members Present: Ron Mjelde, Dan Sager, David Byers, Lewis Smith, Jack Eldredge, Charlie Brand
Members Absent: Rob Kersch and Dean DeSilva
Others Present: Jeremiah Maulding, Barry Damschen, Ike Lott, Justin Williams, Dick Perkins, Eric Graham and Donita Anderson
Next meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 @ 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.

Ron Mjelde introduced Dick Perkins and Eric Graham, with The Blackfoot Challenge, who were attending the meeting to talk about carcasses from the Avon, Elliston and Garrison area being dumped at the Deer Lodge landfill. Eric Graham indicated they have the truck and the driver but nowhere to take the carcasses. Barry Damschen felt it could be incorporated into the new landfill. Separation of domestic versus wildlife due to chronic wasting disease especially if we were trying to sell as compost. Barry suggested a designated trench specifically for that, also suggesting rate and volume from surrounding areas such as Drummond and Philipsburg. Eric Graham reported on the number of loss from last year being 535 calves and 166 cows. Barry suggested \$5/head for small animals, \$15/head for medium and \$25/head for large. Eric Graham suggested charging full load to half load as a trial run. After an in-depth discussion Lewis Smith moved to charge \$25/ton for carcasses hauled within the county and \$30/ton for carcasses hauled from out of County to the landfill. Jack Eldredge seconded the motion. All agreed. **Motion passed.**

The discussion of Rob Barce who has a meat processing shop in Garrison was brought up again from when we discussed it at our November 5, 2019, meeting. He has bones and hides to haul off as well. Dan Sager moved to charge Rob Barce \$20/dump trailer load. Dave Byers, Jack Eldredge and Jeremiah Maulding seconded the motion. All agreed. **Motion passed.**

Adopt Minutes: Dan Sager made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3rd and December 17th, 2019 meetings and the motion was seconded by Charlie Brand. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Barry Damschen Report: Barry indicated that the metal pile needed to be cleaned up. He also indicated that a log is needed for the number of refrigerators that come in due to the freon. This log needs to show what date they came in and what date they leave so when EPA shows up and requests this information this log is readily available for them. Barry talked about railroad ties he saw and indicated we cannot accept creosote treated ties due to saturation of the creosote into the ground water. Jeremiah Maulding agreed that they would not be accepted at the landfill. Barry said that the litter is retained within the landfill and that outside of the landfill looks great. Barry will have a draft plan at our next meeting and he strongly encouraged a Front-end Loader, Compactor, much needed newer equipment. There was conversation of sludge from the sewer treatment plant and accepting that, Barry will follow-up on it. Barry presented his contract fees for consulting services for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, of \$9,800.00. After discussion Dave Byers moved and Charlie

Brand seconded that we pay the fee. All agreed. **Motion passed.**

Landfill Manager's Report & Equipment Report: Jeremiah Maulding reported the Dozer TD25 linkage is wore out. He reported that the compactor is working o.k., it's blowing hoses but he felt they needed to purchase better quality hoses. Jeremiah talked about the paper issue blowing around and asked if people could call him instead of Ron with this issue. When asked what piece of machinery would be defined as most important, Jeremiah indicated the loader is most important. Jeremiah indicated that he would like to get a cell phone booster to help look up information for parts that are needed. Lewis Smith suggested that Jeremiah talk with Sheila Finco about a space printer to set up with the laptop at the landfill. Dan Sager said he will check with Charlene White, Finance Officer and Jody Walker, Clerk & Recorder regarding a Verizon set-up at the landfill as well. Jeremiah reported that DEQ was at the landfill and indicated the landfill was at a better speed.

Ike Lott reported on equipment he has been working on at the landfill. Ike indicated that the green Loader is not worth fixing. The yellow IT24 Loader is not running well and needs a set of 4-wire hoses. The Excavator is running o.k. Both dump trucks are running well. The white truck is having issues but he felt Jeremiah could fix it. The Dozer is running roughly and the Track Loader needs lots of work. Jeremiah rated the equipment in the order needed as 1. Loader, 2. Excavator, 3. Compactor, 4. Dozer.

Ed McCarthy of ARCO had contacted Ron Mjelde during the meeting and indicated they had two Loaders and an Excavator at the Anaconda job site that they would be selling. Ron asked Charlie Brand and Jack Eldredge if they could drive over and look at this equipment.

Continuing Business: Justin Williams was in attendance at the meeting to discuss the Interlocal Agreement. He said PRDD will extend the agreement for one year. He also asked about a 5-year plan and the possibility of running doubles.

Term limits for Ron Mjelde, Jack Eldredge and Rob Kersch were discussed and both Ron and Jack accepted another two-year term to stay on the board. Rob Kersch was not in attendance at the meeting.

At our December 3rd, 2019 meeting Craig Woodward attended and felt he was being overcharged RDD fees of \$240.00 per year. The board had voted to reduce his fee to \$120.00 per year at this meeting. This discussion was revisited after talking with Department of Revenue who indicated Craig had two locations on that property that prompted the \$240.00 fee verses \$120.00, also that fact that he has a rental at his residence. This discussion was tabled for another meeting.

New Business: Dan Sager talked about propane prices with Northern Energy and felt we should review them with other vendor rates: Northern Energy/Amerigas - \$2.80, Mountain View (Avon Shop) - \$1.64, PSI, Butte (Doug Crachy) - \$1.90, MT Propane (REM Mannix) - \$1.84.

Financial Report: Reviewed financials and approved. Dan Sager moved to accept the report, Charlie Brand seconded it.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be March 3rd, 2020.

Donita Anderson, Secretary