

DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2021

Members Present: Ron Mjelde, Jack Eldredge, Lewis Smith, Tom Curran, Rob Kersch, Dan Sager
Members Absent: Dave Byers, Charlie Brand
Others Present: Jeremiah Maulding, Barry Damschen, Anthony Savalla and Donita Anderson
Next meeting: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Co-Chairman Tom Curran at 5:15 p.m. with the meeting being held at the Community Center.

Rob Kersch introduced Anthony Savalla, who is the new Ward 1 Councilman for the City of Deer Lodge and who will also be replacing Rob on the landfill board.

Adopt Minutes: Ron Mjelde made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 1st, 2020 meeting and the motion was seconded by Jack Eldredge. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Address corrections were noted and requested by the secretary regarding the November 10th minutes and the request by Levi Schoonover's properties on West Texas Avenue. According to the Treasurer's office the property on 1113 West Texas Avenue, Parcel #206000, indicates 7 units of RDD. This property includes the shop and a mobile home. Levi is requesting that we reduce the 7 units to two. The property on 1112 West Texas Avenue, Parcel #206001, has no units of RDD on this property but Levi is requesting that we add one (1) unit of RDD as he will be building a home on this property. Tom Curran moved to approve the correction of the November 10th minutes and Rob Kersch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Barry Damschen Report: Barry indicated that he visited the landfill and reported that it looked really good, said everything was packed and covered. He mentioned that Hill county/Tri-County area in Havre has a 1985 D6 CAT with less than 10,000 hours on it that they are selling, just in case the board might be interested. Barry reviewed his letter to DEQ regarding sludge from the City Waste Water Treatment Plant and indicated that their letter of response denied the sludge being hauled to the landfill unless there was a liner placed in the area it would be dumped, Barry questioned that.

He reviewed the graft sheets that Britni put together that shows the weight of garbage that comes in monthly. He feels that is a good avenue to continue for tracking purposes. Dan Sager reported that RDD is now starting to compact their garbage and this has helped at the landfill. Barry encouraged that the weight of the garbage from PRDD be recorded. He also

indicated that the landfill will start receiving cows again per Eric Graham of Blackfoot Challenge and Granite County. There was discussion of composting.

Barry talked about the next level of engineering and the cost of \$60,000.00 to apply to DEQ, but also talked about other avenues of financing so that he can move forward. After discussion Tom Curran moved to pay the \$60,000.00 over the next six months, Rob Kersch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Barry asked if PRDD will be hauling from Granite County into the Powell Landfill. There was discussion regarding the cost for that intake, yards vs. ton.

Landfill Manager's Report & Equipment Report: Jeremiah reported that things are going good. They're getting caught up. No repair issues. Dirt stock pile is good for about 2 years.

Continuing Business: Ron Mjelde reported they've gotten nowhere with Northwestern Energy. Jeremiah Maulding reported two cement blocks were put in place to protect the transformer. Northwestern Energy does plan on moving the transformer but said it would take about six months.

Britni Evans, Equipment Operator II, will no longer be at the landfill as she was awarded the County Disaster & Emergency Services position that was available at the courthouse.

New Business: Lewis Smith revised the Landfill Operator I and Operator II position descriptions and gave the board a copy to read over and review. After discussion Rob Kersch moved to approve the new descriptions with the exception of the CDL requirements. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Board member terms were discussed as Tom Curran and Dave Byers terms expired 12/31/2020. Tom Curran agreed to stay on the board. Dave Byers initially declined to stay on the board due to health reasons. He is now home and healing and asked if the board could give him until next meeting to give an affirmative answer as he would like to stay on the board.

Ron Mjelde talked about election of officers and asked the board to give it some thought. Currently Ron is the Chairman and Tom Curran is the Co-Chairman.

Financial Report: The financials were reviewed.

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Donita Anderson, Secretary