

DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2020

Members Present: Ron Mjelde, Tom Curran, Dan Sager, Jack Eldredge, Charlie Brand, Rob Kersch
Members Absent: Dave Byers, Lewis Smith
Others Present: Jeremiah Maulding, Barry Damschen, Trent Freeman, Stuart Jewell, Britni Evans and Donita Anderson
Next meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Community Center

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Ron Mjelde at 5:10 p.m. with the meeting being held at the Community Center. Ron indicated that Trent Freeman, Public Works Supervisor along with Stuart Jewell who works with Trent were in attendance to follow-up on test results for sludge from the June 2nd meeting.

Adopt Minutes: Dan Sager made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2nd, 2020 meeting and the motion was seconded by Tom Curran. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Barry Damschen Report: Barry Damschen reported that the landfill looks good. He is discouraged at the lack of metal being picked up. He suggested that Pacific Steel be contacted on a constant basis and encourage them to get the metal pile picked up. Barry addressed test results for sludge as Trent Freeman indicated that the results from Energy Labs had approved it. Barry also agreed that it can be accepted at the landfill noting that it would be mixed with the garbage and not the construction. He would want the sludge on the bottom, then the garbage and then the cover but this still needs to get approval through DEQ. In discussion of hauling the sludge it was suggested at ten (10) yards per truck at possibly \$3.50/yard or \$35.00 per truck.

Barry discussed field work with the expansion and indicated that Jeremiah Maulding could dig ten (10) boring holes 50 feet deep and 25-30 test pits with the Backhoe, with the pits 15 to 20 feet deep. The testing from these pits would be around \$3,000 to \$4,000.00.

Landfill Manager's Report & Equipment Report: Jeremiah Maulding reported that it was going well. He is having problems with the older Excavator. He reported that the beam on the 966 that goes between the arm is almost broke. He also needs mounts for the radiator on the Dozer. The Compactor was down but is now working and the cogs on the wheels of the Compactor are wore down. Dan Sager shared that Karen Laitala of the Weed Board is getting a newer truck and asked if the landfill could use the 1999 Chevrolet truck she will no longer need. Jeremiah said they'll take it. They are having computer problems with the IT24. Jeremiah will call Ike Lott to test the computer to assure that a new one is needed.

Jeremiah also reported that posts for fencing are in and wire is up.

Continuing Business: Dan Sager talked on the equipment sale that the County had and reported what sold from the landfill; Compactor sold for \$850.00, Dump Truck sold for \$525.00, Track Loader sold for \$800.00, White Dump Truck sold for \$100.00 and International sold for \$500.00.

Ron Mjelde reported that Northwestern Energy was paid \$24,000.00 up front to put line underground as they requested. We're not on their schedule yet. The line will run from just before the landfill to the shop.

In discussion on the Verizon phone at the landfill, the bad reception was discussed and also that the phone needed to be either cancelled and a new account established so that the phone can be utilized by the workers as well as the publics capability to contact the landfill.

New Business: Ron Mjelde talked about Tim Wall, from Frenchtown, who owns property in Powell County and was questioning his RDD fee of \$120.00 per year. Mr. Wall indicated he has no buildings on the property and wondered why he was being charged. He indicated he has sent a letter to Ron requesting a review but Ron had not received the letter at meeting time. Ron will bring the letter to the next meeting once he receives it and it can be reviewed at that time.

Rob Kersch had a request from city councilman John Henderson regarding a flip-sign at the gate if the landfill is closed or closes due to high wind or hard rain.

It was discussed that invoices and statements for purchases for the landfill are now being reviewed by Tom Curran, Dan Sager, Ron Mjelde and Jeremiah Maulding prior to paying so that they can be monitored and recorded in the proper account for budget purposes.

Financial Report: Reviewed financials and approved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be September 1, 2020, at the Community Center.

Donita Anderson, Secretary