

DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2020

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jeremiah Maulding, Dan McCauley and Bob Church and Donita Anderson

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 7th, 2020 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.

Ron Mjelde announced that board member Dean DeSilva had resigned from the board due to being out of the area on different jobs and unable to make it to the meetings. Ron asked the board if anyone knew someone who might be interested in being a board member. Ron did say that in the past he had been approached by Julie Schroder, Tom Curran and Rod Simpson about getting back on the board as all three had been on the board in the past. There was discussion about bringing Tom Curran back on to the board so Rob Kersch moved that we accept Tom Curran to the board if he is interested, this was seconded by Charlie Brand, all agreed. **Motion passed.**

Dan Sager introduced Dan McCauley and Bob Church from Great West Engineering, Inc., out of Helena who attended the meeting to discuss the Roundhouse clean-up plan and the potential for a planning grant (RDGP) to aid in the planning of the future landfill expansion for use as a deposit site for the contaminated soils from the Roundhouse area. They informed the board that the County could apply for a planning grant for \$50,000.00 to possibly help with the design of the new landfill to designate a place for this material. They did advise the board that the Grant information had to be received by March 19th. Dan Sager moved that the board send a request for the \$50,000.00 Grant and Ron Mjelde seconded the motion and all agreed. **Motion passed.** Ron Mjelde did encourage both Dan McCauley and Bob Church to contact Barry Damschen, who was not in attendance at the meeting, and communicate with Barry what questions or discussions they may have regarding the new landfill design.

Adopt Minutes: Dave Byers made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4th, 2020 meeting and the motion was seconded by Charlie Brand. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Landfill Manager's Report & Equipment Report: Jeremiah Maulding reported that the machines are running a bit better except for the white dump truck that still remains to be a problem. Paper is still blowing all over. He stated that the rural garbage is not bagged so there is a lot of loose paper. Jeremiah suggested a biodegradable spray to help hold down the garbage. There was discussion on this. Jeremiah felt it would be feasible. He also reported that the oil burner is still not running and doesn't know how much more oil he can take as he now has about 40 to 50 55-gallon barrels with nowhere for it to go. Dan Sager indicated he knew someone who could use it. Ron Mjelde added information regarding the ARCO equipment for sale. The 336D Excavator price is \$57,000.00, with

92,000 hours on the machine and with track work done on it. He is still waiting for a price on the Loader but was told that the price would be under \$110,000.00 for both.

Continuing Business: Ron Mjelde discussed the Amerigas price and indicated that our original price of \$2.80 was due to no contract, so now a contract will be in place for one year at the rate of \$1.61. This is a floating contract so the price will be different throughout the year but Ron did not think it would get up to or exceed the \$2.80 that was being paid.

Rob Kersch, city board representative, accepted a 2-year term on the landfill board.

The Craig Woodward RDD vote was revisited. According to the Department of Revenue Craig has two locations on his property that prompted the \$240.00 fee, also the fact that he has a rental at his residence and there are two addresses involved. Lewis Smith moved and Rob Kersch seconded to rescind the vote to reduce Craig Woodward's RDD fee. Ron Mjelde asked Lewis Smith to write Craig a letter informing him of this decision.

Internet for the landfill was discussed. It was noted that Dunne Communication has a tower by the prison to look into for internet service. Jeremiah Maulding did indicate that he did get a laptop from Sheila Finco but still needed a printer. Ron Mjelde offered a spare printer he had and said if it did not work then a new printer could be purchased. Dan Sager reported that the county gives a cell phone allowance that Jeremiah could use as well.

New Business: It was indicated that the city Public Works Supervisor Trent Freeman was working with Barry Damschen to accept the cake/sludge at the landfill but this cannot happen as there is no way to dry it and DEQ says it is too wet to apply.

The Garrison Fire District is loaning the landfill employees walkie-talkies as they were not being used by the fire district. Safety gear was discussed per possible OSHA visits.

An invoice from Barry Damschen Consulting was reviewed and discussed for payment. This invoice, in the amount of \$2,450.00, covered consulting and monitoring services for the landfill from October 1 through December 31, 2019. It was agreed that the invoice would be paid as it had already been voted on.

Financial Report: Reviewed financials and approved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be April 7th, 2020.

Donita Anderson, Secretary