

DEER LODGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2021

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jeremiah Maulding, Ole Berg and Donita Anderson

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 @ 5:00 pm at the Community Center

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Ron Mjelde at 5:05 p.m. with the meeting being held at the Community Center.

Ron introduced Ole Berg, who attended the meeting to follow-up from his visit from the June 1st meeting. He asked if the scraper idea was implemented. Ron indicated his contact did not reply. Ole also asked if a sign could be hung at the landfill when it is closed due to high wind, he also suggested communication with the Sheriff to give warnings to individuals whose garbage is not covered. The Prison crew was discussed as an option for at least four hours per month but right now cannot get them due to fire season. Anthony Savalla suggested community service through the court system and Ron Mjelde indicated that in the past this had not worked. Jeremiah relayed that he felt the foam covering could work but it was an issue with the cost. Ole asked about Grants that could fund the help needed to alleviate the paper problem. Dan Sager reported that the Powell County Planner applied for a grant for the landfill. It was discussed to talk with the landowners so that the workers could access their property and clean up plastics that have blown onto their property.

Adopt Minutes: Anthony Savalla made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 1st, 2021 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 he has all employees picking paper to try to get a handle on the paper problem. He reported that the pin on the thumb of the new Excavator broke but he was able to fix it. Anthony Savalla asked if daily maintenance was done on the equipment prior to running it and Jeremiah indicated he has files on each piece of equipment and there is maintenance records kept in those files. The rear main went down on the Chevrolet Truck. Ike Lott will be asked to work on it.

Continuing Business: Ron Mjelde referred back to Ole Bergs suggestion of a scraper and the cost involved. It will have to wait until next month's meeting when there is a cost for it. Foam spray was discussed to use on the garbage as it acts like glue to hold the garbage together, compacting and cover would still be needed. The product cost seemed feasible.

Tom Curran reviewed the invoices from purchases for the landfill. He questioned a number of the purchases being repeated. The issue of the Time Clock not being used on a daily basis was discussed and employees not at the landfill, when clocked in, and leaving earlier than 5:00. Anthony Savalla brought up the fact that the phone at the landfill is still an issue and should not be. He indicated that the City is looking into new internet service and that the board should look into it as well. Tom Curran suggested landfill hours being changed to better serve the public, something to think about.

New Business: DEQ requested a report for the violation on paper issues at the landfill. Jeremiah will work on this report and get it sent back to DEQ.

Scrap Metal was removed from the landfill and Jeremiah reported that an estimated \$16,000.00 should be coming into the county office for the sale of that metal.

RDD Contract is coming up for renewal. Rates to be discussed. Ron Mjelde reported that Dave Byers would not be returning as a board member. Dan Sager indicated that Gary Chilcott had an interest in being on the board. Tom Curran asked if all board members could get together and visit the landfill. All board members agreed.

Financial Report: Reviewed and discussed financials.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. The next meeting will be September 7, 2021, 5:00 p.m., at the Community Center.

Donita Anderson, Secretary