

DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Special Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2021

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

Members Absent: Anthony Savalla and Dave Byers

Others Present: Jeremiah Maulding, Trent Freeman, Barry Damschen, Cora Helm and Donita Anderson

Meeting

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by board Chairman Ron Mjelde at 5:15 p.m. with the meeting being held at the Powell County Courthouse conference room.

Barry Damschen asked if he could speak about the mail process at the courthouse as he felt there were issues with invoices not being received in the mail and he was concerned. This year's packet was not received at the courthouse and Barry confirmed he had mailed it. Invoices had not been received in the past as well according to Barry. He will mail his packet to the board secretary in the future.

Lewis Smith explained to the board the reason for the special meeting with Barry Damschen present was to discuss a resolution to get the City sludge hauled to the landfill as Trent Freeman, Public Works Superintendent for the City has been attending meetings and contacting DEQ to get the sludge at acceptable levels so that it can be hauled to the landfill, as he has been holding the sludge and is over capacity. There was discussion to take a 10 yard load a week, mix it with the garbage and cover it with fill. This would absorb the 80% moisture from the sludge. There was also discussion about installing trough-like Dry Beds made of concrete. Trent indicated they would be about 20-50 feet wide. The concrete pads would be level with 2 ft. exposed from the ground and 2 ft buried. This, he explained, was what he saw at Dillon. The digging for the Dry Beds could be done by the landfill employees.

Jeremiah Maulding asked if the sludge could be used with the compost pile. Cora Helm, with LC Compost Solutions out of Helena, felt it could be added due to the moisture in the sludge. Barry indicated he would like to put the Drying Beds and the composting close together. Barry shared pictures of 10 yards of sludge that Trent took to the landfill and Jeremiah mixed with the garbage to show the board how it could work. Cora Helm would like to create a recipe for the composting but needs to know the number of mortality verses sludge. Cora requested the analytical information of the sludge from Trent, which he will e-mail to her.

Trent wanted to know what the rate would be to haul 10 yards of sludge, one load per week. After discussion Dan Sager moved to charge \$3.50/yard to haul 10 yards (one truck load) per week. Charlie Brand seconded the motion. All agreed. **Motion Passed.**

As for design of the Dry Beds, after discussion, Charlie Brand moved that Barry Damschen work with the City in engineering the design of the Dry Beds for the City sludge. Lewis Smith seconded the motion, all agreed. **Motion Passed.**

Barry indicated he will turn in his full plan to DEQ by September 1, 2021, waiting on information from composting and with the sludge added in his plan.

Donita Anderson, Secretary