

# DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

## Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2021

Members Present: Ron Mjelde, Jack Eldredge, Lewis Smith, Tom Curran, Dan Sager, Anthony Savalla, Charlie Brand and Lewis Smith

Members Absent: Dave Byers

Others Present: Jeremiah Maulding and Donita Anderson

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Community Center

### Meeting Agenda

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by board Chairman Ron Mjelde at 5:08 p.m. with the meeting being held at the Community Center.

**Adopt Minutes:** Tom Curran made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 meeting and the motion was seconded by Jack Eldredge. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Landfill Manager's Report & Equipment Report:** Jeremiah asked about full time for Aiden and if it was possible. It was noted that another full-time position was not in the budget. Jeremiah indicated that he had hooked up a time clock but that it was not fully functioning. He asked about weights from the city and PRDD that Barry had requested. Dan Sager said he would talk with Doug Crachy for the PRDD weights and Anthony Savalla will follow-up with the city for their weights. Discussion was held on Jeremiah and Freon removal and what is involved. Jeremiah asked if the bathroom could be completed as it needs a sink and a toilet. He reported that the equipment is running o.k. Anthony Savalla asked if the phones were programmed yet, Jeremiah indicated that the connection is patchy.

Jack Eldredge reported on the 1984 D6 Cat that Rick Hunter has for sale. When he started it up he indicated that it does burn a lot of oil, has a 4-way blade and has new tracks. It needs new sprockets to save wear and tear on the tracks. There is no cab on it. Rick listed a number of things that were wrong with it but said they were fixable. He wanted \$35,000.00 but Jack talked him down to \$32,000.00. The D5 has a Grapple on it and he wanted \$70,000.00 for it. Jack felt it wasn't needed at the landfill. Discussion was held as to whether it could be utilized in road building. Anthony Savalla moved we propose a bid to Rick Hunter for \$32,000.00 for the D6, Lewis Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Continuing Business:** Ron Mjelde reported that four applications were received for the Operator I position. They were Mark Burnett, Eric Dolence, Sean Dunham and Brady Varrison. It was indicated that Mark Burnett was hired on as a temp until a full time applicant was selected. There was discussion on the applicants and wages reviewed for the current employees. Jeremiah Maulding, Landfill Manager is at \$18.91/hr. Richard Persons, Operator II is at \$15.80/hr. Aiden Brenton, Paper Picker is at \$8.82/hr. After discussion Tom Curran moved that the board award Mark Burnett the Operator I position to be paid at \$13.71/hr with benefits, Charlie Brand seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

Ron Mjelde indicated to the board that he was having a difficult time getting in contact with Amerigas so that the contract for the 2021-2022 year could be renewed. Dan Sager suggested contacting BSI or even the landfill buying its own tank. Energy Partners was also suggested as they are setting up in Drummond.

Ron Mjelde reported that Northwestern Energy had notified him that the landfill was on their list to move the transformer they had put in.

**New Business:** Ron Mjelde reported to the board that a gentleman had contacted him regarding RDD fees that were on his mobile tax statement. This gentleman had indicated that his mobile, through the Department of Revenue, is classed as storage so he is not taxed on this mobile. He was requesting that the RDD fee come off of the tax statement for this mobile. Ron could not remember his name and will follow-up at the next meeting to address his request.

Lewis Smith contacted Ted Dodge, with the Blackfoot Challenge, and had him on speaker-phone so that the rest of the board could join in, regarding taking in domestic animals from highway kills to consider composting at the landfill. Mr. Dodge indicated that he communicates with Cora Keller (sp?), who had worked for the State Department of Transportation, helped set up the composting program there and has a vast understanding of the process involved. Mr. Dodge will have Cora contact Jeremiah to set up a time that she can go to the landfill and view the area.

**Financial Report:** The financials were reviewed.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**Donita Anderson, Secretary**